



ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ  
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

# WELCOME!

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS  
GUIDE



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## **WELCOME to METU**

Dear Student,

We congratulate you on your acceptance to Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara Campus. Welcome to our University. During your life at METU, you will have the chance to get to know new people, new cultures, new surroundings and different aspects of academic study. During your journey at METU, you will also encounter some exciting challenges. We are here to help you deal with these issues starting from your arrival on campus till the successful completion of your study. We hope to foster an environment in which you can have a worthwhile & fruitful time at METU.

The Orientation Booklet you have received with the Orientation Program aims to provide you with useful information about Campus life and access to sources that will guide and support you during your education life here. You are advised to read this Orientation Booklet and keep it for reference purposes. The Orientation Program is designed to support your adaptation to Campus life, it also includes activities that will make you familiar with the University, Campus, friends and gaining different experiences in your first year. We strongly recommend you to join this rich and pleasurable program.

Your host student assigned to you will help you initialize your orientation to METU campus and to Ankara and help with bank matters, making phone calls to your parents and in general help you settle in at METU. Please go through the orientation package and read the materials carefully. The aim of the first day's meeting is to get acquainted and to go over the orientation program.

Wishing you all a successful and pleasurable education life at METU.

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## ■ ABOUT METU

Middle East Technical University, METU (Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi, ODTÜ), established in 1956 as a state university with an international mandate, has dedicated its efforts and resources to become a leading university in its region and the globe. It is the first Turkish university using English as the language of instruction at all disciplines and levels. With campuses located in Ankara (main campus, 1956), Mersin-Erdemli (1975) on the Mediterranean coastline and Northern Cyprus (2005) METU is the pioneering institution that has been the home of numerous innovations in Turkey in terms of research, education, social responsibility and community services.

METU campuses house a vibrant student life with more than 100 student clubs and host over 1000 academic, cultural and sports activities every year. Ankara campus enjoys a human-made forest of 32 km<sup>2</sup> receiving the prestigious Aga Khan architectural award in 1995.

### Key Facts and Figures

- 18,258 students enrolled in 43 undergraduate programs in 5 faculties: Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Engineering and Education
- All engineering programs accredited by the United States Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- 8,256 students studying in 176 MS/PhD programs in 5 graduate institutes
- 220 PhD degrees awarded per year
- More than 2,600 full-time highly qualified academic staff: 70% have PhD degrees from reputable universities of the world
- Over 2,000 international degree-seeking students from more than 85 different countries
- Over 850 global partnerships creating a flow of ~500 incoming students and ~100 incoming staff annually
- First ...  
indigenous rocket and prototype robot producer in Turkey



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internet service provider in the country

Turkish university with an overseas campus and Technopark and many more

Driving their research towards grand challenges of the globe, METU faculty members serve the local and international public through a wide range of laboratories exceeding 430 in number. Its highly concentrated research activities yield the university an annual revenue that accounts for more than 35% of all its expenditures. In 2018 METU has been granted the privileged status of “research university” by the Turkish Council of Higher Education (YÖK).

METU is the premier university in Turkey in terms of participation in EU Framework Programmes (FP5, FP6, FP7, H2020) with a total worth of 16 million Euros in 85 project grants received. The university boasts the highest share in EU competitive research funds brought to Turkey (9% among all institutions). It is also the top institution in national competitive funds with a total budget over 30 million US dollars for ~400 projects currently run.

METU Technopark has continually been awarded the Top Technopark of the year in Turkey by the Ministry of Industry and Technology. It allows for extensive cooperative research between the faculty and industry and currently houses 335 R&D companies and 4,500+ employees.

METU is the first and only Turkish university that has been listed among the Times Higher Education Index first 100 (85th on the Best Universities in the World list and among the top 60 on the Most Reputable Universities list in 2014). For 2018, METU has several academic disciplines listed in QS top 100 to 401-450 by subject. METU was also ranked the top university in Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index in 2013 and 2014 by the Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBİTAK) and is still the first among state universities.

Of 43 university-wide research centers, 31 are interdisciplinary which contribute to the integration of graduate programs and research. METU’s reputation as well as high standard of education has led to the creation of the ÖYP program (Faculty Development Program) which involves METU graduate programs training academic staff for the network of newly established 70 Turkish universities.



## ■ METU Campus – Useful Information

### *Where to eat on Campus*

The Main Student Cafeteria offers a fixed menu at noon and evening to all students at nominal cost. Additionally, students can choose from a variety of eating places, all inexpensive, in most buildings on Campus. Canteens and fast food eateries in these buildings are open from 8:00 until 16:00. There are canteens in dormitories as well. These are open from 7:30 to 23:30. The Shopping Mall in the campus shopping district has a wide variety of eating places, open from 8:30 to 23:30, to suit everyone's taste and budget.. For those who would like to spend a day at ODTÜ's lake, Eymir Lake, there are restaurants and fast-food kiosks.

### *Shopping*

Students will find convenient shopping facilities and personal services on campus. The Shopping Mall across from the Tennis Courts has a number of shops, including a variety of clothing shops, stationary shops, bookstores and pharmacy as well as a variety of fast food eateries. Next to this mall is a Super Market where students can buy a variety of personal needs and a small selection of groceries. In this general business area, there are hairdressers for men and women, a tailor and a shoe repairman.

The Campus Bookstore adjacent to the Super Market, and a small branch in front of the Main Student Cafeteria building, has textbooks for sale. Students will find Stationary Shops conveniently located on the ground floors of the Architecture Faculty building and the Economics and Administrative Sciences Faculty building.

