ENGLISH PREPARATORY CLASS

YAŞAR UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Mission

The Mission of Yaşar University English Preparatory Class is to deliver **high-quality English Language instruction** to its students who are **non-native speakers** of the language. The Intensive English Program aims to furnish students with **essential language skills** to pursue their studies in their subsequent **departments and/or programs** as well as communicate effectively in their **future social and professional lives**.

Teaching Philosophy

- The English Preparatory Class (EPC) is fully committed to offering quality language instruction to its learners in a **learner-centered environment**. Recognizing that each language learner has individual preferences and need to act in the language, the EPC puts emphasis on learners attaining mastery in all four skills and gaining linguistic and communicative competence. In addition to these goals the instructors in the EPC constantly seek and apply a **variety of language teaching methods and techniques** best fit to the materials, learners, and the curriculum to promote self-directed learning. In order to involve and empower learners to achieve their educational goals, **instructors act as facilitators and guides of the learning process** where the learners are encouraged to make the most of curricular and extracurricular activities. It is also paramount that all stakeholders in the EPC are committed to creating an environment conducive to learning by acknowledging and respecting **personal differences and preferences.** Through the application of this teaching philosophy, the EPC strives to create a rewarding learning experience.

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Certificate of Completion

This is to certify that

ONURCAN TAMER

has completed and successfully passed the
Preparatory Class Intensive English Language Program with merit*.

Engin Ayvaz
DIRECTOR

Prof. Dr. Murat Barkan
RECTOR

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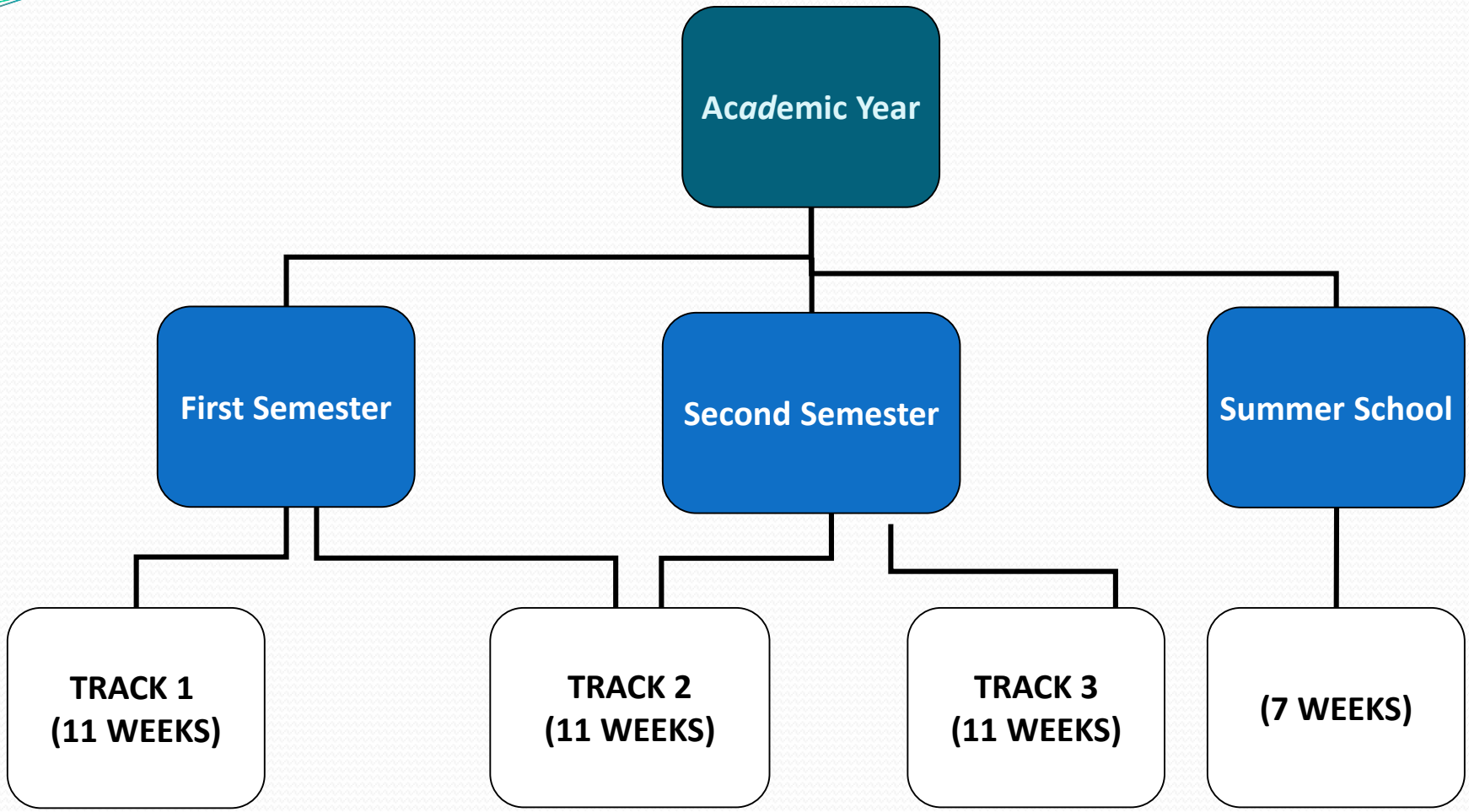
* Ordinary pass – 50 and over; Pass with Merit – 65 and over

