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# School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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SFOL academic staff's first selfie of the year!

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# Featured Article: IGU Erasmus

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## Nigar Albolkarimova

We had an interview with Nigar hoca, who is in charge of our university's Erasmus program. The information she provided is very helpful for our students, so they should read it carefully!

### **Q: What is Erasmus Office involved in?**

A: Erasmus Office is responsible for the execution of all Erasmus exchange programs and activities, including supervision of "study abroad" programs, exchanging students and instructors as well as joint program that aim at integrating our university into foreign education and research fields. Thanks to its Erasmus Exchange Agreements, Bilateral Academic Cooperations, Scientific Projects, and Partnerships, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues to work with leading universities in Europe. We maintain partnerships with more than 100 universities in Europe and many respectable universities outside of Europe.

### **Q: What is the Erasmus+ program?**

A: ERASMUS is an EU funded student and staff exchange program which aims to support the mobility and exchange of students and staff in European universities. Erasmus+ Program aims to present more efficient facilities that encourage cooperation between different sectors, in the fields of education, youth and sports devoted to new requirements.

Q: What is the purpose of the Erasmus+?

A: Ø To make the world more livable regardless of nationality and status with taking into consideration Education and intercultural communication  
Ø Promoting international cooperation between universities  
Ø Ensuring mutual exchange of students and educators in Europe  
Ø Academic recognition of studies and degrees in participating countries  
Ø Contributing to the development of transparency

### **Q: What types of mobilities can students apply under the Erasmus+ Program?**

A: Erasmus Student Mobility are divided into two groups:

- v Studying Mobility
- v Internship Mobility

Students who are registered in formal education in higher education institutions can participate in the studying mobility program.

### **Q: How does the Erasmus Office support student mobilities?**

A: The students who are entitled to the Erasmus+ program with grant, they will be given financial support according to the countries that the students have chosen.

Q: What is 'the Studying Mobility?

A: Ø With Erasmus Student Mobility, students can go for 1 or 2 semesters in one academic year at a higher education institution in another European country without paying a tuition fee to this institution. The students who will apply to Erasmus + Studying Mobility programs will be expected to follow the program which is 60 ECTS in two terms an academic year, for one term 30 ECTS, in three terms an academic year for one term 20 ECTS.

Ø If the master students benefit from the program they have to find a thesis supervisor from the host universities.

Q: What is 'the Internship Mobility?

A: Ø Erasmus Student Internship Mobility is the process of students receiving vocational training and/or gaining work experience within a partner business or organization in another participating country.

Ø All students can benefit from Erasmus+ Internship Mobility. Students who will be placed within the scope of Internship Mobility have the right to do internship for a minimum of 2 months and a maximum of 12 months. Internship mobility can be done in the summer period.

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# IGU Erasmus

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**Q: What are the contributions of the Erasmus + program to students' life?**

- A: Ø The students travel and discover new places  
Ø The students learn a second foreign language besides English  
Ø The students will have an effective resume  
Ø The students get financial support  
Ø The students will have friends from all over the world  
Ø The students gain cultural awareness  
Ø Increases your employment opportunities  
Ø The students rediscover yourself, you learn to trust again  
Ø The students experience different learning and teaching methods

**Q: How can students access the Erasmus + inter-institutional agreement universities list?**

A: The students should visit to the [dio.gelisim.edu.tr](http://dio.gelisim.edu.tr) for getting the information regarding the Erasmus + inter-institutional agreement universities list.

**Q: How can the students get the updated announcements about the Erasmus+ program?**

A: The students can follow our Instagram page [erasmus\\_igu](https://www.instagram.com/erasmus_igu) and [dio.gelisim.edu.tr](http://dio.gelisim.edu.tr) webpage.

**Q: How can we contact to the Erasmus Office?**

A: The students can come to our Office which is located in Rectorate Building Fifth Floor and call the number 7913 or write an email to the [erasmus@gelisim.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@gelisim.edu.tr).

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# Our Staff's Academic Activities

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## Events and Seminars

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors. Here is a list of our instructors who participated in academic events:

Name of the Lecturer	Academic Event	Date of the Event	Description of the Event	Type of Participation
Sanaz Moazzezi Fardi MOGHADNAM	International Teacher Training College	04.09.2021	Webinar	Certificate of Attendance
Yasin ACAR	Web of Science Core Collection	14.09.2021	Webinar	Certificate of Attendance
Hamdi A. S. JARADA	Web of Science Core Collection	14.09.2021	Webinar	Certificate of Attendance

