



# METU101: FUN FACTS & TIPS

★ **“Hocam” for everyone.** At **METU**, we call each other *hocam* (“teacher”)—a nod to the belief that everyone has something to learn from everyone else.

- **No cap toss at graduation.** We don’t throw caps—because learning is seen as **lifelong**, not something that “ends” on graduation day.

★ **Devrim, not ‘stadium’.** The main field and the pillar of our campus is famously called **Devrim** (“Revolution”). Meeting up “at Devrim” is a campus classic.

- **45 km<sup>2</sup> campus = guaranteed detours.** On your first days, getting a little lost is practically part of the METU orientation 😊

★ **A concrete ship on land.** In front of Civil Engineering stands a **concrete ship** sculpture; campus lore says it “once floated.”

- Almost all of our in-campus statues (there’s a lot!) have certain lore or legends attached to them, make sure you learn about each and every one!

★ **Lake life at Eymir.** **METU** has its own lake for rowing, cycling loops, picnics, bird-watching, and legendary sunset photos.

★ **Forest campus = wildlife cameos.** Expect frogs, squirrels, fox sightings, and lots of birds (hundreds of different types!) along tree-lined paths and even behind the faculty buildings!

★ **Çim Amfi moments.** Open-air talks, movie nights, and concerts under the stars at our brand-new grass amphitheatre.

★ **Bike culture.** Many students prefer **cycling to class**; bike tracks and long routes thread through the campus forest.

★ **Snow to spring glow-up.** Winters bring **snowy Devrim** scenes; spring flips the switch to a vivid, pine-scented green.

★ **Hands-on, all-nighter energy.** Studio sprints, lab marathons, and the classic **deadline** → **lawn celebration** ritual.

★ **Creative spirit.** Our student teams build **rockets, robots, racing cars**—and proudly roll them out at showcases.

★ **Sports everywhere.** State-of-the-art gyms of all sizes, Indoor & outdoor pool, climbing wall, football fields, tennis (hard and clay) & basketball courts, rowing club—plus informal volleyball at Devrim.

★ **Architectural mash-up.** Brutalist/modernist buildings set against huge green spaces—Instagram loves the contrasts.

★ **100+ student clubs, zero boredom.** From AI & robotics to theatre, films, diving, debate, dance, and model aviation: there's something for everyone at **METU**!

★ **A lively culinary environment!** All of our dorms and faculties have cafeterias, and these cafeterias all have their own specialties: Look for a **METU** food guide as soon as you arrive 😊

★ **Festival DNA.** Our famous **Spring Fest** is legendary! Some of the biggest names in Turkish music have performed for us, pop-up markets, and surprise live sets complete our Festive DNA every spring.

★ **Multilingual vibe.** You'll hear **Turkish, English**, and a chorus of other languages on any given day.

- METU is a **100% English** medium institution, one of the select few in Türkiye!

★ **Local slang starter pack:** *Devrim'deyim, Eymir'e iniyoruz, kütüphane full, and of course: "Hocam?"*