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WELCOME TO METU



Dear Students,

This document has been prepared for all incoming Exchange students who have been admitted to METU for 2026-2027 academic year Fall semester. It contains information and tips that will assist newcomers about bureaucratic, academic and daily issues they will experience; ranging from course registration to Smart Cards etc. Thus, reading this document will help you to deal with any difficulty you might face during your semester.

The issues mentioned above will also be covered in detail during the Orientation Program. You are always welcome to contact us for any problem you may encounter.

Orientation package will also include the About METU booklet which will introduce you the METU campus briefly.

Please also bear in mind that you should read carefully and follow the informative e-mails about various issues sent by our office to you before and during your semester.

Best wishes for a successful and productive semester ahead!

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ABOUT TURKEY

Turkey is a transcontinental country in Eurasia, mainly in Anatolia in Western Asia, with a smaller portion on the Balkan Peninsula in Southeast Europe. The country is encircled by seas on three sides: the Aegean Sea, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Its diverse cultural heritage, famous food, vast history and popular destinations like Istanbul with its Byzantine and Ottoman sights, Ephesus, Cappadocia, Pamukkale, Antalya, etc. attract all who visit here. There are amazing beaches, spectacular mountains, great museums, famous “Turkish Baths” and more. Turkish people are best known for their hospitability, friendly nature and good humor.



KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Formal Name: Türkiye
Declaration of the Republic: October 29, 1923
Capital: Ankara
Large Cities: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa (four most populated cities)
Government: Unitary Parliamentary Republic
Official Language: Turkish
Total Area: 814,578 km2
Population: 86.365.991 (2022 census)
Currency: Turkish Lira (₺)
Time Zone: EET (UTC+2)
Working Hours: From Monday to Friday, 9.00-17.00 (mostly)
Official Holidays: January 1, April 23, May 1, May 19, August 30, October 29, Kurban and Ramadan Holidays
Date Format: dd/mm/yyyy
International Phone Code: +90
International TLD: .tr
Electricity: 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs

EMBASSIES

It is recommended that you register with your embassy in Turkey for your benefit. The contact information of the embassies in Turkey is provided below:
https://cd.mfa.gov.tr/mission/mission-list?clickedId=3

REGISTRATION IF MOBILE PHONES

If you are bringing your phone from your country, you must register your phone in 120 days after you arrive in Turkey. You must pay a fee **(subject to change)** to any tax office (vergi dairesi). With the receipt, visit one of the cell phones companies (Turkcell, Vodafone, Avea) Abone Kayit Merkezi (consumer/subscriber center) with your phone and passport and tell the staff that you want to register your personal mobile phone. Cell phone companies may also charge you a certain service fee. Prepaid units can be bought at the consumer center or from almost any mobile phone company shop. The second option would be buying a new mobile phone from either branch offices of the companies listed above or from a telecommunication shop.

UNIT OF CURRENCY IN TURKEY

The currency unit of Turkey is Türk Lirası (Turkish Liras, TL) and its symbol is as in the following:



1 Turkish Lira is subdivided into 100 Kuruş (kr). 1 USD is around 47.74 TL and 1 Euro is around 55.13 TL (these figures may fluctuate). Coins and banknotes are demonstrated as follows: Coins: 5 kr, 10 kr, 25 kr, 50 kr, 1 and Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200

COST OF LIVING

Cost of living in Turkey depends on location and life choices. You can buy the things you need cheap-moderate-expensive; like in many other destinations, it depends on your choices. The below table shows approximate sample prices from Turkey:

Supermarket

Product	Current Price (TRY)
Bread (200 g)	20–25
White cheese (1 kg)	300–450
Drinking water (1.5 L)	15–25
Milk (1 L)	50–70
White sugar (1 kg)	70–90
Pasta (500 g)	40–60
Whole chicken (1 kg)	180–250
12 eggs	100–140
Beef (500 g)	450–650
Olive oil (1 L)	450–700
Cola (1 L)	50–70
Apples (1 kg)	60–100

Cafés and Restaurants

Item	Current Price (TRY)
A cup of coffee	100–180
Fast-food hamburger meal	250–450
Meal at an average restaurant	350–600
University cafeteria lunch	80–120
Simit at the campus cafeteria	20–30
Tea at the campus cafeteria	15–25
Sandwich at the campus cafeteria	100–150
Lunch at the campus cafeteria	150–250

Accommodation

Item	Current Price (TRY)
On-campus public/university dormitory	4,000–20,000 / month
Private student dormitory in Ankara	12,000–60,000 / month
Three-person rental apartment near the university	35,000–60,000 / month
Double room at the METU Guest House	2,000–3,500 / night

Other Expenses

Item	Current Price (TRY)
Fuel (per litre)	55–65
Monthly mobile phone bill	400–800
General Health Insurance (annual)	15,000–20,000
Private health insurance (annual)	5,000–40,000

Average Monthly Living Expenses for a Student in Ankara in 2026

Lifestyle	Monthly Expenses
Campus dormitory + economical lifestyle	12,000–18,000
Shared apartment with roommates + moderate lifestyle	20,000–35,000
Living alone or maintaining a more comfortable lifestyle	40,000 and above

In summary, in 2026, a student's basic living expenses in Ankara excluding accommodation are estimated to be approximately TRY 8,000–15,000 per month. Including accommodation, total monthly expenses may start from around TRY 15,000 and exceed TRY 40,000 depending on the individual's lifestyle.

