The fall semester will be held fully on-line. Here is the announcement by the Presidency:

Dear Members,

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in order to determine the method of education for the Fall Semester of 2020-2021 academic year, comprehensive data have been collected by working together with all our academic departments, and various decisions have been made. This process of decision-making has been carried out while the priority was given to the well-being of students and faculty members. Keeping up with the recommendations and guidance of both the Council of Higher Education and the Ministry of Health on the ever-changing conditions of the pandemic, our university has been working on the decisions regarding the dorms, cafeterias, means of public transportation, and areas for common use on campus in order to achieve a safe, healthy and sustainable environment in terms of the risk-free use of these public areas.

With all these considered, the university senate gathered on September 4, 2020 to determine the method of teaching for the Fall Semester of 2020-2021 academic year. It was decided unanimously by the senate that all the courses for the Fall semester are to be offered with methods of distance education and that, depending on the course of the pandemic, the courses which have applied class hours will be re-evaluated as to whether to give extra time for these class ours at the end of the semester.

Due to the decision made by the senate, all of the academic departments are required to use distance education methods while arranging all of the courses they offer for the Fall Semester. Whether it will be possible to have an extra period to have Face-to-Face classes or not will be under consideration in accordance with the course of the pandemic. Therefore, for the time being, it does not seem possible to plan the Fall semester for this academic year (2020-2021) with an extension of time for the end of the semester. Among the courses that are planned to be offered in the Fall semester, there are some courses that require applied sessions (hands-on lessons). It is not certain whether the applied sessions of these courses will be transferred to the Spring Semester (2020-2021) or to a separate time period in summer in 2021 because not only are there unpredictable changes concerning the pandemic, but also the investigations on the updates of the current systems have not been completed. All of our faculty members and academic units will need to take all of these into account while planning their curricula and syllabi.

In the Fall semester of 2020-2021 academic year, during which the courses will be covered with methods of distance education and at the end of which the students will be given standard Letters Grades, it is essential that the faculty members that are teaching and the academic advisors be in a regular, supportive and healthy communication with our students. Regarding this, since the spring semester of 2019-2020, we have been continuously working to improve our distance education processes. Announcements and developments on this issue can be reached through: https://its.metu.edu.tr/uzaktanegitim/

As it has always been the case at our university, our sole purpose is to continue providing high quality education even during this tenacious pandemic. As members of the METU family, we believe in the fact that with the support of our students, academic and non-academic staff, we will complete the Fall semester of 2020-2021 with cooperation and constructiveness worthy of our university. We wish you a healthy and successful semester.
REGISTRATION


- The dates of enrollment are between September 30 and October 2.

- You have already submitted most of your documents through the application program. Between the dates given above, through the online form, you will submit documents to the University other than the ones you uploaded to the application program.

- Here is the list of the required documents for the registration. Please prepare soft copies of these documents if you did not upload them to the application program:
  - Passport identification page and if you are currently in Turkey, the last entrance page.
  - Turkish ID Card (only for those who have Turkish citizenship), Blue Card (only for those who renounced their Turkish citizenship), Residence Permit Card (only for those who have a residence permit in Turkey)
  - High School Diploma and Transcript (and their translation to either Turkish or English)
  - Equivalence Letter (in Turkish: denklik belgesi – only for those who got their high school diploma from outside of Turkey. The document can be obtained from the Turkish Embassy in your country if there is an Office of the Educational Attaché in the Embassy or from the National Education Directorates in Turkey: [https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/?culture=en-US](https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/?culture=en-US)) You may complete the registration form without uploading this letter.
  - English Proficiency Document (If you have TOEFL/IELTS/PTE Academic score)

VERIFICATION OF THE EXAMS

In the past years, in the registration week, we used to verify the exam results provided by asking students to login their CollegeBoard, ETS, IELTS, PTE, IBO, WAEC, QIYAS, DIM accounts. However, as we will not have this opportunity this year, we kindly ask you to provide your login information (username and password) for these webpages so that we will be able to verify your results. There will be a section on the online form where you will enter your login details for these webpages. Once we complete the verification, we will notice you and you may change your password.