### *Banks*

There are branches of five banks, namely İş Bank, Akbank, VakıfBank, Ziraat Bank and Yapı Kredi Bank, in the Campus shopping zone. There are also ATMs of these banks at various locations. In addition, there are ATMs of HSBC, ING Bank and



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Finansbank etc. all of which do not have branches on Campus.

The banks on Campus operate during working hours throughout the week and their phone numbers are as follows:

İş Bank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 38 91-92/210 2774/210 11 94

Yapı Kredi Bankası ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 38 88/210 14 14

Akbank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 10 72-73/210 38 98

Vakıfbank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 10 57-58/210 38 99

Ziraat Bank ODTÜ Branch +90 (312) 210 27 62/210 11 72/210 38 94

In order for you to use your local bank accounts within Turkey, you can contact your local bank before coming to Turkey. The banks on Campus operate during working hours (8.30-17.30) throughout the week.

### ***Post Office and Cargo***

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The Post Office is near İş Bank on the campus. Working hours for the post office is 08:30-12.00 and 13:30-17:00. All the telephone booths on ODTÜ Campus are card phones. These cards are available at the ODTÜ Post Office. The card phones can be found at the entrance of all the buildings of the university and at the post office.

The telephone number of the post office is 90 (312) 210 27 76. There is one cargo branch in ODTÜ called UPS, which is ready to give service. The address of this cargo branch is; ODTÜ Campus, EBI Shopping Center, No: 26 and the telephone number is 90 (312) 210 13 08.

### ***Campus Transportation***

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The main entrance to the METU 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 shuttle routes.

There is also a shuttle bus between campus stops and A2 entrance where there is a metro stop. The shuttles stop in front of the Cafeteria until 18:00 hrs. on week days; after 18:00 hrs. and on weekends they stop in the East Dormitories zone.

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 URLs <http://www.ego.gov.tr/EN/indexEN.asp> and <http://www.tim.metu.edu.tr/ego-hat-bilgisi>. EGO no. 133 bus can be used for transportation between ODTÜ metro station and campus center.



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Campus-City ring bus services are scheduled to run at certain times of the day and frequent in-Campus ring bus services (approx. every 15 min.) are available for students and staff.

- Departure times of the ring bus services are listed at the URL: <http://tim.metu.edu.tr/ring-services>.
- Alternatively, may also download a brochure of the ring system at: <http://tim.metu.edu.tr/system/files/ring-brosurA4-02-ing.pdf>.
- There is also a real-time interactive METU service which show rings at the time of the query: [www.ring.metu.edu.tr](http://www.ring.metu.edu.tr)

It is possible to call a taxi from the dormitories (+90 (312) 219 5151 / +90 (534) 854 8684)

## Campus Traffic Regulations

In addition to the provisions of National traffic regulations, drivers are to abide by the following measures and rules within campus to ensure driver and pedestrian safety and enable the smooth running of the traffic. Those who breach these rules and regulations will be subjected to penalties and their stickers will be invalidated.

- Drivers are to stop at the gates and make sure that the authorized personnel see their sticker before entering the campus.
- It is mandatory that the sticker issued by the Directorate of Internal Affairs be affixed on the windscreen of the vehicle. Cars without stickers may enter Campus on the condition that they obtain a visitor's card at one of the gates.
- To get a student sticker, you need to contact the Office of Internal Issues which is in the Presidency Building.
- Drivers are to park their vehicles in parking areas allocated for the type of sticker (color coded) they have. The color codes are indicated on signboards bearing the letter "P" in parking areas.
- Academic / administrative staff and students have been allocated separate parking areas. Drivers may not park in an area allocated for a different type of sticker even for a short period of time.
- Students having stickers for satellite parking areas may only park at the parking areas of the CCC and the dormitories. Vehicles with local stickers (yellow) may also use the satellite parking areas.
- A sticker issued according to a person's status may not be used by other persons or vehicles. Otherwise, the sticker will be invalidated, and eligibility for another sticker will be lost.

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- Drivers are not to park alongside or on the curb of any main artery.
  - Drivers are to obey traffic signs, slow down at speed bumps and barriers, and abide by the warnings of authorized persons.
  - If a breach of rule (high speed, a faulty overtake, driving wrong way, a faulty U-turn, etc.) is detected, the Traffic Authority will take action and if the breach is repeated, the vehicle will not be allowed into Campus again.
  - Motorbike riders are to get stickers and wear helmets.
  - The speed limit on Campus is 50 km/hr, except for pedestrian-dense areas where it is 30 km/hr.
  - Giving priority to pedestrians and wearing seatbelts at all times are imperative for the safety of all.
  - Students staying at the dormitories are not issued local stickers.

## **I Health & Safety**

### ***a. Personal Safety***

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Students choosing to study in Turkey will find people friendly and helpful towards visitors. It is a safe country; students can travel safely within most parts of Turkey. Though travel is safe, some common sense precautions should be taken. Hitchhiking is not always safe. Students should not carry large sums of money and should keep passports in a safe place in case their handbags might be stolen. Students are required to get a residence permit that should be carried at all times.

Students are urged to take precautions about personal belongings as they would at home. Students staying in the dormitories have a place where they can lock valuables including passports. They should not carry about large sums of money.

The main safety concern is traffic. Turkey has a high rate of deaths through traffic accidents. Students must take more precautions in crossing streets and care is necessary even when pedestrians have the right-of-way.