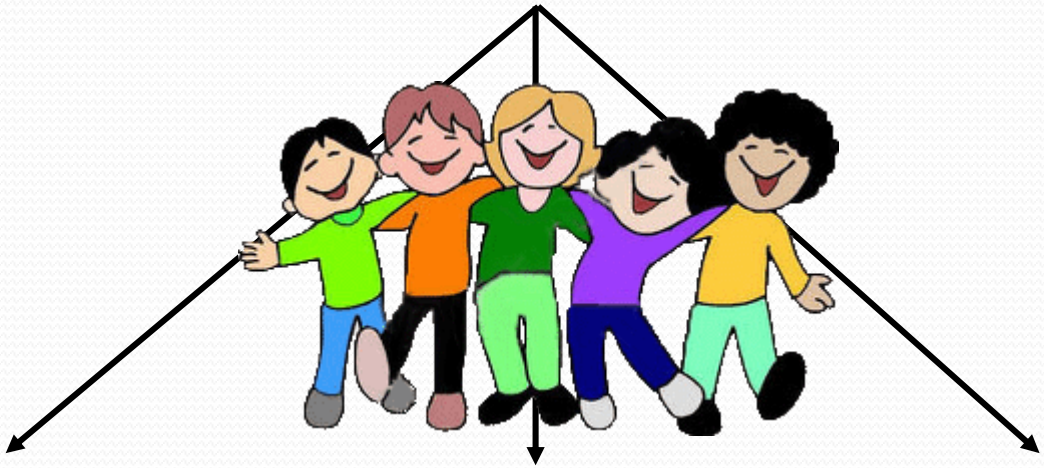

Academic Year
First Semester
Second Semester
Summer School
TRACK 1
(11 WEEKS)
TRACK 2
(11 WEEKS)
TRACK 3
(11 WEEKS)
(7 WEEKS)

TERM	FALL			SEMESTER BREAK	SPRING			SUMMER
TRACK	TRACK 1	FT	TRACK 2		FT	TRACK 3		OPTIONAL
DURATION	11 wks	1 wk	11 wks		1 wk	11 wks		7 wks
LEVEL	STARTER-ELEMENTARY (A1)	1-to-1	PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2)		1-to-1	INTERMEDIATE (B1)		INTERMEDIATE
	PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2)		INTERMEDIATE (B1)			UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (B2)		
	INTERMEDIATE (B1)		UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (B2)			ADVANCED (C1)		

Fast Track (FT) – After every track there is a one week 'Fast Track' for students to study 1:1 with a teacher and re-take the final

