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Exchange Student Welcome Guide





EXCHANGE STUDENT WELCOME GUIDE

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FAST FACTS

Year of Foundation	: 2007
First Academic Year	: 2008-2009
Number of Students	: 8450
Undergraduate	: 6353
Graduate	: 881
Post Graduate	: 204
International	: 400

Graduated : 2216

Research Centers

- Center for Entrepreneurship
- Center of Study of German Law
- Center for Computational Finance
- Center for Energy
- Environment and Economy
- Alp Alkaş Retail and Real Estate Center

University Campus

Çekmeköy Campus

Undergraduate Programs :

Faculty of Law

- > BA Law

Faculty of Business

- > BA International Finance
- > BA Economics
- > BA Entrepreneurship
- > BA Business Administration
- > BA International Business and Trade
- > BA Management Information Systems

Faculty of Architecture and Design

- > BSc Industrial Design
- > BSc Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- > BSc Communication Design
- > BSc Architecture

Faculty of Engineering

- > BSc Computer Science
- > BSc Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- > BSc Industrial Engineering
- > BSc Civil Engineering
- > BSc Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Social Sciences

- > BA Psychology
- > BA International Relations

Faculty of Aviation and Aeronautical Science

- > BSc Professional Flight Program
- > BSc Air Management Program

School of Applied Sciences

- > BSc Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
- > BSc Hotel Management

Graduate Programs :

The Graduate School of Engineering

- >> MSc & PhD Computer Science
- >> MSc & PhD Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- >> MSc & PhD Industrial Engineering
- >> MSc & PhD Mechanical Engineering
- >> MSc in Civil Engineering
- >> MSc in Financial Engineering and Risk Management
- >> MSc in Architecture

Graduate School of Business

- >> Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- >> Master of Business Administration for Executives (EMBA)
- >> MA in Entrepreneurship
- >> PhD in Business

The Graduate School of Social Sciences

- >> MA in Law
- >> MA in Psychology
- >> Program for Design, Technology and Society (MA, PhD)





OzU fosters a global melting pot...

Walk down the corridors of OzU and you'll hear pleasant chatter in Russian and Farsi, jokes in Azeri and Ukrainian, conversations in English, and the occasional cacophony of Dutch, French, German and Spanish. Full-time international students, exchange students, graduate students from abroad, visiting students, foreign faculty at OzU a distinct international flavor is brewing.

Currently, over 54 countries are represented at OzU. Outbound, a large number of our current students embark on exchange at partner universities; increasing opportunities for international internship placements are met with even greater demand. Moreover, international know-how is brought to the university's doorstep via the wealth of foreign faculty and all professors with extensive overseas experience.

In accordance with our non-discrimination statement, Özyeğin University hires academic and administrative staff and admits students regardless of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin, creed, religion age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity and does not discriminate on the basis of gender race, color, national or ethnic origin, creed, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity in the administration of its educational and employment policies, its scholarship conferment, or any university-sponsored programs.

OzU is truly a place where students and faculty of all cultures and backgrounds can find a safe and supporting home away from home in pursuit of continuous learning and growth.



International Office



Our office is the focal contact point for OzU's partner institutions and for all incoming and outgoing exchange students and faculty. We prepare bilateral exchange and cooperation agreements, deal with the selection and placement of exchange students going abroad, and see to the needs and administrative requirements of all exchange students and faculty.

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Hear What Students Say...



I have chosen Istanbul, because it is a big city with great diversity in terms of cultures and people. In addition to that, Constantinople was a big city of Byzantine and has a long history. It is also mentioned in the Quran I Kerim, which in my eyes is very fascinating. Istanbul is equal to the great Ottoman Empire. Istanbul is a city you never get enough - it is a city with its own globe. I have chosen Özyegin because it is ranked in the top 10 of the best Universities in Turkey and Özyegin had an agreement with DHBW. The highlight of my experience have been the taste of the Turkish meals - I love all of them. Furthermore Galatasaray got more important for me - the atmosphere in the TT Arena was unbelievable amazing! I also have to mention the astonishing view of the Bosphorus. My favorite class was Macroeconomics - it was easy to follow and I have learned a lot of stuff, which is also relevant for "daily life" - I am able to speak a couple of languages so I did not have any difficulties in terms of communication. **Ömer Polat, Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg Mosbach, Germany**