Transportation within cities is adequate and inexpensive. Inter-city bus service is good, safe and also relatively inexpensive. However, we advise students to use bus companies with better traffic records.

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### ***b. Political Issues***

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Being the major cities of Turkey, demonstrations by various groups may be held periodically in Ankara and Istanbul, but always in specific locations. International students are not advised to get involved in such demonstrations and in fact should avoid these locations during time of demonstrations.

### ***c. Health Issues***

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As all international students coming to Turkey travel outside Ankara and Istanbul during their stay, we advise them to have standard inoculations required of all university students. Students are advised to drink bottled water particularly outside Ankara. Restaurants are graded in Turkey according to the type of service and eating space. Eating in restaurants of all classes is generally safe as long as freshly cooked dishes are eaten. If you have any health problem relating food, you are advised to visit METU's Medical Center. Students can contact ICO and ISO office staff in case of serious health problems or case of emergency.

Over exposure to sun and dehydration should be guarded against in the summer particularly in the Southern regions of Turkey. Wearing hats is advised when touring during the summer.

Medical service in Ankara is adequate. METU has a fully staffed Medical Center on campus that provides for emergency needs as well as for minor health problems. Students are given emergency telephone numbers to use in case of illness or accidents while outside Ankara.



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### ***Using Medical Services at METU***

International students can apply to Medical Center for their health problems. Within the frame of facilities and legislation, examination and treatment of students are conducted in the center.

In situations requiring further examination and treatment, the student may be directed to another hospital. There are many state and private hospitals around METU and all around the city.

- The medical doctors at the center consult their patients from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 13:30 to 16:00 p.m, Monday to Friday.
- For other services, hours may change.
- For some services, such as psychological guidance, you should get an appointment.
- Emergency service is available 24 hours a day.

### ***Procedures to be followed at the Medical Center***

1. In the first step, you should take queue number from one of the kiosks located on the ground floor of the Center with your Student ID Card and apply to Patient Reception desk
2. A small ticket will be presented to you indicating the name of the doctor and your waiting line number at the Patient Reception desk.
3. You can enter the doctor's office when it is your turn
4. The doctor may require additional tests, in such situation you may apply to Laboratory or Radiology Unit inside the Medical Center.
5. The doctor needs your results for the treatment. If you get the results on the same day, you should go to your doctor without any extra procedure. However, if you get the results a few days later, then you need to apply to the desk and make the officer send your name to doctor via EMR software.
6. If a prescription is prepared, it will be printed out; signed and handed to you by the doctor. You should take "End Process (Sonlandırma)" number from kiosk to get your prescription stamped and obtain other necessary print outs.

Information about medical reports:

Students may miss their classes, exams etc. due to health problems. In order to take make up exams or to finish their incomplete tasks, they should get a medical report. For this medical report to be valid, it must be approved by the Medical Center.

Medical reports obtained from private doctors' offices are not accepted. If students get medical reports from other medical facilities at weekends or in emergency cases when on holiday, they

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must have their reports approved within three workdays. Otherwise reports will be invalid. Apart from official holidays and the periods that the university is closed, medical reports obtained from medical facilities outside Ankara are not approved.

**MEDICAL CENTER CONTACT INFO:**

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

**d. Natural Disasters**

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A major earthquake fault runs east to west through Turkey and smaller faults are found in the Southwest and Southern parts. While earthquakes are not expected in central Ankara, tremors can be felt. Since the major earthquake in the Istanbul region in August 1999, the disaster management procedures in Turkey have improved. Flooding may occur with heavy rains in some parts of Turkey and can be dangerous for travelers. However, there is always ample warning and travel restrictions to such areas are enforced at such times.

**e. Drugs/Alcohol**

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Students are advised that possession/use of drugs is strictly prohibited by law in Turkey.

The drinking age in Turkey is 18. Students not used to drinking should be aware of this rule. It is against METU regulations to drink in campus dormitories and on campus.

## **Art & Culture at METU**

There is a wide variety of cultural and art clubs at METU from Theathe Club to Musical Society that organize many activities throughtout the year.

A full list of ‘Student Clubs and Societies’ at METU can be found below. For further information about these student clubs, you can visit: <http://kim.metu.edu.tr/en/student-clubs-and-societies>

There is a student club called METU ISEN which works for the benefit of Erasmus+/Exchange students. Being a member of this club is strongly recommended for exchange students in order to be informed about various activities and to join campus life easily.

For degree seeking international students, being a member of METU International Students Association (MISA) is recommended throughtout their stay in Turkey.

You can also follow some cultural activities from the web page of Cultural and Conception Center where many of the cultural events take place: <http://kkm.metu.edu.tr/>

Every year, the student groups and societies of the Office of Cultural Affairs and the Office of Sports organize various cultural, sports and arts events like concerts, exhibitions, performances and conferences which amounts to a total number of almost 1000. In order to become a member of these groups and participate in the activities, one should apply to the Office of Cultural Affairs and Directorate of Health, Culture and Sports, and fill out a membership form.

