

HOW to COME to METU (ODTU)



For incoming exchange students, METU International Cooperations Office does not have a pick-up service, unfortunately. But it is quite easy to arrive at METU campus and there are variety of transportation tools, as explained below.

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 US\$ 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 public buses called EGO with route number 442**. If you wish to take a taxi, metered taxis are also available from the airport to the city. If you choose this option, say "**ODTÜ, lütfen**" (**METU, please**) to the driver. Taxi fares to central locations within city are approximately US\$ 50-70 depending on your arrival time (arrivals after 11:30 p.m. means you pay night fare to the taxi you take, so the taxi fare increases). 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 US\$ 10-15. As drivers usually do not speak English, you should have your destination address on a paper to show the driver.



When you enter the campus with dolmuş or taxi (or on foot), the security will ask you to show your METU ID cards. Since you don't have them at the moment, please say that you are an Erasmus student ("Erasmus öğrencisiyim.") and they will let you pass.

Please contact your host as you arrive at the airport or enter the campus.

Take care and have a safe trip!



FROM ANKARA ESENBOGA AIRPORT

A-HAVAS Buses (Private Company)



Services between airport and the city terminal will be scheduled according to the arrival times of domestic and international flights.

You can check the hours from here: <https://havas.net/en/bus-services> in the bus service points section. You will choose from Ankara Esenboga Airport to Ankara-AŞTİ. Then you will select the date. Then you can see the bus schedule

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, Aydınlıkevler, 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: 50 TL (VAT incl.), around US\$2



If you want to take HAVAS shuttle buses to the city center, **we suggest you to drop in ASTI Coach Station if you are coming to METU directly since ASTI is just 5 km to our campus.** If you arrive after midnight and/or want to stay in a hotel for one night, you may also get off at HAVAS City Terminal in Ulus area which is just adjacent to Ankara's main football stadium (19 Mayıs Stadyumu) where there are many cheap hotels.

If you get off at ASTI Coach Station, you may want to take a taxi to METU campus. Our campus is about 5 km away from ASTI towards west-side of the city. Each time you enter METU campus, you will be asked to show your METU ID card. Since you will not have your card with you for the first time you enter the campus, please have your letter of acceptance ready to show the guards when entering the campus.

B-EGO Buses (BelkoAir Public Shuttle Buses)

Public Transport Bus Line: 442

Domestic Terminal: Arrivals floor, In front of passenger exit door.

International Terminal: Arrivals floor, in front of passenger exit door.



Bus Schedules(PLEASE CHECK THE WEBPAGE AS THESCHEDULE MIGHT CHANGE!!!)

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Getting to Campus from the City Center

METU is located about 7 kilometers from the center of the city at Kızılay. Transportation to and from METU campus is frequent and convenient. City buses (EGO buses), HALK buses, double-decker buses, subway and private minibuses (Dolmuş) have regular services from Kızılay (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 or subway, and must be purchased before boarding the bus. You can buy a card from the counters under the metro and load the card as much as you want. For Dolmuş, you must pay the driver when you get on the dolmuş. Price of the dolmuş is 17 TL.



If you want to use the subway, you can take the subway from Ulus, Kızılay or Armada (Söğütözü stop) to the direction of the “Koru” Station. You can get off the subway from the places where you see the red subway sign. When you get off at the ODTÜ stop, you will be in front of the A1 gate.



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 US\$ 15.



Another way to get to the campus from the train station is to use the subway. You can get off the metro at the Kızılay stop in front of the station and take the metro again from Kızılay, or you can come to the campus by bus or dolmuş.