## Publications

· Yasin Acar and Ardeniz Özenç, published an article titled "The Representation of 'the New Woman' in Kate Chopin's the Awakening and in Halit Ziya Uşaklıgil's Aşk-ı Memnu" in Mediterranean Journal of Gender and Women's Studies (KTC): <https://doi.org/10.33708/ktc.926317>

· Seda YILMAZTÜRK, co-authored an article titled "A critical inquiry into in-service EFL teachers' intercultural self-efficacy beliefs and experiences", with Zeynep Gülşah Kani, in RumeliDE Journal of Language and Literature Studies: <https://doi.org/10.29000/rumelide.949723>

## Webinars

Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website:

<https://webinars.eltnl.com>

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# Student Interview

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## Azra

We conducted an interview with one of our students called Azra who graduated last year and is studying in her department (Applied English and Translation).

**Q: Why did you choose to study in English. Why was it so important for you?**

A: I choose English because learning a language is always important for me. Because when you learn different languages, it means you can learn new information about different cultures. Also English is a universal language so you can communicate with people from all around the world. That's the first reason for me.

**Q: What advantages has learning English brought you in your daily life?**

A: Learning English has lots of advantages for me. If you are working in a touristic place you can easily communicate with foreign customers. Also every moment I speak, I feel myself confident. I feel like everyday I improve myself. It makes me happy actually. Understanding foreign customers and giving them what they need is a pleasure for me.

**Q: Do you think a foreign language like English can open doors for your Professional career / studies abroad?**

A: After I learned English it becomes easier to find a job. Because every day in life, knowing a language is being important. Most of the companies work with other countries. To communicate with them you have to speak English. It can be the first reason for me to learn English.



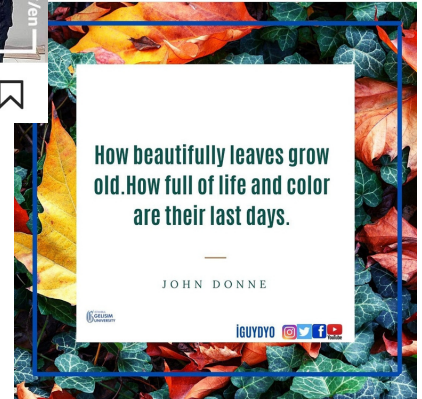
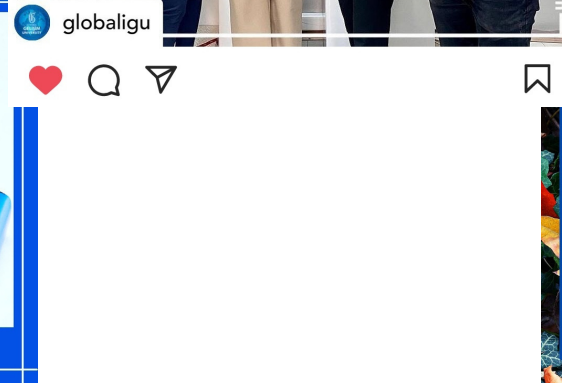
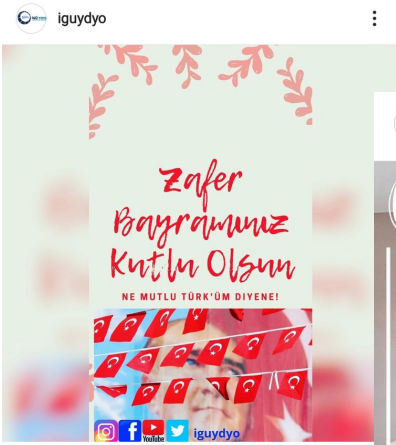
**Q: What sort of advise would you give to freshers regarding learning and improving their foreign language?**

A: I have started learning English when I was a high school student. I was listening English songs for hours. At the beginning I didn't realise that I was memorising the vocabularies I heard. After a while I started to understand what was the songs about. It made me happy. Then I started watching movie every day. I was trying to understand the sentences. Then I realised that it was working. I always told myself that I want to learn English. I never give up learning. I was trying to speak with people. I never afraid of making mistakes. I just tried to learn and speak. My goal is always being better every day. At the end I graduated department of Applied English Translation. I'm happy with the results.

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# Our School on Social Media

AS always, our school was very active on social media to announce important events or celebrate public or national and international holidays. Here, we will take a lot at some of them without any explanation because sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!



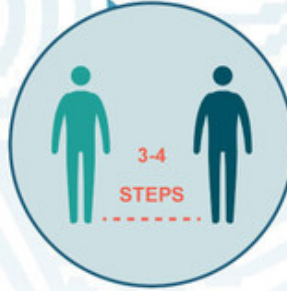
# COVID-19 IS STILL OUT THERE...



## PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.