- Track grade between 55-59
- Less than 53 absences

GROUPS



	Alpha	Bravo	Delta
Track 1	**Starter+Elementary**	**Pre-Intermediate**	**Intermediate**
Track 2	**Pre-Intermediate**	**Intermediate**	**Upper-Intermediate**
Track 3	**Intermediate**	**Upper-Intermediate**	**Advanced**

Lessons

- 24 hours per week
- 5 different teachers
- Integrated Skills (IS) (14 hours) (2 teachers)
- Reading (4 hours)
- Writing (4 hours)
- Listening and Speaking (2 hours)

However, at Alpha group

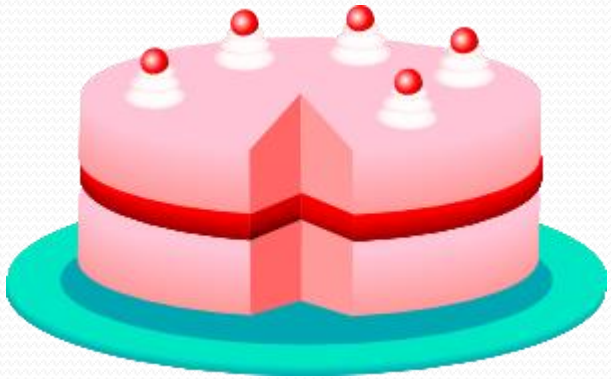
- For the first 3 weeks:
  - Integrated Skills (IS) (24 hours) (3 teachers)

- Between week 4 and 11:
  - Integrated Skills (IS) (14 hours) (1 teacher)
  - Reading (4 hours) & Writing (4 hours) (1 teacher)
  - Listening and Speaking (2 hours) (1 teacher)

Exams

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Listening
- Midterm (IS, Reading and Writing)
- Final (IS, Reading and Writing)

Exam	Percentage Share
Final	40%
Midterm	25%
Quizzes	20%
Writing Portfolio	10%
IS Portfolio	5%



1st Track Quizzes and Exams										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Q1 (ORIENTATION	Q2 (LISTENING)		**MID TERM**		Q3 (WRITING)	Q4 (SPEAKING)		**FINAL**

2nd and 3rd Tracks										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Q1 (READING)	Q2 (LISTENING)		**MID TERM**		Q3 (WRITING)	Q4 (SPEAKING)		**FINAL**

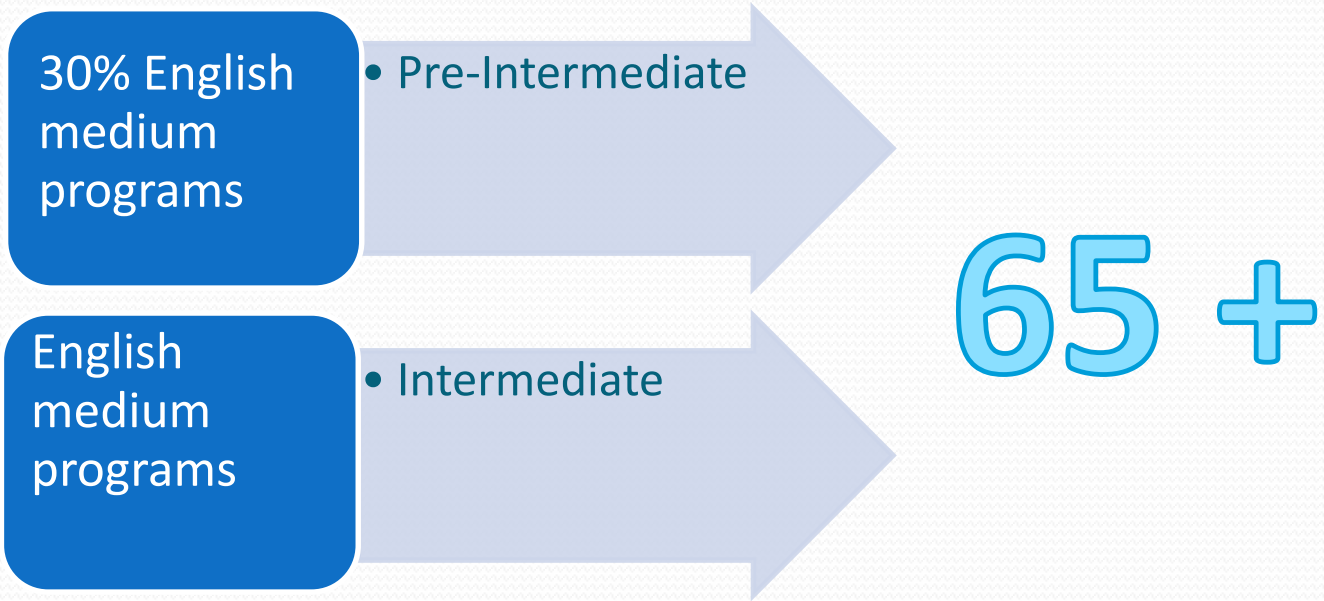
- Classes are 50 minutes
- Latecomers aren’t accepted in quizzes
- You can be maximum 10 minutes late to midterm and final exams
- You can be maximum 30 minutes late to FLAT exams