Transportation

Item	Current Price (TRY)
Student monthly bus/metro pass	400–600
Minibus	35–50
Taxi (5 km)	250–350
METU campus shuttle	Free
Ankara–Istanbul bus ticket	900–1,500
Ankara–Istanbul high-speed train ticket	600–1,000
Ankara–Istanbul flight ticket (minimum)	1,500–3,000

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Social Life

Activity	Current Price (TRY)
Student cinema ticket	200–350
State theatre student ticket	100–150
Local music concert	400–800
Popular artist concert	800–2,500
Football match in Ankara	250–1,000

BANKING IN TURKEY

İş Bankası, Vakıfbank, Ziraat Bankası, and PTT Bank have branches in the campus. Most of the other banks have ATM machines in the campus. Almost all banks in Turkey have high-quality internet and mobile banking options. It may be a good idea to check which Turkish banks have branches in your home country. This may help you to make transaction between you and your family.

Visa and Mastercard are the most common cards. The use of American Express is very limited. In Turkey (and in Ankara and at ODTÜ), you can use your major credit card to pay for most purchases. You can even use your credit card in many vending machines.

If you withdraw money from the ATM in Turkey, you will get the exchange rate used by your bank at that time. However, if you are carrying cash, only exchange a small amount in your home country to get you through the first few days. The reason is that you will get a better exchange rate using Turkish banks or commission shops in Turkey. (You need to present identification such as your passport.) Never change money at the airport or in hotels because they rarely offer good deals.

ABOUT ANKARA

Ankara has been the capital of Turkey since October 13, 1923. The city center of Ankara is the second most crowded area of Turkey and among the first 40 of the world. Most part of Ankara's land is located in the upper part of Sakarya. It can be considered as the heart of Turkey due to its proximity to Turkey's geographical center and its function in Turkey's progress. On the other hand, Ankara is one of the places in Turkey where on which several civilizations in history lived, such as the Hittites, Phrygians, Lydians, and Persians. Ankara is famous with its cat, goat, angora, rabbit, pear honey, and grape called "Misket Üzümü".



KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Region: Central Anatolia, Upper Sakarya
Official Units: 18 districts within city limits and 25 total in the province
Total Area: 2.516 km2
Elevation: 938m
Population: 5.309.690 (2022 census)
Time Zone: EET (UTC+2)
Postal Code: 06xxx
Area Code (s): 312
License Plate: 06

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Ankara has a continental climate with cold snowy winters due to its altitude and inland location, and hot, dry summers. Spring and autumn are generally mild, but during both seasons sudden hot and cold spells frequently occur in the region. Rainfall occurs mostly during the spring and autumn. Because of Ankara's high altitude and its dry summers, night temperatures in summer months are not so high. Ankara's annual average precipitation is fairly low at 415 mm (16 in), nevertheless has rains Spring during the whole year. The monthly mean temperature ranges from 23.6 °C in July to 1°C in January, with an annual mean of 11.7°C. Average highest

temperature is measured generally in July and August with 30.3°C and the average lowest temperature is measured generally in January and February with -3 °C.

Due to the geographical conditions of Turkey, we cannot talk about a general overall climate. In Istanbul and around the Sea of Marmara, there is a moderate climate, and the average temperature in winter is 4 °C (39 F) and in summer 27 °C (8 F). In Western Turkey, the climate is mild Mediterranean with an average winter temperature of 29°C (84.2 F) and with an average summer temperature of 29 OC (8§.2 OF). On the southern coast, the climate is the same. Since the climate of the Anatolian Plateau is steppe, rainfall is low but snow is high, and the difference in day and night temperatures is great. The average temperature is 23 °C (73.4 F) in summer and in winter is -2 °C (28.4 F) in winter. On the other hand, the Black Sea climate is wet, warm and humid (Summer 23 °C, 73.4 F and winter 7 °C, 44.6F). The hardest weather conditions in winter occur in Eastern and South Eastern Anatolia and with average temperature of -13 °C (8.6 F), and an average temperature of is 17°C (62.6 F) in summer.

WHERE TO EAT IN THE CITY?

Kızılay District



Sakarya Caddesi (Street) between Selanik Caddesi and Atatürk Blvd. is famous for its “Döner” (Meat roasted on a revolving vertical spit). This meat, or chicken, fish or meat balls if preferred, is put in a half loaf of bread with onions. There are places to eat in this district with other types of food, also inexpensive and to be recommended. Yüksel Caddesi (Street) is a street with many inexpensive and good restaurants, cafeterias and pastry shops. On Olgunlar Sokak (Street), running from Atatürk Blvd. to Kocatepe Cami (Mosque), there are several restaurants, kebab restaurants, and sandwich and snack bars. Nearby on Konur Sokak, there are inexpensive restaurants frequented by students. Some of them are not open on Sundays.

Kavaklıdere District



Tunus Caddesi (Street) and Tunalı Hilmi region is another popular district for all people including various kinds of cafes and restaurants, prices here are moderate to moderately expensive.

Bahçelievler District



7. Cadde (7th Street) is the major shopping street in Bahçelievler and has a wide variety of inexpensive to moderate restaurants and sidewalk cafes and pastry shops. One should also look on the side streets of 7. Cadde, especially for small home style restaurants that serve inexpensive and tasty Turkish dishes.



Opera Meydanı (Opera Square)

Derman Sokak (Street) or Denizciler Caddesi (Street), one can find excellent Doner Kebab for moderate prices at specialized restaurants.

WHERE TO SHOP?

Places to shop in the City

A list of shopping centers has been prepared for students new to Ankara. Many of the centers listed below are arcades (pasaj or çarşı) which are located on the ground and basement floors of buildings. These collections of shops are convenient and often inexpensive places to buy clothing, personal needs and household goods. Additionally, some of the major inexpensive and moderately priced department stores are listed.

- **Amerikan Pasajı(İzmir Caddesi No:15, Kızılay):** Shoes, clothing, bath cleaning products, electrical home equipment.

- **Kocabeyoğlu Pasajı (Atatürk Blv. No:82, Kızılay):** Underclothing, shoes, bags, millinery, kitchenware.