You can view the activity calendar of the student clubs subordinate to Office of Cultural Affairs via <http://kim.metu.edu.tr/>

#### List of Student Clubs:

Aerospace Students Society (MASS)  
Amateur Astronomy Club  
Amateur Photography Society  
Archeological Society  
Architecture Club  
Atatürk's Thought Club  
Biology and Genetics Society  
Birdwatching Club  
Book Club  
Business Club  
Chemistry Society  
Cinema Club  
Classical Guitar Society  
Computer Club  
Communication Club  
Construction Club  
Contemporary Dance Group  
"Çocuk Aklım" Society  
Debate Club  
Design Society  
Economics Society  
Education Club  
Environmental Society  
Eurasia Club  
European Students Forum Club  
European Society of Technology Students  
Far East Society  
Fine Arts Club  
Food Society  
Foreign Policy and International Relations Society  
Gastronomy Club  
Geology Club  
Go Club  
History Club  
IEEE Student Society  
İlk-Yar Society  
International Student Club  
International Student Exchange Society

International Trade and Logistics Society  
International Youth Club  
Japanese Culture Society  
Jazz Society  
Lodos Society  
Material Sciences Club  
Mathematics Society  
Machinery and Innovation Society  
Media Society  
METU Animal Lovers  
METU without Barriers Student Club  
Modelling and Simulation Society  
Music Societies  
Musical Society  
Philosophy Society  
Physics Society  
Political Sciences Club  
Productivity Club  
Professional & Business Ethics Club  
Psychology Club  
Radio Society  
Research and Development Society  
Robot Society  
Science Fiction & Fantasy Society  
Science & Future Society  
SIAM Student Club  
Social Democracy Society  
Socialist Thought Club  
Sociology Club  
Statistics Club  
Sustainable Production Society  
Theatre Club  
Turkish Classical Music Club  
Turkish Folklore Club  
Turkish Language Society  
Wildlife & Nature Research Society  
Young Entrepreneurs Club  
Young Authors Society

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## ■ Sports and Recreation

There are various sports and recreation activities in METU sports environment; students can choose from a wide array of challenges for all skill levels.

All sports facilities are open to any student or group of students between 9:00 and 17:00 daily. While indoor sports gymnasiums are open until 17:30 at weekends, they are usually reserved for teams in the early evening and for several hours during the weekends.

The Sports Center is available to our students between 08:00-17:00 on weekdays, between 14:30-20:45 on Saturdays and between 12:00-15:30 on Sundays (for further information, you can visit: <http://www.metu.edu.tr/sports-facilities>).

Students can participate in METU sports activities at two levels. Those with good skills in a sport, or those who wish to develop such skills, can join one of the sports clubs. Or, students may participate in sports more informally. Sports clubs (Spor Dalları) and teams (Spor Takımları) are co-ordinated by the Directorate of Sports which is within the Administrative Office of Health, Culture and Sports. Each club or team has an Academic Advisor, a Coach and a Student Captain. Generally, students can join these clubs or teams at the beginning of the academic year.



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Students who wish to borrow equipment, or use facilities should make arrangement with the Sports Director. Just drop by the office on Monday mornings and tell when, during the week, you would like to use any of the facilities. The Sports Director office is on the main floor of the Large Gymnasium (Büyük Salon). Students are also encouraged to form teams to play soccer, basketball or volleyball or any other team sport. Student from one country may wish to form a team or just a group of friends can form a team. Each team should appoint a leader. The leader can contact the Sport Director who will arrange matches.

The following sports facilities are open for all METU Students:

- 3 Gymnasiums
- A football stadium (grass field) with seating capacity of 10,000
- An artificial grass football field
- 6 football fields of various sizes
- A cricket field
- 12 tennis courts
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Outdoor volleyball courts
- Table tennis (In Department Buildings)
- 2 Life Courses (5 km. and 2 km.)
- A Body Building Hall
- A Gymnastics Hall
- Olympic-size indoor swimming pool
- Outdoor swimming pool