If you do not want to share your login information, then you will need to send your score sheet directly from the exam board to METU.
DORMITORIES

- As the 2020-2021 Fall semester will be conducted fully online, newly-registered international students will not be allowed to register for or check-in to the university dormitories until the regular education starts at our university. Applications for dormitories will be collected online between the 19-30th of October 2020. The application link will be shared later. The final list of the applicants will be announced on the webpage of the Dormitory Management on the 2nd of November, 2020.
- Please note that the announcement of the list will not mean that the dorms will be accepting students. These lists will only be announced for information purposes, and no student will be allowed to register for or check-in to the university dormitories until the regular education starts at our university.
- Those students who apply after the 30th of October 2020 will be only evaluated after all students who apply to the dorms in the regular application dates are given a place in the dorms.

TUITION FEE PAYMENTS

- Tuition fees are paid at the beginning of each semester before the course registrations. Without payment, the system does not allow students to register for the courses. (For the fall semester, tuitions will be paid between 5th and 9th of October, 2020.)
- The tuition fees for the next academic year are as follows (See here for details https://iso.metu.edu.tr/en/tuition-fee)
  - Faculty of Engineering **1.662 TL** (per semester)
  - Faculty of Architecture **1.662 TL** (per semester)
  - Faculty of Arts and Science (Science Programs) **1.393 TL** (per semester)
  - Faculty of Arts and Science (Arts Programs) **1045 TL** (per semester)
  - Faculty of Economics and Administrative Science **1.256 TL** (per semester)
  - Faculty of Education **1.116 TL** (per semester)
- Please note that the following groups of students are exempted from tuition fee payments:
  - Students with the Turkey or Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus nationality
  - Students with a Blue Card (who have renounced their Turkish citizenship)
  - Students with Syrian nationality
  - Students with a scholarship from their country of origin or another institutions (You have to provide the scholarship letter).
  - Students who have graduated from the high schools listed here: link
- Exemptions given to the students listed above are not valid for GIA, BAS and TEFL programs.
• The medium of instruction at Middle East Technical University (ODTÜ) is English.
• Students accepted to the undergraduate studies will be exempted from the EPE exam and Preparatory School if they have the sufficient exam scores. Please see this link: http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/equivalence-table-english-language-exams-recognized-metu-undergraduate-and-graduate-students The following exams and scores will give you right to be exempted from the EPE exam and Preparatory School
  o TOEFL-IBT score that is equal to or higher than 75.
  o IELTS score that is equal to or higher than 6.0.
  o PTE-Academic score that is equal to or higher than 55.
  o METU EPE score that is equal to or higher than 60.

• In addition to the exams stated above, the below-listed students will be also exempted from the EPE exam and Preparatory School upon the evaluation of the Department of Basic English:
  o Nationals of English-speaking countries (countries where English is the official language)
  o Students who have attended and graduated from institutions of secondary education in a country where English is the official language and English being the medium of instruction in the high school graduated from.
  o If you are in this category, you should have received an e-mail from the International Students Office regarding the details of your exemption.

• If none of the above-listed points applies to you, then, you will have three options:
  o You will take the online placement test on 7 October 2020 and study for one year in the English Prep. School before starting your studies in your original department. The Prep. School will be online.
  o You will take the online proficiency exam on 6 October 2020 to skip the prep. year.
  o You will take TOEFL, IELTS or PTE-Academic and submit its score until October 23, 2020. (Home-edition versions of these exams are accepted).
Details of the English Placement and English Proficiency exams:

**Online English Placement Test (7th of October 2020)**

https://dbe.metu.edu.tr/yenikayit/

- The exam will be available at [https://odtuclass.metu.edu.tr](https://odtuclass.metu.edu.tr) website and each student will have a right to take the exam only once.
- Students should complete their user account and password operations until the 5th of October through the following link: [https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/](https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/)
- This exam is only for the purpose of measuring the English level of the students who will study Prep. Year and it will not have an effect on your English Proficiency Exam score.

