

**METU 2017-2018 SPRING SEMESTER
ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

FEBRUARY 5- 12, 2018

Venue: Cultural and Convention Centre, Hall A

NOTE: TFL 271 “Beginning Turkish I” is recommended for all of the exchange students and the visiting students. It is a 4-credit-course (6 ECTS credits) and will meet 42 hours total including the Orientation Week and throughout the whole semester.

Important Note: Info Sessions and Seminars are organized by ICO and it is strongly recommended for students to attend the official program. Evening activities (except the official Welcome Cocktail) and weekend trips are organized by METU ISEN (student club) and it is optional to attend those events.

5 February Monday

- 08:30 Host students will meet you in front of your dormitory and take you to the Hall
- 09:00-09:15 Opening Remarks
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hale Işık Güler, Advisor to the President, Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator
- 09:15-10:00 Introduction to METU and Orientation Program
International Cooperations Office (ICO) Staff
- 10:00-10:15 METU International Student Exchange Network (ISEN) Welcome Presentation
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:00 Info Session: “METU Health Center Presentation”
Briefing on How to Benefit from Medical Facilities at METU
Dr. İnci Pinar Öz Ulu, METU Medical Center
- 11:00-11:30 Info Session: “Briefing about how to use the computers at METU and ID Card Applications” *METU Computer Center*
- 11:30-12:00 Info Session: “Dormitory Registrations / Rules and Regulations”
International Cooperations Office (ICO) Staff
- 12:00-17:00 Lunch break and free time for tour of campus with host students: visit banks, PTT, register/buy cell phones or sim cards and *dormitory registrations*
(Dormitory registrations must be completed until 17:00)
- 17:00-19:30 Welcome Cocktail organized by ICO at Uptown Café/Bar in Cultural and Convention Centre
- 20:00-23:00 Ice-breaking Event organized by METU ISEN at Central Ankara Café/Bar (100. Yıl)

6 February Tuesday

- 09:00 Host students will meet you in front of your dormitory and take you to the Hall
09:30-11:00 First meeting and *placement test* of Beginning Turkish I Course
Instructor: Deniz Canan Atasoy, Department of Modern Languages

**Students who would like to take Beginning Turkish I Course must attend this meeting*

- 11:00-12:00 Info Session: "Adjustment to METU Campus and University"
Dr. Esra Eret Orhan, Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch break and free time for tour of campus with host students: visit banks, PTT, register/buy cell phones or sim cards
- 14:00-15:00 Seminar: "Gender Equality and Codes of Behavior"
Assoc. Prof. Dr. F. Umut Beşpinar, Department of Sociology
- 15:00-16:00 Seminar: "Turkish Customs and Traditions"
Assist. Prof. Dr. Besim Can Zirh, Department of Sociology
- 19:00 Meeting in front of the Sunshine Café to go to the Bowling Night organized by METU ISEN
- 22:30 Departure of shuttle bus to return to campus

7 February Wednesday

- 08:30 Host students will meet you in front of your dormitory and take you to the Hall
09:00-10:00 Info Session: "Residence Permit Procedures"
International Cooperations Office (ICO) Staff
- 10:00-11:00 Info Session: "Course registration procedures"
International Cooperations Office (ICO) Staff
- 11:00-12:00 Seminar: "Turkish Foreign Policy and Political Biases"
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Özgehan Şenyuva, Department of International
- 12:00-12:30 Info Session: TANDEM (Language Learning Program)
Dr. Gamze Karbi & Yeliz Akel, Department of Modern Languages
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break and free time for tour of campus with host students: visit banks, PTT, register/buy cell phones or sim cards
- 13:30-17:00 *Course registrations going on (in the departments)***
- 19:30-22:30 International Dinner organized by METU ISEN at Beer-All (100. Yıl)

8 February Thursday

Visit and lunch at Eymir Lake (provided by ICO)

- 10:30 Tour bus departs from in front of Rectorate Building (Rektörlük)
11:00-12:30 Free time around Eymir Lake
12:30-14:00 Lunch at "Kayıkhané" at Eymir Lake
14:30 End of the tour and return to campus

15:00-17:00 Course registrations going on (in the departments)

- 20:00 Meeting in front of the Sunshine Café to go to Welcome Party organized by METU ISEN at Rakun Café/Bar (100. Yıl)
23:30 Departure of shuttle bus to return to campus

9 February Friday

- 10:30-14:15 Advising Sessions with ICO Advisors
Venue: Main Library Building, Solmaz Izdemir Hall

- 10:30-11:15 *Eren Çalışkan*
11:15-12:00 *Hazal Gül Yaşa*
13:30-14:15 *Burcu Akpınar*

**Each student must attend the meeting of his/her own advisor. For other advisors, students may make appointment via e-mail and visit ICO.*

Course registrations going on (in the departments)

- 16:00 Meeting in front of the Sunshine Café to go to the Eskişehir Trip organized by METU ISEN

9-10-11 February: Eskişehir Trip organized by METU ISEN

12 February, Monday / CLASSES START.