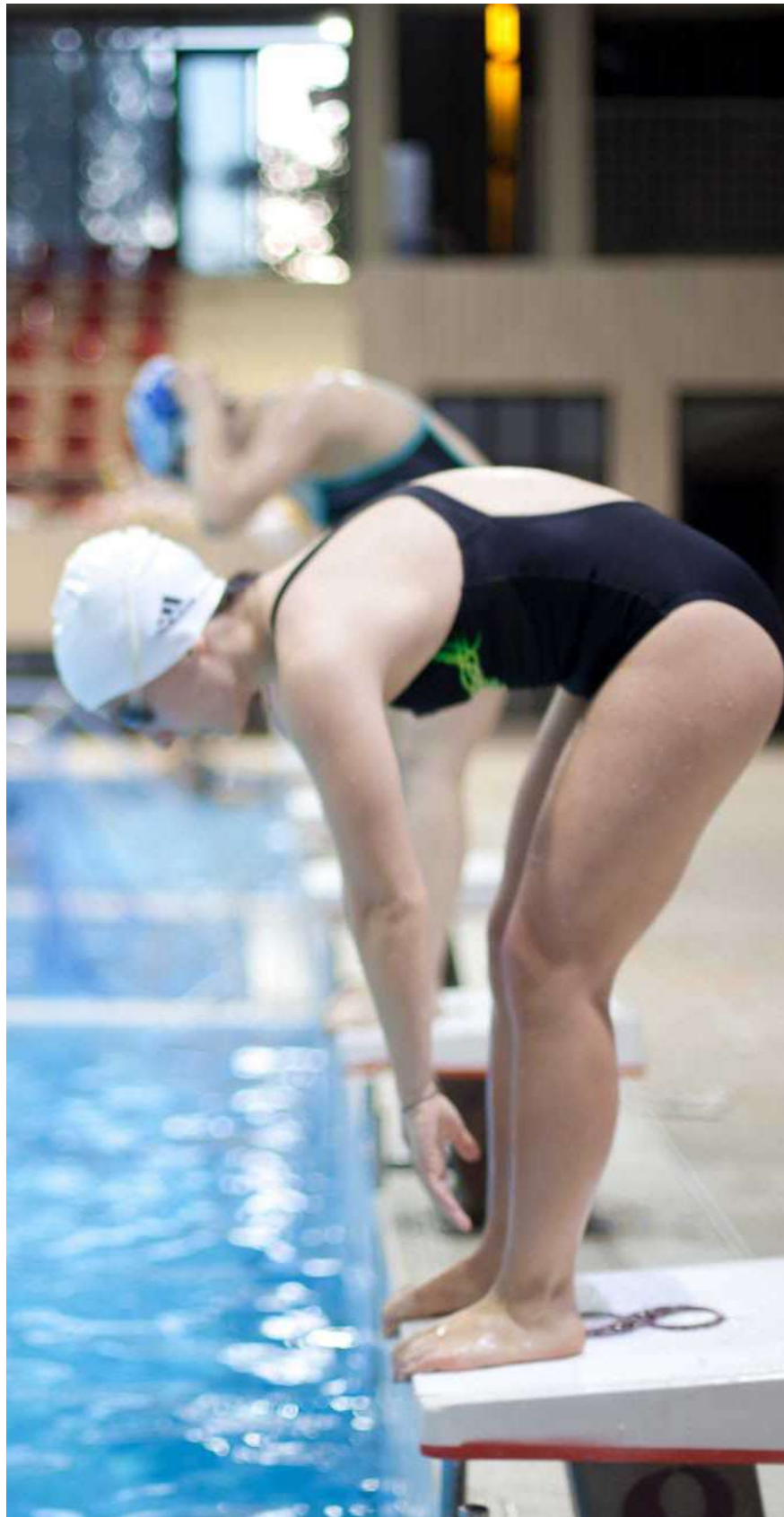


Below is also a list of some sport teams/clubs:

TEAM-CLUB	MALE-FEMALE
AIKIDO	Male-female
AMERICAN FOOTBALL	Male
BADMINTON	Male-female
BASKETBALL	Male-female
BILLIARD	Male-female
BRIDGE	Male-female
GYMNASTICS	Male-female
CYCLING	Male-female
SKI/SNOWBOARD	Male-female
RESCUE/FIRST AID	Male-female
CARTING	
FENCING	Male-female
ROWING	Male-female



KARATE-DO	Male-female
TABLE TENNIS	Male-female
TENNIS	Male-female
ARCHERY	Male-female
ORIEENTERING	Male-female
CHESS	Male-female
SWIMMING	Male-female
ICE HOCKEY	Male-female
FREE DIVING	Male-female
UNDERWATER HOCKEY	Male-female
CYCLING	Male-female
WATER POLO	Male
HANDBALL	Male-female
FRISBY	Male-female



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JUDO	Male
COUPLE DANCING	Male-female
CRICKET	Male
CARTING	Male-female
TAEKWONDO	Male-female
SAILING	Male-female
VOLLEYBALL	Male Female
RUGBY	Male
FOOTBALL	Male-female



## **Campus Accommodation**

METU provides a variety of accommodation services within the campus for international students. For detailed information, you can visit <http://www.metu.edu.tr/accommodation>. You can stay at METU dorms after your university registration. However, it should be noted that available rooms are limited for international students.

Apart from dormitories, based on your economic situation and preferences, you may rent an apartment close to ODTÜ Campus; in 100. Yıl, Bahçelievler, Çukurambar, Balgat, Çiğdem, Karakusunlar neighborhoods etc. METU's volunteer/host students may help international students to find off-campus housing. Those who arrive earlier than the start of the orientation program have the chance to stay in temporary campus dorms.

Registration for permanent dorms is the responsibility of the incoming students. However, volunteer/host students help incoming students to register to their dorms. Each dormitory has a full-time director and students who choose to stay in METU campus dormitories agree to follow the rules of the dormitories listed below:

### ***Rules To Be Followed in Dormitories***

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The students who reside in dormitories are liable to behave in a way that is appropriate for a university student and to abide by the Rules and Regulations Governing the Dormitories and the Decisions taken by the Executive Board of Dormitories both of which have been announced on the dormitory notice boards as well as the following rules.

1. Attendance is taken by the dormitory personnel every day latest by 7:30 a.m. Students who leave the dormitory before attendance is taken must inform the dormitory information desk personnel and have their name written. Otherwise, they will be considered absent and procedures will be initiated accordingly. Students must sleep in the dormitory, room and bed allocated for them.
2. Students can take a leave of absence for 20 weekdays every semester (excluding official holidays). Students who will spend the night out must obtain permission by filling out the "Notification Form for Students Who Will Spend the Night Out" which can be found at dormitory information desks. Students who wish to take a leave for more than 3 weekdays must apply to the Director of their dormitory by submitting a relevant petition and must additionally fill out the abovementioned form. In cases of emergency when a student cannot return to the dormitory, s/he must call the Director of the dormitory or the dormitory information desk. (Permissions obtained to stay at home are valid from Friday to Sunday evening.)
3. Students who come to/leave their dormitory after midnight must fill out and sign "The List of Students Who Came to/Left the Dormitory after Midnight" found at the information desk. Students who will spend the night in the computer lab must write their names on the "List of Students Going to/Coming from the Computer Lab". They receive a "Laboratory Study Form" at the information desk of their own dormitory and submit it to the information desk in the dormi

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tory where the computer lab is. The dormitory personnel writes the entry time of the students, and then the personnel in the computer lab writes the entry and exit times and signs the form. Students must request the dormitory personnel to write and sign the exit time before going to their own dormitory. They submit the “Laboratory Study Form” to the information desk at their own dormitory.