- **Onur Çarşısı (Gazi Mustafa Kemal Blv. NO: 12, Kızılay):** Clothing, cosmetics, bath cleaning products.

- **Yüzüncü Yıl Çarşısı (Atatürk Blv. Across from Atatürk's Statue, Ulus):** Men and women clothing.

- **Zafer Çarşısı (Atatürk Bulvarı, Kızılay):** Clothing, shoes, bookstores

- **Soysal Çarşısı (Ziya Gökalp Cad. Kızılay):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics.
- **Tunalı Hilmi Çarşısı (Kavaklıdere):** Clothing, personal and household needs

- **AnkaMALL Shopping Mall (Konya highway, Akköprü district, next to Ankara Security office):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

- **Armada Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics.

- **Next Level Shopping Mail (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics.

- **5M Migros (Bilkent):** Home equipment, clothing, shoes, restaurants, movie theatres, dry cleaning, grocery.

- **CEPA Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

- **Kentpark Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

- **Panora Shopping Mall (Oran):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

- **Taurus Shopping Mall (Konya Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

- **Anatolium Shopping Mall (Mamak):** IKEA plus clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning.

Furniture (Mobilya)

Students may need to buy furniture after their arrival. A variety of good second hand furniture can be found in shops and arcades located at İtfaiye Meydani and Opera Meydanı, districts across from the State Opera in Ulus. There are also shops in these districts selling inexpensive new furniture. You can also prefer big home stores like IKEA, KOÇTAŞ, TEKZEN located in various shopping malls around Ankara.

Bookstore (Kitabevi)

A variety of English textbooks and dictionaries can be purchased in bookstores such as Dost Kitabevi, D&R stores, Arkadaş Kitabevi etc. which have several branches in Kızılay district and shopping malls. Inside METU shopping matt (Çarşı) you can also find Öykücü Bookstore.

Second-hand book shops are generally clustered together in some arcades (pasaj) or streets.

Kitapçılar Park (Book Shop Park) located on Olgunlar Sokak at Bakanlıklar has a number of small shops on the Pedestrian walkway which sell a variety of textbooks and other books in English. Other clusters of shops can be found in Karanfil Pasajı and Birlik Pasajı, both on Karanfil sokak at Kızılay.

SOCIAL LIFE

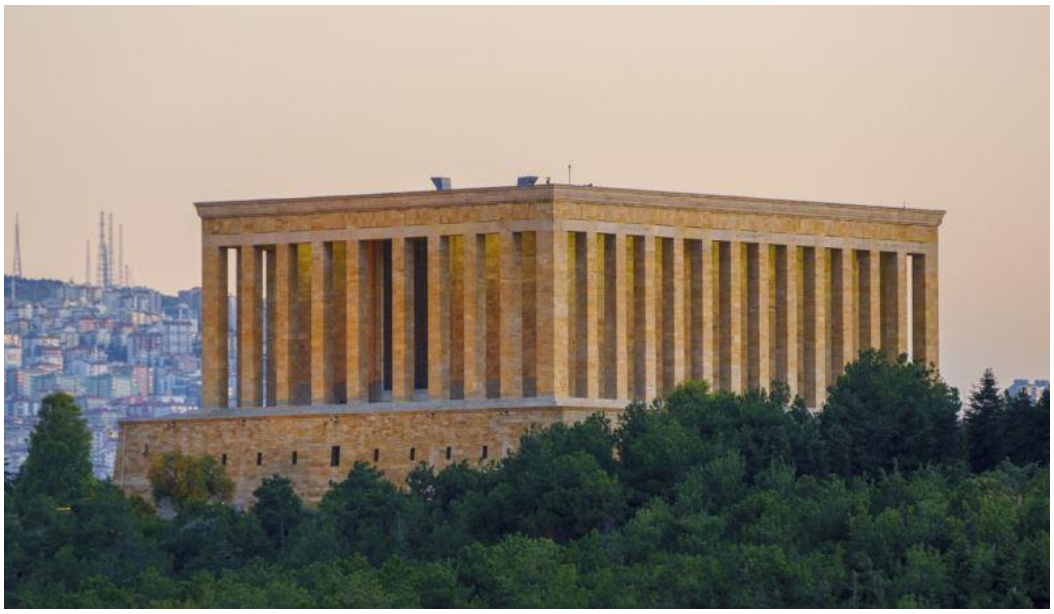
Where to Go in Ankara

In Ankara there are many attractive museums, mosques, archaic towns, temples, etc. Some attractive places to visit are listed below:



• **Ankara Castle (Citadel):** Ankara castle, whose exact construction date is unknown, is as old as the city itself. It is a must see in Ankara since it is so alive in spite of its old history. There are a lot of amazing antique and souvenir shops and a museum.

• **Anıtkabir:**



lt is the mausoleum of the leader of the Turkish War of lndependence and the founder of the Republic of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Anıtkabir features Turkish as well as Seljuk and Ottoman architectural and ornamental features. There are many statues, towers and a museum.

• **Hamamönü - Altındağ:** Hamamönü, which is a place reflecting traditions of the Ottoman Empire and Republic of Turkey, is a unique place worth to see. There are mosques, Turkish baths, museums, and parks.

- **Beypazarı:** Beypazarı is a town located about too km west of Ankara. In the Ottoman period, Beypazarı was a military base and was important for the local economy. Its carrots and mineral water are very famous. There are some museums, old buildings and many places to walk and picnic.