I have greatly enjoyed my time here at Ozyegin University. I love that the campus is self-sustaining and promotes learning in an environmentally friendly atmosphere. I do wish our stay here was longer, not only so the class would be more bearable but so that we could have more time to experience Student life in Istanbul. Regardless of my time here, I know that no amount of time would allow me to capture how expansive Istanbul is. **Lauren Shaw, University of Kentucky, USA**

My experiences as an exchange student at Ozyegin University (OzU) were totally fabulous. That's undoubtedly because of two things: OzU and this beautiful country, Turkey. First, education offered by OzU is very sophisticated. All the instructors whom I met here were enthusiastic and their lessons were interesting. I felt so comfortable while studying here thanks to modern facilities and Learning Management System (LMS), where I got to know everything about my courses online. Second, I got amazed by this country itself. I really enjoyed walking down the lively streets and seeing the picturesque scenery of Istanbul. Also, I loved Turkish cuisine. Of course, the concern about bombs has been growing in recent years but actually I did not feel any danger while staying on campus thanks to security services. The most important thing is that here people will kindly help you whenever you have a problem even if you cannot speak Turkish. That made my stay in Turkey truly wonderful. In the end, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with me here. **Akira Sugai, Yokohama National University, Japan**

OzU is just the right place for exchange students with a highly modern learning environment on an up-and-coming university campus, situated in one of the most vibrant cities of the world, and getting great support as a foreigner from the OzU International Office. **Ferdinand Spitzer, Pforzheim University of Applied Sciences, Germany**

Istanbul is a really exciting city to study in, and Özyeğin University is an excellent institution with great instructors and students who are easy to make friends with. I don't regret my choice of having come here. **Caroline Dussaussoy, Lille Catholic University, France**

Both the students and the faculty at OzU were welcoming and considerable of our needs and well-being. The shuttles to and from the campus provided easy access to the city. The academic and extracurricular facilities at OzU were equipped with the newest technology and designed with the student body in mind. **Connor R. Ferguson, University of Kentucky, USA**

My experiences at Ozyegin University have overall exceeded my highest expectations. Faculty, staff, and students were both friendly and helpful at making me feel welcome and at home. Performing research that is at the forefront of my field has been an amazing opportunity. What's more is that the cultural diversity I encountered during my stay has given me the experience of a lifetime. **James Mal, Oregon State University, USA**

It has been three months now that I am in Istanbul and the idea of departing in less than a month makes me feel sad already. Before my departure from Munich, I had no idea what to expect from Erasmus exchange program and from this city. All I knew was that everybody has been telling me how awesome Erasmus is and that Istanbul will be the biggest of all cities I have visited so far. And all was true! This life experience of living in such a different culture for several months, meeting people from all over the world and getting to know something new every day, make Erasmus surely unique. Furthermore, living in such a city as Istanbul is incomparable with everything I experienced until now. On the one side the busy highways crossing the city, on the other side small quarters full of charm and old traditional houses. People are great, life is exciting, music everywhere, beautiful mosques, but most important: best food ever! Thanks for this experience, I will never forget!!! **Cyrril Gordon Yaşargil, Free University of Bozen Bolzano, Italy**

Hello, I am Phouthaxay Phommalay, currently an undergraduate Erasmus student in Business Administration, from France. For me, Istanbul and Ozyegin University are something that I recommend to every Erasmus student. The quality of the lectures and the close relationship between professors and students are something that I will regret. My favorite classes were International Marketing, taught by Steven Seggie, and IMC-Marketing Research by Raoul Kubler. The interest these teachers had in Marketing, and the extremely interesting content of the lectures made me definitely find my future vocation. Despite the event occurring this year, Istanbul is definitely a warm, beautiful and joyful city. Before coming to Turkey, I did not have any idea of the life and the citizens in Turkey. What I learned is that Turkish people are one of the most kind people on Earth, and therefore everybody should experience the Turkish hospitality. Moreover, the culture of this country is dense, rich of history, and the food is something to discover. During this year I met wonderful people, and I will never forget the incredible moments I lived here. Thank you for this experience. **Phouthaxay Phommalay, University of Toulouse, France**