4. Students must present their student ID card bearing the dormitory barcode if the personnel asks for it when they are entering or leaving the dormitory.

5. Failures in services such as electricity, water, etc. noticed by students are recorded on “..... Dormitory Daily Failure Report Form” found at the information desks.

6. Only one electronic kettle can be kept in the rooms.

7. Irons can be obtained from the information desk in return for a student ID card. Students are not allowed to use irons of their own to avoid electric leakage etc.

8. Students residing in the dormitories can visit their friends staying in other dormitories between 2 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Once a visitor arrives, the information desk personnel announces the name of the student being visited. The visiting student and the student jointly fill out the “Visitor Registration Form”. The visiting student gives his/her student ID card bearing a dormitory barcode to the information desk. The student who leaves the dormitory after paying the visit writes the exit time on the “Visitor Registration Form”, signs the form and gets his/her ID card back. Other visitors are not allowed to enter the rooms. The location for such visits has been specified as the dormitory canteen until 11:30 p.m. Requests for a special-case visits are evaluated by the dormitory director, who is authorized to grant permission.

9. It is forbidden to smoke in all closed areas in accordance with Turkish Code numbered 5727 and 5326 which the former refers to.

10. Each student staying in a room is liable to keep the rooms and beds clean and neat, not to leave food out, and damage the fixtures, walls and doors by writing or hanging pictures on them. In case of damage, the dormitory administration is informed and the student/students who caused the damage is/are made to compensate all the damage.

11. Dormitory fees are deposited in the specified bank account by the 25th of each month without need for any warning and the receipts are submitted to the information desk.

12. The dormitory administration must be informed about any problem related to dormitories on time.

13. It is necessary to keep the kitchens clean, not to leave any food remains and dirty kitchenware in the sinks, counters and dinner tables, and to keep the shower trays and sinks clean after use for your health and in accordance with the rules of living together.

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14. Noise should not be made in the corridors and rooms and music and musical instruments should not be played in a manner that will disturb others; the lights should be turned off in the rooms after 12 p.m, demands of fellow students must be taken into consideration when they are disturbed by the noise caused by the computer keys, and study rooms should be used as much as possible after 12 p.m.

*\* It is necessary to protect the environment and the green areas.*

**Respect for yourself and your friends entails compliance with the above-written rules. Sensitivity regarding these issues is of great significance.**

*\*Please bear in mind that rules and regulations for METU guesthouse, where graduate students accommodate, may be different.*



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## ***Frequently Asked Questions About Dormitories***

### **How can I register to the dormitories?**

During the registration, you are required to fill the dormitory application forms, pay the dormitory deposit and fixed cost fees. The deposit and fixed cost fees are paid one time only while you register, and the deposit will be returned when you leave the dorm. Also, you are expected to provide 3 passport-size photographs, and the photocopy of the first page of your. Finally, the administration will finalize your registration by giving you the room you will be staying, and directing you to the storage unit where you will receive your bed clothing and room keys.

### **What is the procedure when leaving the dormitory?**

When you are leaving the dormitory, be sure that you have no unpaid dormitory fee from the previous months, and pay the fee of the days you stayed until the day you leave by taking a payment directive from the reception to the bank. Later, give back the provided bed clothing and room keys to the storage unit where you will receive a note to be given to the reception. The administration will complete the leaving procedure by writing the refund form of the deposit which you paid when registering.

### **How can I get my deposit back?**

You are required to apply to the Dormitory Administration in the 2nd dormitory with the deposit refund document that you received when leaving the dormitory. Then, the office will direct you to another unit in the rectorate building. After the procedure here, you can receive your deposit by going to the bank defined.

### **When and how can I pay the dormitory fees?**

The last day for the payment of dormitory fees is 25th of each month. Until this date, you can pay to one of the banks inside the campus, and leave the document you will receive from the bank to the reception of the dormitory by writing your name, surname, room number, and bed number.

### **How can I get the document that states I stay in the dormitory for the residence permit?**

You can receive the document stating that you stay in the dormitory by applying to the dormitory administration and giving them your room and bed numbers.

### **What should I do to access the Internet from my room?**

After you complete your registration and your information is uploaded to the system, you should enter the website <https://netregister.metu.edu.tr> with the user name and password given to you, and define the device to the system.

### **How do I change my bed clothing?**

The bed clothings are changed once in every 15 days periodically except for the weekends and official holidays. You can change your bed clothings by following the announcements and notices during the work hours in the storage unit.

### **What should I do in case of a malfunction?**

You should write the malfunction you encounter in your room or floor to the malfunction file in

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the reception in order for them to be fixed.

#### **How can I use the laundry room and iron services?**

You should write your name to the available hours in the laundry room file in the reception to use the laundry room. In the beginning of the hour you wrote your name to, you will receive the keys of the laundry room in exchange of your student ID card from the reception. When you want to use the iron, you can receive an iron from the reception in exchange of your student ID card as well. (P.s.: The iron can only be used in the laundry room in order to prevent possible accidents.)

#### **What should I do if I lose my room or closet keys?**

After notifying the storage supervisor about the lost keys, you can receive a master key by paying the fee for lost keys, and have them multiplied in the locksmith downstairs of 1st dormitory. (The master keys must be returned to the storage as soon as possible.)