Cinemas

Following are the names and locations of cinemas popular among students. These cinemas are in the original language with Turkish subtitles:

Cinemaximum, ANKAmall Shopping Center No: 2/242, Bahçelievler Büyülü Fener, 7. Cadde 18. Sokak, Kızılay Büyülü Fener, Hatay Konak No:18, Prestige Bilkent, Bilkent Shopping Center No: 5. Cinemaximum CEPA, CEPA Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu, Kentpark Prestige, Kentpark Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu, Cinemaximum, Next Level Shopping Center, Eskişehir Yolu, Cinemaximum Panora, Panora Shopping Center, Oran, Cinemaximum Armada, Eskişehir Yolu No : 6/B Blok No: 188, Kızılırmak, Kızılırmak Sok. 21/A Kocatepe, Metropol, Selanik Cad. 76, Kızılay

Music

- Presidential Symphony Orchestra Hall: Talatpaşa Blvd 38/A Sıhhiye

- CSO ADA ANKARA: Talatpaşa Bulvarı, No: 38 Opera, 06330 Altındağ/Ankara

- State Opera and Ballet: Atatürk Blvd, Opera Meydanı, Ulus

- Bilkent Symphony Hall: Bilkent University (Buses leave from the bus stop at Tunus cad. and pass by the National Library Bus Stop at Bahçelievler 30 minutes before the concerts and return to these places after the concerts.)

- Sevda-Cenap and Müzik Vakfı: Tunalı Hilmi Cad. 114/43, Kavaklıdere provides monthly programs as well as sells tickets to most musical and dance events.

Museums

- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations: Ankara's most famous museum is located at Hisarpark Cad. Ulus. It is open daily from 8:30 to 17:30

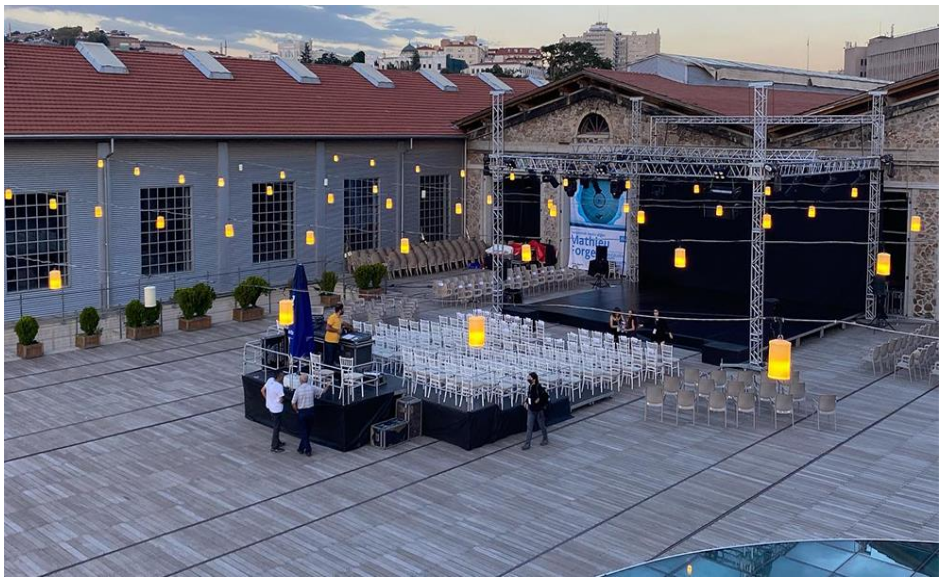
- Atatürk's Mausoleum (Anıttepe Cad. Tandoğan): Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00, the grounds are a pleasant place for walking and sitting

- Natural History Museum: MTA is next to METU on the Eşkişehir Highway. It is opened daily between 8:30 to 17:30

- METU Archeology Museum: Located near the Faculty of Architecture, the museum is open weekdays from 08:30 until 17:30 and exhibits items discovered from METU's own territories.

Art Galleries

Ankara has a number of Art Galleries featuring modern Turkish artists. These galleries are listed in publications of the Ministry of Tourism.



- **Cer Modern:** It is a center in which you can find one of the most precious presentations of modern art with several exhibitions and activities in Ankara. Its address is Altınsoy Street, No: 3 Sıhhiye.

- **ATO:** ATO Congresium & Exhibiton Center is one of the crucial basic stones of Ankara as an opening gate to the world with its exhibitions and activities and worth to see. Its address is Söğütözü Street, No: 1/A Çankaya

- **Kültür ve Kongre Merkezi (KKM):** The Cultural and Convention Center of METU, which encompasses the most recent technological facilities, is designed to host local and international conventions, seminars, meetings, conferences, concerts, other cultural activities and related services. The center consists of nine halls, two foyers, a restaurant, support and service units and benefits from the rich facilities and resources of METU campus.

Places to Hang Out

Yüksel Caddesi at Kızılay

It is a street with many cafeterias where students can play chess, checkers, backgammon and billiards. On this street, there are inexpensive and good restaurants as well as a number of bookstores.

Tunali Hilmi Caddesi at Kavaklıdere

A street filled with shops and small eating places. At the end is Kuğulu Park, a nice place to rest. BELPA Ice Skating Palace at Bahçelievler (Across from the National Library). It is a recreation center with an ice rink, chess, table tennis, gym facilities, a cafeteria and restaurant, and an art gallery.

7. Cadde at Bahçelievler

It is a street filled with cafes, small restaurants and pastry shops and cinemas.

Tunus Caddesi (Kavaklıdere)

A pedestrian walkway with many cafes, bars, restaurants with moderate prices.

100. Yıl İşçi Blokları

A neighborhood which is close to campus with groceries, bars and restaurants.