**Online English Proficiency Exam (10:00 am, 6th of October, 2020)**

https://dbe.metu.edu.tr/prf/

- Only students who want to skip the English Prep. Year will take this exam. If you are already exempted from prep. year through an exam score (TOEFL/IELTS/PTE) or an exemption on the basis of nationality/medium of instruction at high school, you do not need to take this exam.
- The main purpose of this exam is to measure the English proficiency of students for starting their first year in their department. For the required scores, please see here: [http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/equivalence-table-english-language-exams-recognized-metu-undergraduate-and-graduate-students](http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/equivalence-table-english-language-exams-recognized-metu-undergraduate-and-graduate-students)
- A secondary function of the exam is exemption from the ENG 101 course, which is a must course for each undergraduate level student in their first year at the department. In case of having at least 84.5 points in the EPE exam, you will be exempted from this course with an AA grade. Otherwise, you will take this course in your first year in the department.
- Students with (i) an exemption on the basis of nationality/medium of instruction at high school, (ii) a TOEFL score between 75-105, (iii) an IELTS score between 6.0 and 7.5 and (iv) a PTE Academic score between 55-78 are exempted from the English Prep. Year but not exempted from the ENG 101 course. These students may take the EPE exam for the purpose of ENG 101 exemption, but please remember that in case you get a lower score than 60, then you will have to study English Prep. Year.
- You should have Safe Exam Browser installed on your computer and have the technical infrastructure for an online exam including a webcam. Further details will be shared before the exam.
HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER:

- **05 - 09 OCTOBER 2020**: Tuition fee payments – Detailed information will be provided later.
- **07 - 09 OCTOBER 2020**: Interactive Registrations and Advisor Approvals – Detailed information will be provided later. (Only for those who have skipped the Prep. Year or who will skip it after the Proficiency Exam)
- **12 OCTOBER 2020**: Classes Begin
- **19 - 23 OCTOBER 2020**: Add-Drop and Advisor Approvals (Only for those who have skipped the Prep. Year or who will skip it after the Proficiency Exam)

METU USERNAME AND PASSWORD:

**PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU GET A CONFIRMATION E-MAIL FROM THE UNIVERSITY ABOUT YOUR REGISTRATION**

Do not forget to get your METU username and password. You will need this username for every online service provided by the university.

**FIRST STEP:**

- Open this link [https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent](https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent)
- Write your student ID number to TCK/FID/SID (It is written in your acceptance letter).
- Choose your major (It is written in your acceptance letter).
- Write your own email and re-type it in the following field (Please do not use Hotmail, Outlook, Microsoft, Live email addresses)
- Write the code as shown in Image Validation. Then, click on “CREATE USERCODE”

**SECOND STEP:**

- Check the email address that you have written in the first step. You are supposed to receive an email from ODTÜ computer center.
- Copy the usercode and temporary password as written in the email into the usercode and password lines at this page [https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr](https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr) Then, Click on "SIGN IN"

**THIRD STEP:**

- Write your new password, which needs to be between 6-8 characters in length and re-type it in the following field.
- Write a recovery email that will be used in case you forget your password.
- Choose your ODTÜ email address (once set, it cannot be changed)
- Check “the Terms of Use” box.
- After making sure everything is correct, then click on "Create"
- Finally, you have created your ODTÜ username and password successfully. Now, you can sign out.

**YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER IS WRITTEN ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER, WHICH YOU MAY DOWNLOAD VIA THE APPLICATION PROGRAM.**
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO FREEZE THEIR SEMESTER(S):

- If you have skipped the Prep. year, you need to officially submit a petition to the Chair of your department. You may do this via email.

- If you will take the Proficiency Exam, please wait till the results of the exam. If you pass, you will contact the department chair. If you fail, you will submit your petition to the Department of Basic English. Please remember that prep. year students cannot freeze only first semester. Their freeze will be for two semesters.

- If you will not take the Proficiency test and study English Prep. year, you will submit your petition to the Department of Basic English. Please remember that prep. year students cannot freeze only first semester. Their freeze will be for two semesters.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUS COURSES AND CREDITS FROM ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:

- You may transfer your previous courses and credits from your previous university. To do that, you need to submit a petition to the chair of your department and attach the transcript and course descriptions of your previous studies. They will decide about the transfer of these courses and credits.

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For insider’s tips and recommendations about being an international student at ODTÜ, you may visit and follow the Facebook page and group of the METU MENTOR initiative.

http://facebook.com/groups/metuunion

https://www.facebook.com/metumentor/