My first feelings when I found out that I will spend one semester at Ozyegin University in Istanbul were a bit mixed and to be honest I did not even look that much forward to be away from my family and friends for that long time. However this turned out to be completely wrong expectation and after first two weeks I completely changed my mind. I started to explore the city, going to different trips, having common lunches with other students at cafeteria and enjoying coffee at Cafe Nero. I met a lot of great people from all around the world and created strong friendships, even with locals. Unfortunately my stay wasn't only about friends and free time - major part of it was studying. According to this I have to say that Ozyegin University offers a high level of education and also a lot of extra activities such as international events, seminars on nowadays topics or running races on campus. It has also a lot of great teachers and professors, thanks to them studying here is interesting, and definitely attracted my attention. So if I could ever make my choice again I wouldn't hesitate and go for OzU! **Lucie Kubínová, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic**

I chose Istanbul because I wanted to try something different than usual Erasmus students. I believe that between all the cities to choose from, Istanbul, and Turkey more in general, offers a unique experience: the traditions, customs, and habits here are a lot more different than in any other European country. The city is beautiful and full of secrets and mysteries; it's hard not to fall in love with it. OzU looked like a great University, with many opportunities and services for students, and its wide selection of courses allowed me to find those similar to mine back home. Exploring this enormous metropolis and finding out about hidden and pretty cafes was absolutely amazing. Getting lost in Istanbul is fun because you never know what you might stumble upon. Every day you discover something new: this city always finds a way to surprise you. I sure enjoyed a lot all of my classes here. Teachers were very prepared but also available to help students with any doubt on topics covered in class. I think that's very important, and something that, unfortunately, doesn't happen back home in my university. Turkish is probably not the easiest language to learn, and it's also very different from mine. But I like it a lot and I felt satisfied when I finally got understood by locals trying to speak Turkish. I'm glad I took Turkish classes at OzU. Especially because outside of the university many people don't speak English and to survive you need a few basic words. **Giancarlo Sacco, University of Bologna, Italy**

The academic year at OzU consists of two semesters, Fall & Spring, each with 14 weeks of lecture time plus a 2 week final examinations period, and runs from the middle of September to the end of May with a three-week term break in between. Courses are held between Monday Friday. In addition to the regular two academic semesters, the Sumer term (June-July) offers a multitude of 7-week intensive courses for much of the core curriculum as well as a broad range of electives.

The Academic Calendar lists the dates and durations of important activities such as the enrollment, courses and examinations. All stakeholders are required to abide by this calendar. The Academic Calendar is available at OzU's website. The summary information of the 2018-2019 Academic Year is provided below.

2018- 2019 Academic Year Holidays & Important Dates For Incoming Exchange Students

Academic Calendar*		
	Fall	Spring
Official Arrival Date for Incoming Exchange Students	20 September 2018	First week of February
Exchange Student Orientation	21 September 2018	First week of February
First Day of Classes	24 September 2018	11 February 2019
Add-drop	26 September - 2 October 2018	13 - 19 February 2019
Republic Day (National Holiday)	29 October 2018	
Withdrawal	12 - 16 November 2018	1 - 5 April 2019
Break		22 April 2019
National Sovereignty and Children's Day (National Holiday)		23 April 2019
Labor Day (National Holiday)		1 May 2019
Last Day of Classes	28 December 2018	22 May 2019
Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day (National Holiday)		19 May 2019
End of Semester Examinations	2 - 15 January 2019	24 May - 15 June 2019
New Year Holiday	1 January 2019	
* Please note that semester start, end and exams dates may differ for some graduate programs. Students are highly encouraged to visit the official academic calendar published on our webpage.		
For the Academic Calendar: https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/sites/default/files/upload/OgrenciHizmetleri/2018-2019_akademik_takvim_v9_eng.pdf		

Credit System

At OzU, we use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), a standard that enables easy transfer of credits and student mobility between European higher education institutions. 60 ECTS credits are attached to an academic year's workload and the associated learning outcomes, with 30 ECTS for each semester. In the undergraduate programs, you need to complete a total of 240 ECTS in order to graduate. In graduate programs, you need to complete a total of 90 or 120 ECTS for masters, and 180 or 240 for doctorate.