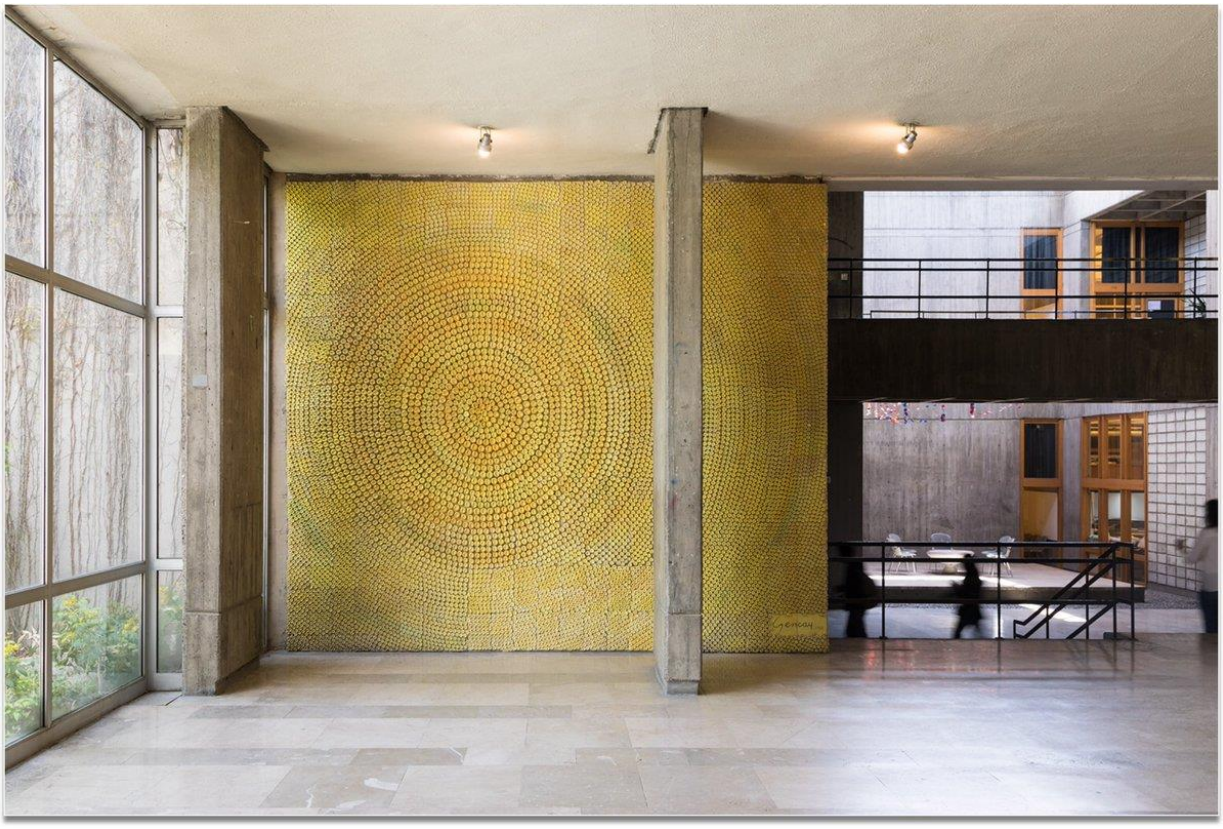
ABOUT METU



Middle East Technical University is founded under the name of "Orta Doğu Yüksek Teknoloji Enstitüsü" (Middle East High Technology Institute) on November 15, 1956 to contribute to the development of Türkiye and Middle East countries and especially to train people so as to create a skilled workforce in the fields of natural and social sciences.

METU as a pioneer of high quality university education in Türkiye, introduced new methods and innovations in research to Turkish higher education system. In its earliest years, part of METU was located in a small building that belonged Social Security Office of Retirees at Kizilay's Müdafaa Street and the other section was located in the barracks behind the TBMM (Türkiye's National Grand Assembly). In 1963, the University moved to its current campus location which is the first university campus of Türkiye.

In 1956, the first academic program to start education was the Department of Architecture. Then in spring semester of 1957, Department of Mechanical Engineering launched its academic program. At the onset of 1957-1958 academic year, the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Administrative Sciences were established. In 1959, the tasks undertaken to establish Faculty of Arts and Sciences were completed. Faculty of Education launched its academic program in 1982. Today, there are a total of 41 undergraduate programs in five faculties of METU.



There are 105 graduate and 70 doctorate programs available in Graduate Schools of Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Informatics, Applied Mathematics and Marine Sciences Graduate Schools. Marine Sciences conducts the academic program studies at İçel-Erdemli.

The language of instruction at METU is English. METU School of Foreign Languages takes the initiative to teach English to students at Preparatory School.

As a distinguished research university, METU has been committed to excellence in science and top-quality higher education since its foundation. Today, the University is proud to employ about 791 faculty (professors, associates professors etc.), 225 academic instructors and 1.273 research assistants. It is a great pleasure to offer education to over 30.000 students. The total number of the alumni now is above 140.000.

MISSION

METU's mission is to attain excellence in research, education and public service for society, humanity and nature by nurturing creative and critical thinking, innovation and leadership within a framework of universal values.

VISION

A pioneer university at international level, which transforms its region and the world.

WHERE TO EAT AT CAMPUS

The Shopping Mall in the campus-shopping district (called as "Çarşı) has a wide variety of eating-places, open from 8:30 to 23:30, to suit everyone's taste and pocketbook. For those who can spend a day at METU's lake, Eymir Lake, there are also restaurants and fast-food kiosks.

- Table d'hôte meal is served in the Student Cafeteria at noon and in the evening at weekdays. Every department has its own student canteen, and those canteens serve between 08:00 and 16:00. The cafes in various buildings usually serve lunch at noon. In those cafes one can also find soft drinks, coffee, tea, sandwiches, etc.
- The canteens in the dormitories serve between 07:30 and 23:30.
- The Shopping Center on campus is open between 08:30 and 23:30. In the Shopping Center restaurants serving hot meal, fast food, pizza, kebab, etc. can be found.

- **<u>Çarşı</u>**

The main shopping area of the campus have different options for eating-places. Zeynel Çilli, Susam, Central, Pizzacı Altan offer a variety of food options including the most traditional ones.