- In addition to the grades you get on your quizzes and exam, you will also be evaluated with an Integrated Skills Portfolio as 5% of your track grade.

- Integrated Skills Portfolio is made up of a Student Action Plan and the Post Unit Production Tasks.

- You need an average of 60 to pass a track

Option 1 – Pass the Prep Class with Track Averages



Students must pass their last track with an average of at least **60**.
The average of all tracks must be at least **65**.
*In this case absences are not important

Option 2 - Pass the Prep Class with the FLAT

- If you take the FLAT in June, your track averages are also taken into account. They are then worth 60% of your final grade with the FLAT being 40%.
- Students who are absent for 20% of the total Prep Class program, which is 80 hours in February and 160 hours in June, will automatically forfeit the right to take the FLAT. (This is valid For Bütünleme FLAT! too)
- Students who exceed 160 hours absenteeism may attend summer school to pass the Prep Class.

Option 2

Your pass grade depends on your department:

- 30% English medium – 50
- English medium – 65
- English Language Literature and Translation and Interpretation - 75

PASSING PREP				
TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	FLAT	GRADE
%20	%20	%20	%40	50, 65, 75 /100

FLAT (Foreign Language Achievement Test)

1. September (as a proficiency test)
2. February (as a proficiency test)
3. June (as an achievement test)
4. August (as a proficiency test for Summer School)

Part	Percentage
Listening	10%
Reading	20%
Use of English	50%
Writing	15%
Speaking	5%

STUDENT SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- Food Services

Fresh food is served for Prep Class Faculty Members and students between 11.30 and 14.00. There are also other cafes on campus where you can buy drinks and snacks.

- Remember you can only pay with your card on campus. The campus does not accept cash.

Health Services and Sports

- If you have any health problems, you can go to the health centre where the doctor or nurses will see you and help you with your problems. The health centre is in the same building as the sports centre.
- The Sports Center includes a gymnasium, a fitness center and a dance studio which are open 24/7. In the sports hall, there are facilities for basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton and table tennis.

Copy Center and Library

- The Prep Class Copy Center is designed to meet students' stationery needs. Students can also purchase their supplementary materials and photocopies from this center. Cash is not accepted.
- The library is open 24/7 and contains computers for self-study, books, newspapers, study and quiet reading areas over 3 floors.

Co-Curricular Activities

- Chances to use English in fun settings.
- Arranged by students and teachers.

Welcome Party

Halloween Party

Cooking Contests

Quiz Night

Student Newsletter

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PREP CLASS NEWSLETTER

Issue:1 Date:12.03.2015

Welcome to the first issue of Yaşar University Prep Class Newsletter

We are very excited to present our first newsletter to Yaşar University Prep Class. Every two weeks, we will feature study tips, upcoming events and activities, written works by students, interviews with students and teachers, information about youth projects and international camps funded by European Union. We would like to produce an effective, informative and useful newsletter. We do welcome feedback and contributions to the future issues of the newsletter. Enjoy it!

