

A. STUDENTS WHO WANT TO STAY AT METU

Question: If the semester is extended due to the current crisis of COVID-19, will the extended period be granted within the framework of Erasmus+ ICM Program?

Answer: If the semester is extended, it can be possible to grant the extended period. In that case, students will be asked to sign an additional grant agreement.

B. STUDENTS WHO WISH TO RETURN HOME COUNTRY

Question: If things return to normal and classes continue at METU, can I return to Turkey and complete my Erasmus mobility?

Answer: Unfortunately NO ! We are able to provide only two options for our students now. They need to choose one of these options:

- 1) They can stay at METU and follow the courses in the upcoming weeks
- 2) They can go back to their home country and refund the explained amount from their grant (even if they continue to follow online courses). So, returning back to Turkey is not considered now.

Question: Is there anything I am supposed to do before my departure?

Answer: You should not forget to inform your advisor about your decision. We will send you your certificate of attendance via email. You are also supposed to follow the grant procedures properly (you can find the questions about it below)

B.1. GRANT PROCEDURES (Refunding the Scholarship)

Question: If I do not leave METU or do not go back to my home country, do I need to refund my scholarship ?

Answer: NO ! You do not need to refund your scholarship since your mobility is still conducted in METU.

Question: If I want to return to my home country, but plan to follow courses to be offered online by METU, do I still need to refund my scholarship ?

Answer: YES ! Even if you will still be following your courses at METU, since you will be out of METU and Turkey, we ask you to refund your grant before you leave. If you do not refund your grant before you leave, we will be contacting your home university on this issue, and will be asking them to begin any necessary actions in this manner.

Question: How do we calculate exactly the amount we need to refund ? Is it the whole scholarship that we need to refund ?

Answer: NO ! You do not need to refund all your scholarship. Based on the day you will be going back to your home country, you will refund a certain amount which is calculated as follows:

Your daily grant per day is around 26.6 euros (Per month it is 800 euros, and a month is accepted as 30 days. $800 / 30 = 26.6$ euros) If you wish to leave at some point, you need to check the email we sent earlier to you regarding refunding procedures. There, you will find a certain amount. From that amount (it was calculated for March 16th), you can do simple mathematics about how much you will refund.

Question: I am an ICM student. If I decide to go back to my home country, and refund the grant I received, what is the procedure for this ?

Answer: You are supposed to visit VakıfBank ODTÜ Branch where you received your grant. You need to indicate the amount you must refund and the details for the refunding procedure is as follows:

IBAN: TR48 0001 5001 5804 8017 0995 16

Account Name: Erasmus+Ortak ülkeler 2018-2020

After this, you need to send a refund receipt by email to your office advisor.

B.2. DORMITORY PROCEDURES

Question : Can I stay at the dormitory for now ? Will they be closed down ?

Answer: For now, all dormitories at METU campus are open as explained in the emails sent by METU Presidency. Whether they will be closed or now in the future is unfortunately unknown for now. **As long as you stay in the dormitories, you HAVE TO OBEY THE RULES in the dormitories and avoid social gatherings as it is forbidden by Turkish Government.**

Question: What should I do if I want to leave the dormitory ?

Answer: You need to talk with dormitory personnel. You will be asked to pay your rent for the days you stayed at the dorm. Then, you will be refunded your dormitory deposit.

Question: If I return to my home country, and wish to come back, can I stay at the dormitory?

Answer: NO ! As you know, according to the Health Ministry's warnings and METU Presidency's directories, all people that come to Turkey from abroad are required to self-quarantine themselves for 14 days. Therefore, dormitories will not accept you in this case.

B.3. LIBRARY PROCEDURES

Question: Do I need to do any process regarding METU Library ?

Answer: If you have borrowed any books from the library, do not forget to return them to the library.

B.4. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Question: Even if I return back to my home country, can I follow the courses online and take exams distantly ?

Answer: As you know, pursuant to the announcement of the Council of Higher Education, METU will offer its courses online beginning on March, 23, 2020. Therefore, you can follow your courses online if your home university allows you to do so.

Question: Will the courses start back on April 6th regularly and will we return back to our classes ?

Answer: The future is unclear. We are currently following the updates and working in collaboration with related official bodies.

Question: How distance education will be possible for TUR401 Turkish Society and Culture course?

Answer: This information will be provided in the next week through emails. We will do our best to make the course and evaluation online.

Question: If I continue online education and finish end-term examinations, will I receive my transcript, and if so how ?

Answer: If you finish your mobility at METU, and complete all your academic responsibilities, we will send your transcripts by email to you.