At OzU, credit transfer and accumulation are facilitated by the use of the ECTS key documents, such as the Erasmus – ECTS Learning Agreement and the ECTS Transcript of Records. Upon graduation, OzU students are automatically issued a European Diploma Supplement in English.

Grading System

At OzU, a student's course performance is evaluated by the relevant course instructor based on mid-term examinations and assignments, participation, etc., and the results of the end-of-semester examinations. Grades are assigned within the announced dates on the academic calendar.

End-of-semester grades that contribute to the grade point average (GPA), weighted by the credit value of the course are shown in the table:

End of Semester Grade	Coefficient
A	4.00
A-	3.70
B+	3.30
B	3.00
B-	2.70
C+	2.30
C	2.00
C-	1.70
D+	1.30
D	1.00
F	0.00



The total grade point a student has obtained from a course is calculated by multiplying the ECTS credits of the relevant course with the coefficient of the end-of-semester grade received from the course. All calculated averages are rounded up to two decimal places.

We use the ECTS credit system but our grading system is standard American letter grade.

ECTS Grade	A	B	C	D	E	FX	F
OzU	A A-	B+ B B-	C+ C C-	D+	D	I	F

The minimum passing grade for undergraduate students is "D" and for graduate students is "C". Grade "F" indicates that the student failed the course.

End-of-Semester Grades that do not contribute to the GPA are as follows:

S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
IP	In Progress
W	Withdrawal
I	Incomplete

2018-2019 Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are determined by the Board of Trustees each academic year. For the 2018-2019 academic year the full tuition is \$12,000 for faculties, \$12,000 for Aviation Management, \$13,000 for Professional Flight and \$10,000 for Hotel Management; \$12,000 for Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Program for the School of Applied Sciences programs. Annual tuition covers both the Fall and Spring semesters. Summer session is optional and those who wish to attend the summer school will pay the tuition determined annually by the Board of Trustees. Students who fail to pay the tuition fee and any other required fees to use the University facilities within the announced dates are not registered and lose their student privileges.

Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition fees. Free-mover, visiting, and special students are subject to credit based tuition decided annually.



English Language Requirement

At OzU, the medium of instruction and interaction is English. All students admitted to the university need to submit proof of English language proficiency or demonstrate the required level of proficiency in OzU's English Proficiency Examination before they can study in their programs. Exchange students from partner institutions teaching fully in English or providing a certification of proficiency signed by their home are admitted directly to their study programs.

Documentation of English Proficiency for Undergraduate Students:

» Holding a valid international or national examination result

Examination	TOEFL-IBT	FCE	CAE/CPE	YDS
Minimum Score	80	B	C	86



Turkish Language Courses

English is the medium of instruction at OzU and Turkish is Turkey's national language. Through practical, daily-life oriented classes, you will gain practical knowledge in Turkish, whether it be your first contact with the language or you have studied it previously. Various levels of Turkish Language credit courses are offered to interested exchange and visiting students.

Exchange Programs



Özyegin University was awarded a charter EUCX (Extended Erasmus University Charter by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission in the 2009 round which qualifies us for Erasmus mobility as part of the LLP 2007-2013. Our application for the 2014-20 Erasmus+ term was approved and OzU was awarded the European Charter for Higher Education in 2013. By receiving the ECHE, OzU became eligible to participate in the Erasmus+ activities. OzU also has active exchange agreements with non-Erasmus partners from all over the world, allowing both way exchanges between institutions.