## **Using Library Services**

International students can use METU Library and online library services with their ID cards and user passwords. At the end of the semester, students must be certain that they have neither books checked out nor fines due. Please note that before leaving METU at the end of the study period, students will be asked to submit a library clearance.

You can check the library web page at <https://lib.metu.edu.tr/>

#### **Working Hours**

##### **Academic Semester & Summer School:**

Monday-Friday 08:45-23:30, Saturday-Sunday 09:00-23:30

##### **For working hours at holidays:**

<https://lib.metu.edu.tr/library-hours>

#### **Borrowing Rules**

The maximum number of books that can be borrowed and the duration of borrowing depends on the type of your study. Please refer to the following table.

#### **Long Loan**

PhD Stud.	25 Books	30 Days
Master Stud.	20 Books	30 Days
Undergrad. Stud.	15 Books	15 Days

#### **How to Borrow a Book from METU Library?**

1. Use the computers available at the entrance of the library (near the desk) to access the library catalogue.



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2. Type in your search, choose from the pop-up menu to search according to title, keyword, subject, or author and click the “Search” button.

3. You will then be provided a list of books that match your search. Click on the name of the book you are looking for.

4. A page including location, call number and availability details of the book will be displayed. Take note of the call number. You can also click on the “View Shelf Location” button to see an illustration of where the book is located. If the book is located in the Book Stacks Collection, you need to click on the “Request from Stacks” button and fill out a form following the instructions. More information about how to collect these books is available in this form.

5. Find your book in the library hall according to the call number and proceed to the circulation desk in the ground floor.

6. Present your student ID card and the book to the desk attendant. You have now borrowed the book.

7. You can access the details of the books you borrowed (including the due dates) using this link: <https://library.metu.edu.tr/patroninfo>.



## ■ Courses and Grading System at METU

You can reach the course catalogue of METU via: <https://catalog.metu.edu.tr/>

The courses offered during certain semesters can be checked also by:  
[https://oibs3.metu.edu.tr/View\\_Program\\_Course\\_Details\\_64/](https://oibs3.metu.edu.tr/View_Program_Course_Details_64/)

- Please bear in mind that class attendance is required at METU. Students with excessive absences can be denied the right to take the final examination.
- For each course taken, the student is given one of the following grades by the course instructor. The letter grades, coefficients and percentage equivalents are given below.

PERCENTAGE	COURSE GRADE	COEFFICIENT
90-100	AA	4
85-89	BA	3.5
80-84	BB	3
75-79	CB	2.5
70-74	CC	2
65-69	DC	1.5
60-64	DD	1
50-59	FD	0.5
49 and below	FF	0

I- Incomplete, S-Satisfactory Completion, U-Unsatisfactory, P-Satisfactory Progress, EX-Ex-empt, NI-Not Included, W-Withdrawn , NA-Not attendance

- Some instructors at METU skew their grading towards the lower end. Check to see if your instructor is one of these.
- Be sure you understand homework requirements.
- Instructors usually announce midterms at the beginning of the semester. Dates for the final examinations are set by a central office near the end of the term.

## ■ 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 hospitality, friendly nature and good humor.

## ■ Key Facts and Figures

Formal Name: Republic of Turkey

Declaration of the Republic: October 29, 1923

Capital: Ankara

Large Cities: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa (four most populated cities)

Official Language: Turkish

Total Area: 814,578 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 80.810.525 (2017 census)

Currency: Turkish Lira (TL)

Time Zone: EET (UTC+3)

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

Internet 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://diplomatic.mfa.gov.tr/#/diplomatic-list/diplomatic-missions>

## ■ Registration of Mobile Phones

If you are bringing your phone from your country, you must register your phone in 30 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 phone companies (Turkcell, Vodafone, Avea) Abone Kayıt 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.

## ■ Emergency Contact Numbers

In case of an emergency, you may use the relevant phone number from the following list:

Police: 155  
Ambulance (in campus): +90 312 210 4142  
Ambulance: 112  
Fire Station: 110

## ■ 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). Coins and banknotes are demonstrated as follows:

Coins: 5 kr, 10 kr, 25 kr, 50 kr, 1,

Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 TL.



Current USD/TRY rates can be accessed via: <https://m.tr.investing.com/currencies/usd-try>

## ■ Cost of Living

Cost of living in Turkey depends on your location and choices. The table below can give you an idea of approximate sample prices from Turkey:

Item	Cost
Bread 300 gr	1-2 TL
1 kg cheese	25-30 TL
1 lt water in grocer's	1,5 TL
1 kg sugar	8 TL
1 kg flour	5 TL
1 kg chicken	15 TL
A dozen of eggs	10 TL
1 kg veal	50-60 TL
A cup of coffee in a moderate coffee shop	8-10 TL
Coke 330 ml (in supermarkets)	3 TL
Hamburger	15 TL
Bus/Subway tickets for students	1.75 TL
Dolmuş (minibus)	3 TL
Movie ticket for students	13-16 TL
Theatre ticket for students	10 TL
1 lt fuel oil	6-7 TL
Meal at inexpensive restaurant	20 TL

## ■ 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 top 40 of the world. 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 Üzüümü".