The Best Time of My Life

Could you talk about yourself please?
I am Melis. I am 20 years old. I study Psychology Yasar University and this is my first year in my department.

Which city did you visit In the U.K?
I stayed in Cambridge, but I visited Liverpool, Manchester and London.

Why did you go there?
I went there to improve my English skills.

Did it work?
Of course, I can speak English better.

Where did you stay in Cambridge?
I stayed in a dormitory.

What's best thing of England?
I like the weather because it is usually rainy. Also, people are so kind. Environment is green and there are lots of parks.

Toygar Bulut A24,Yağmur Kamber A24 and Tuğçe Ermet A3

Was it difficult to live in ?
No, actually it wasn't. I met lots of friends there. I think living in England is really comfortable!

Which student program did you go with ?
I went with a language agent. And they planned this language course for me.

How Long did you stay there?
I was there for 2 months.

How much did you pay in total (foods,transportation, course fee)
I paid 6.000 Euros for everything.

What were the best and the worst things that you experienced?
My friends were the best thing, we had a lot fun,but my bicyclewas stolen and it was so bad. I also lost my wallet,but it is an another story. In spite of several bad events,I had the best time of my life.

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FINAL EXAM IS COMING!

Four things that shouldn't be done before the final exam!
1-I haven't memorized the words, but I am sure I will remember them in t he exam. **(You never remember).**
2-I will study the day before the final exam and it is going to be enough for me, I am not so bad at English **(Come on, you don't know the last units!).**
3-I will sleep and I will wake up early to study**(No, no it is a really bad idea, you know that you can't get up early!).**
4- If I stay up all night to study final exam, I wil pass the exam **(It doesn't work like that, just your brain will become overloaded!).**

By Toygar Bulut A24

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Do you want to travel or study or maybe work abroad? You have a lot of alternatives. If you want to make new friends, improve your English, discover new places, you can do them with International Volunteer Youth Camps and European projects. We will keep you updated, so follow us! You can learn more information on following links:

www.gsm.org.tr
www.aiesec.org.tr
www.ua.gov.tr
www.salto-youth.net
www.eurodesk.gov.tr
http://www.ab-ilan.com

By Mehmet Turan A23

The Greatest Writer: Yaşar Kemal

We lost Turkey's best novelist Yaşar Kemal last week. He was the voice of Anatolia. He added many words to the Turkish literature but I think one of them is more important than the others. That word is 'hope'. He teaches us that we must never give up and live in hope. He was born in Van, but he moved to Adana with his family. His father was murdered in a mosque when he was a little kid. He had to drop school because of economic problems. He did many things over the years. He worked at many jobs. He was awarded all literature prizes except Nobel, but he was the first Turkish writer who was nominated for it. His books were translated into forty languages. **By Burak BAKKAL A17**

Fashion Followers

Our first fashion follower is Yiğitcan. He teams up blue and navy blue. This color combination always works.His shirts' color is trendy for this season. His watch and sun glasses seem cool.The combinations of his shoes and jeans are really smart. No doubt that he has an elegant look.

By Evren Billor A21

With street style, Buse is certainly in themood for spring. Her shocs and bag make agreat combination. Her coat is fashionable and trendy.Her hair cut is really natural and modern. We can say that she follows the new normcore fashion trend succesfully.