- **Kiosk**

There is a kiosk which is also located in Çarşı and quite popular with its grilled fish sandwiches. It might be a good option for your lunch breaks as it is also one of the most recommended things to do at Campus if you do not have a dietary restriction.



- **Çatı**

Located right next to the International Cooperations Office, Çatı offers open buffet with vegan options where you can pay as the weight of your plate with your own selection.



TRANSPORTATION

If you arrive in Ankara by bus, you can take the Ulus-ODTÜ dolmuş in front of the bus terminal (AŞTİ) or take subway (Ankaray) to Kızılay and take metro to ODTÜ. If you arrive by plane, from the airport take the Belko bus (442) or HAVAŞ bus into the city. The final stop will be AŞTİ bus terminal or Kızılay.

Detailed information about transportation to METU can be found in “How to Come to METU” document.

Campus Transportation

The main entrance to the ODTÜ Campus, 7 km. to the city center, is Gate A1 on the Eskişehir highway. In addition to A1, the gates A4- at the “100. Yıl” District end of campus, and A7- on the Bilkent road, can be used to enter and exit Campus. Access to the city is possible via the Ayrancı-ODTÜ, Ulus-ODTÜ and Kızılay-ODTÜ transportation routes.

You can use the following link to learn more about in-campus transportation and ring services:

http://tim.metu.edu.tr/Ringler

Rings that are on service at the time of the query may be viewed at:

www.ring.metu.edu.tr

Ankara Municipality's bus services (EGO) and subway (Metro) system can be used for intra-city transportation. Detailed information about the routes and hours of EGO buses is available at the URL https://www.ego.gov.tr/en.

It is possible to call a taxi from the dormitories at +90 (312) 219 5151

Traffic Rules, Prohibitions and Preventive Measures

- In the campus, the law "Road Traffic Regulations" dated 27.10.1996 and numbered 4199 is applied. The owners of private cars should abide by the following administrative Rules, Prohibitions and Preventive Measures. Those, who do not abide by the rules, are going to receive disciplinary measures. And if they repeat their actions, their stickers will be cancelled.
- Cars stop at the gates of METU and they can drive along only after the officers at the gates see the stickers on the cars. It is obligatory to stick the stickers on the window in front of the car. These stickers are bought from Directorate of Domestic Affairs. Those cars, which do not have stickers, must take visitor's card from the gates in order to enter the campus.
- Cars can park to parking places whose color match with the color on your sticker. The color codes of the parking places are indicated under the parking sign, which is "P".
- There are different parking places for academic personnel, administrative personnel and students; therefore, cars cannot park those places belonging to another group even for a very short period of time.
- Cars cannot park on the sidewalks of the main roads.
- Drivers should obey the traffic signs, speed barriers, and the warnings of the officers.
- The stickers cannot be transferred to or used by somebody else because they are given according to the status of that person. If this rule is violated, the sticker will be cancelled and the person will not receive stickers anymore.
- Motorcyclists must buy a sticker as well as drivers and they must wear a helmet.
- If you are caught violating the rules while driving (speed, overtaking where prohibited, going against the direction of traffic flow, performing illegal turning maneuver etc.) traffic officers will carry out the disciplinary procedures and if you are caught repeating your offence, your car will not be taken into campus any more.
- Maximum speed limit in the campus is 50 km per hour, but at places where there are more pedestrians, the maximum speed limit is 30 km per hour.
- Giving way to pedestrians and always wearing a safety belt is obligatory.
- Those students, with the sticker of the Cultural Convention Center Parking Area and Dormitories Parking Area, can only park in these places. Those cars having a local sticker (yellow sticker) can park in Cultural Convention Center Parking Area and Dormitories Parking Area as well.
- The students in the dormitory cannot take local stickers.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

***** There will be a session during the orientation program and you will receive a detailed information. You will collect the documents upon your arrival and submit them to your ICO Advisor. PLEASE DO NOT APPLY BEFORE THIS SESSION!!!***

After entering Turkey, all international students must apply for the Residence Permit at the Ankara Migration Office in one month. Here is what to do:

1. URGENT upon your arrival! Please check the necessary documents from here https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/ and give the documents to your Exchange advisor at METU.
2. Documents:
    I. Health Insurance: You have to submit a valid health insurance for application. Please make sure that your insurance also covers COVID-19 related expenses.
        a) If you made a health insurance in your country, bring it to your ICO advisor for approval.
        b) If you made a health insurance in Turkey, you can directly use it.

Minimum Policy Content of the required insurance (maybe subject to change over time)				
	Contracted Institutions		**Non- Contracted Institutions**	
	Annual Minimum Limit	**Contributions**	**Annual Minimum Limit**	**Contributions**
Outpatient Diagnosis Treatment	2.000. -TL	Insured : % 40 Company : % 60	2.000.-TL	Insured : % 40 Company : % 60
Inpatient Diagnosis Treatment	Unlimited	Insured : % 0 Company : % 100	20.000.-TL	Insured : % 20 Company : % 80

    II. Accommodation information
        a) Dorm: Letter from the director of your dorm
        b) Flat:

a. Rent contract (notary approved): if you've signed the contract of the flat yourself just rent contract approved by notary is enough.
b. Rent contract (notary approved) + confirmation document written by contract holder (notary approved): if you share the flat with someone, the signer of the contract must give a confirmation document approved by notary.

Closest notaries: http://www.tumnoterler.com/sehir/6-ankara/59-cankaya/312-balgat/

    III. 4 biometric photographs (write your name and surname on the back)
    IV. Passport
    V. Copy of the passport >> identity information page, Turkish visa page and all pages with stamps must be copied.

VI. Application fee: All students will pay **964 Turkish Liras** for application, the fee will be paid to Vakıfbank or Ziraat Bankası with the reference number **9207.** You will not pay any extra fees.