Exchange Application

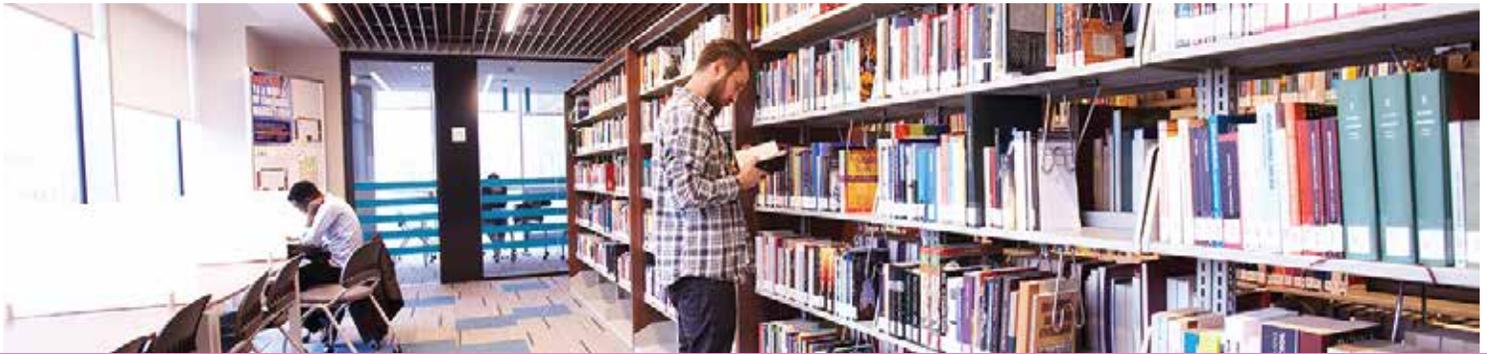
After being nominated by the home institution, students will receive an informing e-mail by Ozyegin University. They need to visit "intexchange.ozyegin.edu.tr" and submit their online application form and upload the following documents to the system.

1. Submitting the Application Form
2. Learning Agreement
3. ECTS Transcript / Regular Transcript
4. Copy of Passport
(pages that have the passport number, personal information validity/expiration date)
5. Two Passport Sized Photos
6. Language Proficiency Document (if applicable)

Course Registration and Add-Drops

The Online Application includes tentative course selection and automatically generates the Learning Agreement. Students are automatically registered to these courses. If they will be offered before the semester starts, they can make changes to their selected courses during the add-drop period with the consent of their academic advisors in the first two weeks of classes. In such a case, for Erasmus students, the relevant page of the Learning Agreement needs to be approved by home and host institutions. Students will be registered to courses by the registrar. It is students' responsibility to complete all the approvals of the Learning Agreement by the end of the add-drop period.

At the time of departure, all exchange students are issued official transcripts. Erasmus students receive ECTS transcripts and Certificate of Attendance in line with the Erasmus rules.



Visas

Since the beginning of the fall 2014 semester, there has been a significant change in the student visas. In the past we had some students who travelled on tourist visas but this procedure might change from year to year and country to country. Students are expected to contact the Turkish Consulates/Embassies in their home countries. Thus, we ask you to get in touch with the Turkish Consulate/Embassies in your home country and find out the visa process that you need to follow up. Meantime, we will be assisting you with any information/ paperwork that you may need from us.



Residence Permit

A Residence Permit is an official document declaring registration at the Directorate General of Migration Management (Immigration Office). All foreign nationals must register with the Immigration Office within one month of entering Turkey in order to obtain a residence permit. The International Office will be hands on to assist you with the necessary procedures. Please note that due to the high number of first time applications, your appointment may not be scheduled for within one month from the day of entry. Don't worry, because it is sufficient to obtain an appointment within 30 days upon arrival to Turkey. Immigration Office visits our campus and receives all exchange students' applications on an official day which is announced by the IO in line with the information communicated by the Immigration Office. Due to the high number of applications at the beginning of each semester, appointments may be given for 4-6 weeks after the beginning of each semester. Please forward your residence permit application forms to the International Office as soon as you finalize your itinerary so that we can make your appointment.

Arrival Information

The International Office provides all incoming exchange students with airport pick-up services on the official arrival dates, which are announced with the issued acceptance letters. Reservations need to be made in advance. Please send an e-mail your flight itinerary along with the number of passengers who will need transfer to international.relations@ozyegin.edu.tr accordingly.

If you will be arriving on a different date than the official arrival date, you can use the public transportation and follow these steps to come to OzU.

