



# QUALITY RECOGNITION AESOP

Bachelor in Urban and Regional Planning

**Faculty of Architecture, Department of City and Regional  
Planning**

**Yıldız Technical University**

## Evaluation Report

After an in-depth examination of its academic curriculum and teaching pedagogy, the BSc in Urban and Regional Planning offered in the Faculty of Architecture at the Yıldız Technical University has been conferred the AESOP Certificate of Quality.

The Bachelor in Urban and Regional Planning Programme delivered at the Yıldız Technical University has been evaluated by three members of the AESOP Excellence in Education Board (EEB) appointed by the Chair. The EEB certifies that the above programme fulfils the Quality Recognition criteria.

## Quality in Planning Education

The BSc in Urban and Regional Planning delivered at the Yıldız Technical University is distinctive in its focus on theoretical and methodological courses, interdisciplinarity and regional science. It brings together the following aspects of quality in planning education:

- Programme Curriculum and Identity
  - A blend of substantive planning courses and courses focused on communicative and strategic spatial planning constitute the three main pillars of the curriculum: knowledge, skills for professional competencies, and values and ethics, making the latter a crucial component of the curriculum.
  - Focus on contemporary research areas in urban and regional planning enable students to understand, research and apply their knowledge, skills and attitudes to solve complex problems and recognise and enable future opportunities in cities and regions.
  - Progression from mainly compulsory courses in the 1<sup>st</sup> year towards more elective ones on the final year stimulates the progression in student's responsibility for their education and future professional engagement in urban and regional planning.
  - An excellent balance and exposure to theoretical, methodological and policy-based courses delivered by a highly qualified teaching team engaged in public services, visiting professors from a well-established global network, stakeholders and practitioners foster the intentional distinctiveness of the programme to integrate planning theory with practice while safeguarding professional ethics.





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- Principles of Pedagogy
  - Cross-scale planning studios (from the regional to the neighbourhood scale) enabling students to explore and develop different analytical, critical and interpretive thinking about different cross-scalar and cross-sectoral challenges.
  - Nurturing research and inquiry skills in students through urban games, role-playing and by facilitating research discussions between students and tutors.
  - Encouragement of active, independent and peer-learning in theoretical and studio-based courses through research-based assignments and presentations. Active promotion of academic excellence through national and international dissemination of thesis projects.
  - Rich feedback from stakeholders in studio courses exposing students to a multi-disciplinary perspectives and challenging political and social conflicts embedded in urban and regional planning.
  - Excellent level of student/alumni/employer's engagement in facilitating research-oriented and proactive curriculum appraisal and development through inter-institutional advisory boards, alumni feedback forums, and studio juries.

The AESOP Certificate of Quality and this Evaluation Report are valid for a period of six years (2023 – 2029)

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After a thorough examination of its contents and methods, the

**BSc in Urban and Regional Planning**

offered by

Faculty of Architecture  
**Yildiz Technical University**

has been highly distinguished with the

# AESOP CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY

We certify that:

This programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to the AESOP Charter, complemented by an effective internationalization of teaching and learning processes.

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