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## Education

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<b>M.A.</b>	<b>Koc University – Istanbul</b> Economics	<b>2018-Present</b>
<b>M.B.A.</b>	<b>Istanbul Sehir University – Istanbul</b> Business Analytics	<b>2018-Present</b>
<b>B.A.</b>	<b>Sabanci University – Istanbul</b> Economics / GPA : 3.83/4 Mathematics (Minor) / GPA : 3.80/4	<b>2014-2018</b>

## Major Projects & Papers

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<b>Koc University</b>	<b>2019-Present</b> <i>Master Thesis: Automation, Reshoring and the Labor Market.</i> <i>with Prof. Mehmet Yorukoglu.</i>
<b>Istanbul Sehir University</b>	<b>2019-Summer</b> <i>Analyzing the Risk Factors of Automobile Crashes with Sensitivity Analysis.</i> <i>with Prof. Dursun Delen.</i>
<b>Sabanci University</b>	<b>2017-2019</b> <i>Class Size Effects on Achievement: Evidence from Turkey.</i> <i>with Prof. Abdurrahman Aydemir.</i>
<b>Sabanci University</b>	<b>2017-2018</b> <i>Alternative Approaches to Matching Problems via Artificial Intelligence Algorithms.</i> <i>with Prof. Ahmet Alkan and Prof. Esra Erdem.</i>
<b>Sabanci University</b>	<b>2016-2017</b> <i>The Economic Impact of Refugee Movements in Turkey</i> <i>with Prof. Dr. Mehmet Baç.</i>
<b>Sabanci University</b>	<b>2015</b> <i>Computers Through Brain Signals (An Introduction to BCI Technology)</i> <i>with Prof. Dr. Müjdat Çetin.</i>
<b>National Social Sciences Olympics</b>	<b>2013</b> <i>A Critic of Malthus' Population Theory</i>

## ***Job & Teaching Experiences***

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<b>Koç University</b> / Money and Banking Teaching Assistant	<b>2019-20 Fall</b>
<b>Koç University</b> / Introduction to Economics Teaching Assistant	<b>2018-19 Fall</b>
<b>Koc Univesity</b> / Introduction to Microeconomics Teaching Assistant	<b>2018-19 Spring</b>
<b>Sabancı University</b> / MATH306-Statistics Teaching Assistant	<b>2017-18 Spring</b>
<b>Yıldız Holding</b> / Finance Department Intern	<b>2017-Summer</b>
<b>Sabancı University</b> / MATH 203-Introduction to Probability Teaching Assistant	<b>2015-17</b>

- ※ *In all my teaching assistant positions I have worked with international students where I regularly scored quizzes, exams and gave recitations and problem-solving sessions in English.*
- ※ *Regarding my internship, I had the chance to work in one of the most important conglomerates in the Middle East, and the third largest biscuit producer in the world. The company had various investments and portfolios which led me to learn the structure and organization of the ongoing operations. I worked with the Credit Team where we had one of the highest operation volumes in Turkey. During my internship the biscuit and chocolate companies of the conglomerate had moved to UK with the name **pladis**, where I observed the massive transformation of these companies.*

## **Workshops & Trainings**

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2nd HUMAINT Winter school on Fairness, Accountability and Transparency in Artificial Intelligence (2020-Planned), XIII. Winter Workshop in Economics (2019-Koç University), XII. Winter Workshop in Economics (2018-Koç University), KOLT (Koc University Office of Learning and Teaching) Graduate Teaching Training (2018-2019).

## Awards & Scholarships

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Istanbul Sehir University (Tuition Waiver) Scholarship

Koc University (Tuition Waiver) Scholarship

Sabanci University: Dean's High Honor Award 2017-18 Spring, 2017-18 Fall, 2016-17 Fall, 2015-16 Spring, 2015-16 Fall, 2014-15 Spring, 2014-15 Fall.

Sabanci University (Tuition Waiver) Scholarship

USA President's Academic Excellence Award (2007)

Virginia- State Violin Competition /1<sup>st</sup> (2006),

- ※ *I received a full scholarship from Istanbul Sehir University and Koc University to pursue an MBA and an MA degree where these programs are the most competitive programs in Turkey in terms of their fields. I entered Sabanci University with tuition waiver, by the national university entrance exam in Turkey where I was ranked among the first 600 students in a total of two million entrants and for seven semesters I earned the Dean's High Honor Award which is given to students who have a GPA of at least 3.5/4. I had the chance to graduate from elementary school in the United States and with my graduation I earned the President's Academic Excellence Award.*

## Skills & Interests

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**Computer:** MS Office, LaTeX, STATA, MATLAB, R, Python, KNIME, Photoshop, Aftereffects, Indesign.

**Language:** Turkish (Native), English (Advanced; IELTS:8.5/9), Spanish (Beginner), German (Beginner).

**Interests:** Violin, Graphic Design, Literature, Photography.

## Extracurricular Activities

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**NGO:** I have worked in a youth organization; **BIGENC** (Idealist and Conscious Youth) in Turkey, where I was chairman for four years and conducted more than 100 projects-events expanded over to 5000 young participants. Moreover, I am among the founders of an international youth organization; **youngact**, which has operations in Turkey, Korea and Pakistan as of today. Currently, due to the intensiveness of my academic studies I am an advisor to these organizations rather than an active participant.

**University Clubs:** Sabanci University History Club (Board) and Sabanci University Politics Club (Board), Tea Talks with CEOs (Member)