VII. Give all these documents to your ICO advisor at once, and not separately. (You will be informed by ICO by e-mail about the submission deadline and any update on application procedures)

Notes:

***Residence permit applications made through the e-Residence System must be completed *in* Turkey, and residence permit applications made from abroad are not accepted.**

***Please bear in mind that during personal application to Migration Office, you will be asked to provide your fingerprints for the records.**

***You may dial 157 for Migration Office Help Desk for anything you wonder about residence permit.**

STEP BY STEP COURSE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Your ID Numbers will be assigned very soon and you will be informed via email.

STEP 1: Get user name and password

1. Visit https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/ address and fill out the form.

- **SID** is your METU ID Number
- Choose your **METU department** from the list
- Write an **e-mail** which you are currently using
- You will receive a confirmation code to this e-mail address

2. Enter https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr with temporary credentials sent to the e-mail provided at first step.

- **User Code**: will be created by adding "***e***" infront of your METU ID and omitting the last digit of it. (*Ex: Your METU ID is **1234567**--- then your user code is **e123456***)
- **Password**: It is the one-time password that is send to your e-mail address as a result of the first step.

1. Specify your permanent password, recovery e-mail address and METU e-mail address.

THE FOLLOWING STEPS WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL DURING THE COURSE REGISTRATION PERIOD:

STEP 2: Start registration process

Use user name and password to enter the registration system.

Log-in to https://student.metu.edu.tr by your METU user name and password to enter the registration system and select program no **640.**

STEP 3: Course Selection

You will be able to see all available courses to you. Program allows you to filter the courses based on department, level and ECTS credits.

If you click on any course, you will be able to see detailed information about the instructor, time and place of the course, section and capacity of the course and course syllabus.

Each course has a capacity for exchange students which is mostly 2 and you will be able to register to courses on "first come first served" basis.

STEP 4: Adding Course

Decide on the instructor and section of the course you would like to register because same course may be offered in different sections by different instructors.

Click on "Add Course" button if you would like to register for a course.

Non- European ICM students should have minimum 30 ECTS credits.

After adding the courses, we strongly advise you to attend the first meeting of the classes and introduce yourself to the instructor as an exchange student.

STEP 5: Dropping Course

Control "Registered Courses" section at the end of the page. If you add any course mistakenly, use "Drop Course" button to drop the course.

STEP 6: Approval of academic advisor ***(deadline September, 25, 16:30 hr.)***

Please make sure that you **request approval of your academic advisor** after completing the course selection. Otherwise, the registration will not be completed. Your academic advisor's contact information is available in the profile section of the course selection program. After you get approval of your academic advisor, it will not be possible to make change on the course list.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS!

September 23, 2026: Beginning of the registration period at 14:00.

September 25, 2026: End of the registration period at 16:30.

September 28, 2026: Classes start.

***Please make sure that you get approval of your academic advisor after completing the course selection. Otherwise, the registration will not be completed*. Your academic advisor's contact information is available in the profile section of the course selection program.**

BEGINNING TURKISH COURSE

A **Turkish language course** will be offered only for incoming exchange students either by the Department of Modern Languages or the Department of Turkish Language on face-to-face format. It is a beginner level Turkish course. Therefore, exchange students who have some level of Turkish will not be accepted to the course and only those whose level is beginner will be able to enroll in the course. The ones who have some level of Turkish may take upper level courses from the Department of Turkish Language.

The course is usually **4 METU credits and 6 ECTS.** Those who are interested in taking the course are required to attend the orientation program between February 9 and 13, 2026 and also inform the course instructor about their level of Turkish by taking the proficiency test and plan to take it.

Course Name: BEGINNING TURKISH 1(BAŞLANGIÇ SEVİYESİ TÜRKÇE 1)
Course Code: TBD
Credit: 4 METU credits - 6 ECTS credits
Format: Face-to-face
Course Lecturer: TBD
Quota: (will be increased based on demand)

STUDENT ID CARD (SMART CARD)

GENERAL INFORMATION
Incoming students must have a valid student ID card (smart card) to use university facilities, use at the campus gates and to enter some classes in the departments. Student IDs can also be used as electronic wallets (E-wallet). Our students can electronically transfer cash from their bank accounts to their IDs and pay for the meals they have at the student cafeteria using their IDs instead of paying in cash. Student IDs are also used for entry to certain facilities on campus.

Cash Loading Point

Cash loading point is a device, the ownership of which is on METU, with a smart card reader and cash-loading unit. Via this device, to be used at Cafeteria, you can perform actions such as, deposit virtual money and getting a receipt. You can find this device at Cafeteria (Ground floor & Upstairs). (Important Note: The deposited virtual money via cash loading point can

only be used at cafeteria services.) The deposited virtual money via cash loading point is non-refundable.

In addition to the cash money loading system used in the Cafeteria, a Smart Card Online Loading Service is now available as of March 14, 2019. Users do not need to go to the Cafeteria to load credits on their smart cards anymore; they can use this service now available at https://odtucard.metu.edu.tr

Check→ https://bidb.metu.edu.tr/node/10160

To obtain an ID card, the steps are as in the following:

ID cards are valid through the duration which a student is registered to a program. Student ID cards are free of charge. However, a fee must be paid for renewal due to card loss, or student demand. In case of getting an official record regarding the loss of ID card which is provided by the police, security staff or any other official unit, student can make an application for a new card with this record without making any payment.

The bank account numbers in which the fee shall be deposited is indicated under the heading "Payments": http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/bank-account-numbers-other-services
The bank receipts must bear the student ID number, name and last name. The receipt must be retained as the bank will issue one copy only.
Information is provided on the website of the EGO Directorate for those who wish to benefit from student discounts in public transit fares.

HOW TO APPLY FOR IDENTITY CARD?

