

HOW to COME to METU (ODTU)

Ankara International Airport (Esenboğa) is about 35 km away from METU campus. Getting to campus is easy but takes some time. Depending on your flight, you may have to go through PASSPORT CONTROL and CUSTOMS INSPECTION in Istanbul or Ankara. Bear in mind that personnel may not be able to speak English well but you can still be helpful as they are accustomed to people who do not speak Turkish. If you go through customs in Istanbul, you will need to transfer from International Flights Terminal to Domestic Flights Terminal. Responsible personnel will direct you to the domestic flights terminal; check the direction signs as well.

You may need to exchange some of your foreign currency for Turkish Lira as soon as you arrive in Turkey. Bank windows are available in both airports immediately before or after passport control. Exchanging money also can be done at the PTT, open 24 hours, at both airports. It is advisable to have at least \$ 200-300 in cash for your first few days in Ankara.

From Ankara airport to city center, you may want to take a taxi or use shuttle buses (called HAVAS or BELKO). If you wish to take a taxi, metered taxis are also available from the airport to the city. Taxi fares to central locations within city are approximately \$ 20-30. By law, all taxis in Turkey are metered. You pay what is on the meter; tipping is not customary. Taxi fare from HAVAS City Terminal (Ulus area) or from ASTI (Intercity Bus Station) to METU (ODTU in Turkish) campus or to most hotels will be \$ 5-10. As drivers usually do not speak English, you should have your destination address on a paper to show the driver.

FROM ANKARA ESENBOGA AIRPORT

a. HAVAS Buses (Private Company)

- **Bus Schedules:** Services between airport and the city terminal are scheduled according to the arrival times of domestic and international flights.
- **Route:** Ankara Esenboğa Airport, Çubuk, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Keçiören, Etlik, Havaş City Terminal, ASTI (Ankara Intercity Bus Terminal-Coach Station)
Note: Even if there is one passenger going to the coach station, the coaches set off to ASTI just afterwards the other passengers are dropped in HAVAS City Terminal.
- **Passenger Dropping Spots:** HAVAS shuttles drop passengers at Çubuk intersection, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlikevler, Keçiören Bridge and Etlik Intersection on the way to city center.
- **Arrival Time:** Approximately 30 minutes to HAVAS City Terminal and 45 minutes to ASTI Coach Station
- **Ticket Fee:** around 11 TL (2018 fare, VAT incl.)

For more information, please visit the website below:

<http://www.havas.net/en/OurServices/BusServicesAndCarParkingFacilities/ServicePoints/Pages/Ankara.aspx>

b. BelkoAir Buses

- **Bus Schedules:** The buses offer services every 30 minutes from 05:00 a.m to 00:00; and every 60 minutes from 00:00 to 05.00 a.m.

06:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	14:00 p.m.	18:00 p.m.	22:00 p.m.	04:00 a.m.
06:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	14:30 p.m.	18:30 p.m.	22:30 p.m.	05:00 a.m.
07:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	15:00 p.m.	19:00 p.m.	23:00 p.m.	05:30 a.m.
07:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	15:30 p.m.	19:30 p.m.	23:30 p.m.	
08:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	16:00 p.m.	20:00 p.m.	24:00 p.m.	
08:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	16:30 p.m.	20:30 p.m.	01:00 a.m.	
09:00 a.m.	13:00 p.m.	17:00 p.m.	21:00 p.m.	02:00 a.m.	
09:30 a.m.	13:30 p.m.	17:30 p.m.	21:30 p.m.	03:00 a.m.	

- **Route:** Ankara Esenboğa Airport, Ülker, Saray, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlıkevler, Fatih Bridge, Ankamall, Gazi Hospital, ASTI (Ankara Intercity Bus Terminal-Coach Station), Kızılay, Opera, Train Station
- **Passenger Dropping Spots:** There are no passenger loading stops on the route from airport to the city center. The first dropping spot is ASTI.
- **Arrival Time:** Approximately 60 minutes to ASTI Coach Station. (It may change depending the traffic and weather conditions)
- **Ticket Fee:** around 11 TL (2018 fare,VAT incl.)

For more updated information, please visit this website: <http://www.belkoair.com/en>

Getting to Campus from the City Center

METU is located about 7 kilometers from the center of the city at Kizilay. Transportation to and from METU campus is frequent and convenient. City buses (EGO buses), HALK buses, double-decker buses and private minibuses (Dolmuş) have regular services from Kizilay (Güvenpark), Ulus (opposite the Radisson SAS Hotel and across from Gençlik Park) and Ayrancı (Portakalçiçeği Sokak) to the METU campus.

Bus cards are required for EGO city buses and must be purchased before boarding the bus. City bus cards are in unit format. You can buy one, ten or twenty unit cards. Each unit is around \$1 There are EGO booths at Kızılay and Ulus near the bus stops and on the main boulevard (Atatürk Boulevard) and at the Magazine Shop around dormitories area where you can purchase bus cards. You have to buy a ticket on the buses for HALK and double-decker buses and pay the driver on the Dolmuş.

Getting to Campus from the Train Station

Ankara train station is located around Ulus area and about 10 kilometers away from the campus. The most convenient way to come to METU is to take a taxi from the train station. Taxi fare from the station is approximately \$ 10