



TED UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING (CTL)
TEDU101 FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE AT TEDU
Fall 2025 Syllabus

Course Information

Schedule: Wednesday, 18:00-19:00 (TR), 19:00-20:00 (ENG)

Location: The 1st week of this course will be held face-to-face in the **Multi-Purpose Hall**, and the 5th week faculty introductory meetings will also be held face-to-face. All other weeks will be conducted via the "2025F_TEDU101_SEC02" link provided to you in the LMS.

Instructor Information

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Course Description

(0+0+0) 0 TEDU Credits / 1 ECTS Credit

Orientation to life at TEDU; TEDU history, vision, mission and values; liberal arts education at TEDU; academic and personal skills, such as study skills, academic integrity, adjustment to change, goal setting, time management and problem solving, improving self-awareness, effective communication.

Course Objectives

This course aims to assist new students in their transition to university life; support new students' adjustment to university life by enhancing their academic and personal development; help new students develop sense of belongingness to TEDU culture, tradition and values.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize fundamental principles of TEDU culture and values.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of TEDU rules, regulations, and academic procedures.
3. Develop essential academic skills for university life.
4. Set goals for personal growth.
5. Develop effective relationships with TEDU faculty, staff and students.

Course Materials

Online course management system: Please create an account at lms.tedu.edu.tr. The LMS site for this course is named 2025F_TEDU101. Please use LMS actively for this class.

Student Workload (Total 24 Hrs)

Lecture: 9 hrs., Field Trips/Visits: 7 hrs., Online Discussion: 7 hrs., Workshops: 4 hrs.

Planned Learning Activities

Brainstorming, Collaborating, Demonstrating, Discussions, Field Trips, Guest Speakers, Hands-on Activities, Questioning, Reading, Scaffolding/Coaching, Seminars, Telling / Explaining, Think-Pair-Share, Video Presentations.

**Assessment & Grading**

You will receive either a **P** (Pass) or **F** (Fail) grade from this course. To get a “P” grade, you have to;

- attend **6 “TEDU101 Engage & Learn Seminars”** and **pass end-of-seminar checkpoints** on LMS;
- attend **1 faculty / department introductory meeting**;
- attend **3 “TEDU101 Mix & Mingle at TEDU Events”** organized throughout the Fall Term.

We will ask you to fill in surveys, take part in quizzes and focus group meetings throughout the term so that we can improve the way the course is organized and delivered in the upcoming years. Participation in such assessment is completely voluntary and your participation will in no way affect your grade.

Course Schedule*

TEDU101 ENGAGE & LEARN SEMINARS	Topic	Content	Delivered by
Week 1 (24.09.2025) Multi- Purpose Hall (Face to face)	Getting to Know TEDU Course Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Objectives, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Grading, etc. – History, vision and mission of TED & TEDU, TEDU values, Education at TEDU (i.e Liberal arts education, student-centeredness) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Doç. Dr. Gökçen Aydın – Sedef Süzer – Kerem Ermiş
Week 2 (01.10.2025) (Online)	TEDU Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – LMS, MyTEDUPortal, TEDUCard, TEDUMail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dilara Anıl – Emre Diler
Week 3 (08.10.2025) (Online/Face to Face)	**Mix & Mingle Panel	<p>Adaptation to university life</p> <p>What is it like to be a university student?: Tips for being a university student</p> <p>Panel: Former ELS and Undergrad Students</p> <p>Tips from Students: Tips to have a productive and satisfying university life / The importance of belonging and how to belong (i.e using facilities, attending campaigns, being aware of campus opportunities etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – TEDU Students – Mentors



Week 4 (15.10.2025) (Online)	Information and Digital Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Searching for information efficiently using a variety of digital tools, evaluating the reliability of sources for an academic context, organizing information from a variety of sources for use in academic study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Enes Çelik– Haydar Tekin
Week 5 (20-24.10.2025) (Face to face)	Faculty / Department Introductory Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Meeting Faculties/departments	Each faculty will carry out its own program.
Week 6 (29.10.2025)	October, 29th Republic Day There will be no classes due to being a public holiday.		
Week 7 (05.11.2025) (Online)	Center for Gender Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Overview of the Gender Studies Center's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Doç. Dr. Selin Akyüz Tursun– Doç. Dr. Beril Türkoğlu Demirel
	Student Development and Psychological Counseling Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Introduction to the activities of the Student Development and Psychological Counseling Center at TED university	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Sıla Deniz Beyarslan
	Career center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Overview of the Career Center's activities and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Aslı Bal– Betül Sezer Kızıltepe
Week 8 (12.11.2025) (Online)	Academic Ethics and Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rules and regulations at TEDU, cheating, plagiarism, academic honesty AI - ChatGPT etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Doç. Dr. Özlem Erden Başaran
Week 9 (19.11.2025) (Online)	Ethical and Responsible Use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Basic concepts in AI, responsible and ethical use, challenges and benefits of using AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Dr. Funda Alptekin



<p>Week 10 (26.11.2025) (Online)</p>	<p>Internalization Through Intercultural Communication</p>	<p>– The basics of intercultural communication, highlights empathy, adaptability, and respect, and focuses on overcoming cultural barriers, fostering inclusion, and developing effective global communication skills.</p>	<p>– Doç. Dr. Özlem Erden Başaran</p> <p>– Doç Dr. Betül Bulut Şahin</p> <p>– Dr. Merih Uğurel Kamışlı</p>
<p>Week 11-14 (Face to face/Online)</p>	<p>Mix & Mingle!</p>	<p>Enjoy your mix & mingle activities until rest of the semester and remember at least join 3 mix and mingle.</p>	
<p>TEDU 101 MIX & MINGLE AT TEDU EVENTS**</p>			
<p>1</p>	<p>Dance with us! organized by TEDU Dance Club Dance and relax/let go off your stress!</p>		
<p>2</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Photography Society Participate in a photo contest organized by TEDU Photography Society</p>		
<p>3</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Theatre Society (Watch a theatre play performed by TEDU Theatre Society)</p>		
<p>4</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Library (borrow a book, read and return)</p>		
<p>5</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Psychology Society (Watch a movie and analyze it with the facilitation of TEDU Psychology Society)</p>		
<p>6</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Sports and Recreation Center</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>Complete the quiz "What is your score, TEDUian?" and upload it to LMS</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>Online games</p>		
<p>9</p>	<p>Mindfulness meditation (Mindful walking, mindful eating)</p>		
<p>10</p>	<p>TEDU Radio activities</p>		
<p>11</p>	<p>Cookies Day (Join Cookies Day Workshop)</p>		
<p>12</p>	<p>Collaboration with TEDU Dance Club (Watch a dance show organized by TEDU Dance Club)</p>		

*This syllabus is subject to change. Changes, if any, will be announced on LMS. Students will be held responsible to follow all the changes.

** The events in this list are provided as an example. You will be notified by email about the details of the upcoming events that you can attend throughout the term.