Students apply for identity card from the following link electronically.
http://cardinfo.metu.edu.tr/

In order to apply for identity card, you should have ODTU user code and password (You can get your user id and password from the following link:
https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/

Students who are responsible for paying identity card fee should upload the bank receipt to the system.
You will see your photo during the application if you have it on the system. You can use this photo or you can upload another one.

1. **Photograph Specifications**

1. The photograph should be 50 mm x 60 mm in size, in white background and without pattern.
2. Files must be less than 3 MB and png/ jpg/ jpeg/ gif formats are allowed for upload.
3. In the photo you should have a neutral expression with closed mouth and be facing the camera.

4. Eyes should be opened and clearly seen. Your hair should not cover your eyes and you should directly look at the camera.
5. You should center the head with the frame.
6. Accessories (like hat) are not allowed except glasses used not as accessorize.

2. Uploading photo to the system

Information about the photo upload can be found on the program. While uploading, photo should be centered in terms of shape and size. Applications not faithful to explanations about format of the photograph will be rejected.

3. Preparation of student ID cards

ID card application of students are controlled by the Registrar's Office, and appropriate applications are approved through the on-line system. Inappropriate applications (photo format problems, bank receipt problems, such as no bank receipt or mistaken bank receipt, etc.) are rejected. Students can track the application procedure, approval status of their applications and readiness of their ID cards through the application program (http://cardinfo.metu.edu.tr/).

In case of a rejected application, students should login to the program, make the necessary corrections, and complete their application.

4. Picking up the ID card

Students whose ID cards are ready can pick up their cards from their advisors at International Cooperation Office (ICO) when they are ready, in case of late applications, you should apply to Registrar's Office.

LOSS OF AN ID CARD

If found on Campus, lost ID cards are sent to certain units. You are, therefore, advised to ask to the following units.

- The Office of Domestic Services / President's Office / Ground Floor
- The Registrar's Office / Student Counters
- The Department Chair Secretary

It is not mandatory, but advisable to place an ad on a local newspaper and save the ad in case of loss of the ID card or its being stolen.
Since the ID cards bear a smart card feature and function as electronic wallets with money loaded on them, http://cardinfo.metu.edu.tr/ should be notified of the situation so as to block its usage by someone else. If this notification is not made, the risk and the responsibility lie with the student.

WHAT NOT TO DO REGARDING ID CARDS:

- Do not keep the card outside a wallet, and in particular in your trousers' back pocket
- Avoid its contact with water, oil, chemical solutions, etc.

- Do not staple or perforate the card
- Do not bend the card, or use it as a scraping device for ice, etc.
- Do not make incisions on the card with sharp and piercing objects
- Avoid the card's contact with hot surfaces
- Do not leave the card as a deposit since it functions as an electronic wallet

ID cards should not be given to others. Some of our students give their ID cards to people from outside university to enable them to enter the campus. Their intention in doing so is usually innocent and they do not consider the consequences of the conduct. This, however, is a serious misconduct which calls for the disciplinary action of SUSPENSION. Unfortunately, quite a few students go through disciplinary procedures and are punished due to this misconduct. Disciplinary actions are recorded in student files and are not subject to repeal. Therefore, we strongly remind you to be careful regarding this issue and refrain from behavior that will lead to consequences which you will regret in the future.

EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT METU

All exchange/Erasmus/visiting students are advised to register with their embassy in Ankara and put in embassy warden network. In case of any emergency regarding evacuation eventualities, embassies contact students and ICO. It is the student's responsibility to register with their Embassy.

In case of evacuation, ICO contacts all students and meets them at the International Cooperations Office (day or night). ICO staff takes students to the Embassy and learns about travel plans. ICO staff contacts each student's Study Abroad Advisor or other contact person that is specified on the records. ICO is responsible for having some money in cash in order to use in case of unexpected expenses. If students are on travel, ICO contacts students and informs them about the situation. It is the student's responsibility to come back to Ankara and to the meeting place.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES AT METU

METU has a Health and Psychological Counseling Center, shortly "MEDİKO" in Turkish, which serves all METU members with its several clinics and more than 50 health professionals. MEDİKO is the first resort for students regarding their health and psychological problems. Students apply with their Student ID Card to the Patient Reception Desk. The student's initial examination, tests, and treatment are carried out at the HGC within the capacity and in accordance with the regulations. In cases that call for further examination, tests and treatment, state and university or private hospitals are resorted to. There is a treatment fee as determined by the Council of Higher Education. This fee must be paid at the front desk for each visit to a physician. For detailed information, you can see **http://srm.metu.edu.tr/en/.**



MEDICAL CENTER CONTACT INFO:

- Phone: (312) 210 49 68
- Emergency Hotline: (312) 210 49 60
- Ambulance Call Center: (312) 210 41 42 (in campus only)
- http://srm.metu.edu.tr

Ambulance & Emergency Call Center number in all Turkey: 112

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

You can find the academic calender here: https://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/metu-ankara-and-erdemli-campuses-2025-2026-academic-year-calendar

September 21 – 25	Orientation Program
September 23 – 25	Course Registration and Advisor Approvals
September 28	Classes Start
October 12 –16	Add-Drop and Advisor Approvals
November 30- December 6	Course withdrawal period
December 31	Last Day of Classes
January 4 – 16	Final Exams
January 25	Announcement of Final Grades

BEFORE YOU LEAVE METU

Before leaving METU, you must be sure that you completed the clearance procedures:

- Make sure you returned all the books checked on you to the library. Failing to return the books you borrowed from the library before you leave Turkey will result in failure to send your official transcript to your home institution.

- When the study period is over, all smart cards must be returned to the International Cooperations Office.

- Erasmus+ students should sign their study period forms to their ICO advisor as well as their learning agreements to their departmental Erasmus coordinators at METU. You should also do not forget to take your certificate of attendance documents from our office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU AT METU!









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