From Atatürk International Airport IST to Campus				
Airport to Taksim	Taksim to Beşiktaş	Beşiktaş to Üsküdar	Üsküdar to Altunizade	Altunizade to Campus
HAVATAŞ Airport Shuttle	Bus or Taxi	Ferry/Boat	Bus or Taxi	OzU shuttle services

From Sabiha Gökçen International Airport SAW to Campus		
Airport to Kadıköy	Kadıköy to Altunizade	Altunizade to Campus
HAVATAŞ Airport Shuttle	Bus or Taxi	OzU shuttle services

***OzU shuttle services:

<http://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/OzUDE-YASAM/Kampuslere-Ulasim/Altunizade-Cekmekoy-Altunizade-Shuttle-Hours?lang=en-US>

***HAVATAŞ Shuttle:

<http://www.havatas.com/default.aspx>

Friendly Reminder...

OzU Çekmeköy Campus is situated on the Asian side, half an hour ride away from Sabiha Gökçen Airport.



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Orientation Program

Moving to another country can be a stressful process; luckily, you won't be on your own. Before the start of each semester, OzU coordinates an International Student Orientation for incoming full-time international students and exchange students to provide a fun-filled introduction to the university and country. The orientation includes details about the university, city, cultural tips, basic language skills and various social outings around the city.

Social and Cultural Programs

OzU strives to ensure that every international student has the opportunity to succeed in the classroom as well as experience the social and cultural highlights of Istanbul and Turkey. Organized excursions, walking tours and outdoor events are offered to allow you to mingle and develop new friendships amongst OzU's international and local students. You will also have the chance to share your own culture and traditions with others through various events.

International OzU Club

The International OzU Club strives to facilitate cultural exchange among Özyeğin University students. The club organizes some cultural events which represent different traditions and cultures and promote intercultural learning between OzU students. International OzU Club may provide a good occasion to present your own culture and discover the differences and similarities with others! You may contact the respective club at clubs.international@ozu.edu.tr



Student Development and Support

Through OzU's student development support services, we are here to help you adapt to university life, facilitate your academic, professional and personal development, clarify your academic ambitions with your interests and skills, and contribute to your academic and career plans.

Academic Advising System

Erasmus/Exchange departmental coordinators act as the academic advisers of exchange students.

Peer Advisor Programs

Peer Support programs provide opportunities both to students who are the target group and to students who take part in running such programs to know themselves better, socialize, be independent, take responsibilities and grow.

- International Office Buddy Support System aims to provide support to International students in adjusting to a new city and campus environment.



Guidance and Psychological Counseling

Psychological counseling services at Özyeğin University aim to support students by facilitating their adaption to the university life, contributing to their personal development by raising awareness, assisting them in overcoming potential academic, personal and social challenges and have them acquire new skills to cope with daily life problems. In this context, individual and group counselling sessions are held within the university. Confidentiality is the key principle of the psychological counseling services. Private information and session contents are kept confidential between the counselor and the student. However if the student poses severe risk of harm to himself or herself or to others, the principle of confidentiality is overruled and certain information can be shared with relevant authorities.

All students can benefit from the individual counseling sessions free of charge. Except for the urgent situations students must have an appointment to have a one-on-one session with the counselor. To make an appointment please contact counseling@ozyegin.edu.tr. For urgent matters please call: 0216 564 9155

Disabled Student Support

The disabled student support activities are conducted based on the principle of equal opportunity in education. The main objectives of the disabled student activities include making the campus life more convenient for disabled students, planning necessary administrative arrangements to foster the education of disabled students, organizing curriculum in a way not to obstruct the academic, physical, psychological and social lives of disabled students, contributing to their social and cultural life, encouraging them to benefit from and take part in social activities organized on campus for the purpose of helping them develop themselves and ensuring that they are subject to fair and right assessment and evaluation. Accommodation needs of students with disabilities must be communicated to the International Office so that they can be shared with the respective units for their approval.

"Please visit the following link for additional support provided to students with special needs:
https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/sites/default/files/upload/Uluslararasi/services_at_ozyegin_university_for_people_with_disabilities_eng.pdf
If you need to discuss your needs with us, please send an email to international.relations@ozyegin.edu.tr"

Social Responsibility Projects

As one of its core values, social responsibility is integrated into the fabric of OzU's educational program, with the university seeking to increase awareness of social problems and involving both faculty and students in developing real, sustainable solutions. Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to participate in various university-sponsored social projects around the country, working hand-in-hand with the local community to increase the overall standard of living in disadvantaged areas.