## ■ 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 km<sup>2</sup>

Elevation: 938m

Population: 5,445,026 (2017 census)

Time Zone: EET (UTC+3)

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 fall 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 oC (39 oF) and in summer 27 oC (80 oF). In Western Turkey, the climate is mild Mediterranean with an average winter temperature of 9 oC (48.2 oF) and with an average summer temperature of 29 oC (84.2 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 oC (73.4 oF) in summer and in winter is -2 oC (28.4 oF) in winter. On the other hand, the Black Sea climate is wet, warm and humid (summer 23 oC, 73.4 oF and winter 7 oC, 44.6 oF). The hardest weather conditions in winter occur in Eastern and South Eastern Anatolia an with average temperature of -13 oC (8.6 oF), and an average temperature of is 17 oC (62.6 oF) in summer.

## ■ Transportation

### By Plane

For your travel, you can choose any of the flight companies to get your ticket which offer either direct flight to Ankara Esenboğa International Airport (ESB) or a connecting flight through Istanbul.

There are two options for getting into the city center from ESB Airport, which are airport buses operated by BELKO and HAVAS busses. The price is around 12 TL. This is the most convenient economic way of reaching the city center. The final stop of these buses is AŞTİ bus terminal. You can also take a cab to come from the airport to the city center which will cost approximately 100 TL.

### By Train

Ankara can also be reached from many cities by train. From Europe, you can first get into Istanbul from Bucharest, Russe, Sofia, Plovdiv, Dimitrovgrad and Svilengrad and go on to Ankara through a bus. From the Middle East, railway connection between Turkey and Iran is provided by Trans-Asia train which serves once a week between Istanbul-Tehran-Istanbul or once a week between Van-Tabriz-Van. When you arrive at Van it is possible to come to Ankara by changing the train.

The train station in Ankara (Ankara Central Railway station –GAR) is located north of Kızılay Square. In front of the station you can find the EGO buses to reach into the city center. About ten minutes of walking distance from the station, by the amusement park named as ‘Gençlik Parkı’, there is a tube station which has services to a number of central locations in the city. Since 2014, High-Speed Train travels between Ankara-İstanbul (Pendik) and it takes 3,5 hours. For more information, you can visit Turkish State Railways webpage: <http://www.tcdd.gov.tr/> .

### **By Bus**

Most of the bus companies have international services to Istanbul. After your arrival to Istanbul, you can easily find a direct bus to Ankara. Bus trip from Istanbul to Ankara takes around five hours and one way fare is about 75 TL. The buses terminate at the bus station named AŞTİ. AŞTİ is connected to the Kızılay Square and a number of other central locations by a tube line. In order to get to METU you can take the Ulus-ODTÜ mini bus called ‘Dolmuş’ or EGO bus (number 133) in front of the bus terminal. Taking a cab is also another option from AŞTİ to ODTÜ, which costs approximately 25 TL.

There is a possibility of reduction valid on the public transportation for students through Ankara Kart. In order to get this card, you should apply with a student certificate and a photo to one of the relevant service centers written below:

Kızılay Tube Station, Hürriyet Square Route No:1/99

Beşevler Tube station, Kümeevler Route No:8

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>.

If you have a driver license taken from your home country, you can change it to be able to use it in Turkey. For the licensing process, you need to contact the Turkish National Police, Trafik Tescil Şube Müdürlüğü. For contact information, please visit: <http://www.ankara.pol.tr>

## **■ 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) is another inexpensive, convenient district for eating. Near the ODTÜ Bus Stop on Tunus Caddesi there are small kebab restaurants, cafes and sandwich shops. 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 Döner 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. Prices: Inexpensive
- **Kocabeyoğlu Pasajı (Atatürk Blv. No:82, Kızılay):** Underclothing, shoes, bags, millinery, kitchenware. Prices: Inexpensive
- **Onur Çarşısı (Gazi Mustafa Kemal Blv. No: 12, Kızılay):** Clothing, cosmetics, bath cleaning products. Prices: Inexpensive
- **Yüzüncü Yıl Çarşısı (Atatürk Blv. Across from Atatürk's Statue, Ulus):** Men and women clothing. Prices: Inexpensive
- **Zafer Çarşısı (Atatürk Bulvarı, Kızılay):** Clothing, shoes, bookstores Prices: Moderate.
- **Soysal Çarşısı (Ziya Gökalp Cad. Kızılay):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics. Prices: Moderate

- **Tunalı Hilmi Çarşısı (Kavaklıdere):** Clothing, personal and household needs Prices: Moderate to expensive
- **AnkaMALL Shopping Mall (Konya highway, Akköprü district, next to Ankara Security Office):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive
- **Armada Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics. Prices: Expensive
- **Next Level Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway, Söğütözü):** Shoes, bags, underclothing, clothing, cosmetics. Prices: Expensive
- **Real Center (Bilkent):** Home equipment, clothing, shoes, restaurants, movie theatres, dry cleaning, grocery. Prices: Expensive
- **CEPA Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive
- **Kentpark Shopping Mall (Eskişehir Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive
- **Panora Shopping Mall (Oran):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive
- **Taurus Shopping Mall (Konya Highway):** Clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive
- **Anatolium Shopping Mall (Mamak):** IKEA plus clothing, cosmetics, grocery, electronic equipment, movie theatre, restaurants, dry cleaning. Prices: Expensive

### **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 Meydanı 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 mall (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:** It is the mausoleum of the leader of the Turkish War of Independence 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 100 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 Büyüdü Fener, 7. Cadde 18. Sokak, Kızılay Büyüdü 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
- 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 Eskişehir 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 Congressium & 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.

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## **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.

### **Tunalı 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.

### **Sakarya Caddesi (Kızılay), Tunus Caddesi (Kavaklıdere) and Park Caddesi (Çayyolu)**

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