By İrem Bilici A21

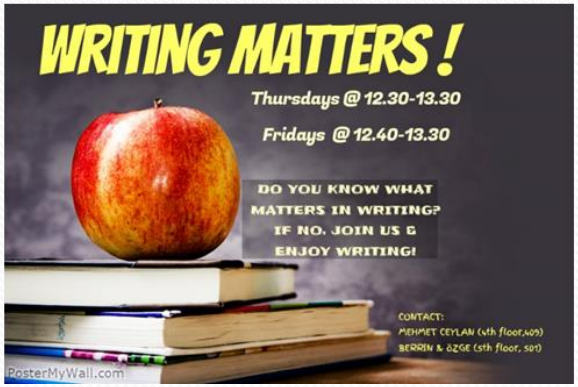
Design By İncilay YAMAN A28

Buddy Up

Clubs

BOOKClub
COFFEE
Cookies &Cakes

HEY YOU!
Book Club is going on!!! We read stories and talk about them with COFFEE and COOKIES.
It is still not too late to join us.
BOOK CLUB
Every Friday
Afternoon Group: @12:45(BA-3)
Morning Group: @14:00(5th Floor)
If you want to join, send an e-mail to
erdemgulova85@gmail.com
sevinc-kucuk@yasar.edu.tr
!!YOU CAN GET YOUR MATERIALS FROM THE COPY CENTRE!!


WRITING MATTERS !
Thursdays @ 12.30-13.30
Fridays @ 12.40-13.30
DO YOU KNOW WHAT MATTERS IN WRITING?
IF NO, JOIN US & ENJOY WRITING!
CONTACT:
MEHMET CEYLAN (4th floor,409)
BERRIN & ÖZGE (5th floor, 501)
PosterMyWall.com

Conversation Club
Every Friday, 12:45 – 13:30
Pizza and Coke served for 5tl
Room: BA1
ENGLISH SPOKEN HERE
Each week a different topic!
For more information:
Ekin Veral, room 442
Kazım Olgun, room 408
Gülce Gören, room 408
Jessica Kurak, room 442
Bensu Tinaz, room 442
Jennifer Delp, room 328

Chess Club

Charity Events

Prep Class Oscars

Co-curricular activities – Contact Info

- **Berrin Alpınar**
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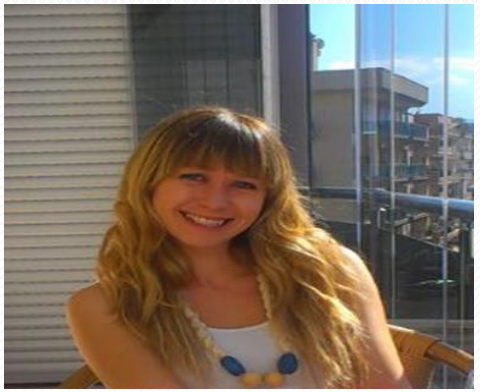
- Room 507 Extn 5712



- **Özge Deliorman Köroğlu**
- ozge.deliorman@yasar.edu.tr
- Room 507 Extn 5755

%100 MUSIC

CONTAINER HALL

PREP CLASS WELCOME PARTY

ODAK LIVE BAND & DJ PERFORMANS

CONTACT PERSONS:

- BERRIN ALPINAR (OFIS: 507, YENI BINA)
- ÖZGE DELIORMAN (OFIS: 507, YENI BINA)
- AYLIN ATACAN (OFIS: 539, YENI BINA)

9 EKİM 2015, CUMA

Kapı Açılış: 22:00

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Social Media

- English Preparatory Class

  #yasarprepclass

Online Services

- OBS – online grades & absenteeism:

http://obs.yasar.edu.tr

- Website for announcements:

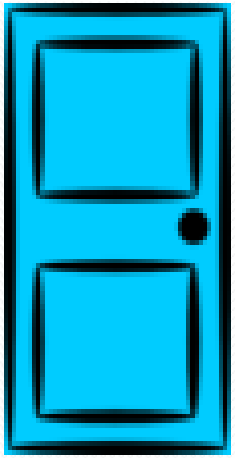
http://ydy.yasar.edu.tr

Where to go for help?

- **International Relations Office** responsible for administering scholarship and financial aid plans. Also helps foreign students during their visa and residence permit application processes.
- **Academic Advisor** your IS teacher (the one with the most hours) can help you outside of class
- **Teacher Office Hours** all teachers will be happy to give you extra help in their office hours.
- **Prep Class Supervisors (name list on the website and in the Student Handbook)** can help you with any more important needs.

A few reminders

- No mobile phone during the lessons



Be punctual! No late comers are allowed to the lessons

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Thank You For Listening