Photo by Koray Oral



A Brand New, Green Campus

OzU Çekmeköy Campus is a serene and peaceful university campus, away from the chaos of the metropolis, where you get the feeling that you live in nature. Created by a leading architecture firm which is the designer of the Cambridge and Princeton buildings, OzU Çekmeköy Campus takes pride in having Turkey's first LEED Gold Certificate. Situated on a 220 thousand square meters plot, our campus houses 6 faculties and 2 schools. Through our new Center for Entrepreneurship Building which serves as home to our Technology Transfer Office, Center for Entrepreneurship, Fit Startup Factory, OpenFab, Seminar Areas, and the Soulmate Cafe, as well as the temporary learning spaces for the Faculty of Architecture, and four engineering laboratories, our 13,00 square metres **Athletic Center**, 2600 square meters **library**, 350-person **auditorium**, **modern classrooms** and **high-tech laboratories**, and quiet and comfortable **study rooms**, here on OzU Çekmeköy Campus, we offer all necessary amenities and facilities to foster our student's academic, social, athletic and cultural development in a quest to prepare them for life .





Library

Özyeğin University Library is a center for living and learning with its spacious and comfortable atmosphere, rich collection of books and movies, and high level technologies that spans across three floors with an area of 2270 square meters. With its exemplary modern design, the library caters to the needs of the new generation. The library strives to support academic and research activities of the university through its vast, user-friendly, and innovative information resources and services. To this end, the library builds its collections and expands its services in collaboration with the academic staff and students. OzU library heavily makes use of educational technologies in the pursuit of serving its patrons 24/7 with its 35,000 printed books, over 284,000 e-books, and more than 79,000 e-journals. Continuously developing its technological facilities and e-collections, the library endeavors to present top notch electronic information resources to its users. The library adopts a non-traditional service approach, offering not only information resources but also a vast array of information technology equipment and board games. To this end, the library strives to capitalize on mobile technologies when offering access to its information resources in a quest to support students academic and research needs independently of time and location. In addition to information literacy trainings, general library introductions, and research techniques seminars offered by the library staff to support the students' lifelong learning, the faculty librarians, each specialized in a specific academic program, also provide personal or subject-specific guidance to help its patrons to be prepared for their classes. Aside from its enriched collection of print and electronic academic resources, the Central Library also boasts of its vast DVD collection, daily national and international newspapers, personal development resources and popular magazines placed at the disposal of students. The library webpage also has two search engines "oZooGle+" and "Journal Portal", which can be used to search for online resources, or access online journals, articles and other online resources. Furthermore, students can also borrow educational technology equipment (including laptops, chargers, projectors, document cameras etc) from the library. As a center for living and learning, the library houses a large number of group study rooms furnished with LCD televisions and whiteboards, offering a truly learning-conducive environment, promoting group studies, and providing a warm and home-like atmosphere where students can watch movies and play board games. The study floor is open for students' use 24/7, even if the library is closed, with its copying/printing equipment and computers.

<http://library.ozyegin.edu.tr/?lang=en-US>



Computer Facilities

Within the Özyeğin University campus you can connect to the University's wireless network and internet with your laptops. You will be given an OzU e-mail account that you can use during your study life at OzU. Students are notified via this e-mail address and only the notifications sent to this address are considered valid. You can reach your e-mail account via the interface located on <http://owa.ozyegin.edu.tr> from your laptops or any other computer.

Scattered throughout the university are private study rooms available to you for individual or group work, some of which are equipped with LCD screens and computer hook-ups to facilitate group collaboration. Additionally, our library is equipped with a series of desktops available for general use. If you have trouble with your computer or another IT-related issue, our friendly help-desk and computer support team are available on campus to help solve any computer problems you may encounter. For your queries regarding technical problems, please contact the Solution Center: <https://solutioncenter.ozyegin.edu.tr/>



SOLUTION CENTER

Solution Center is operational as of September 2014 offering you support in a large array of fields including technology, transportation, cleaning, dining, on-campus cafeterias and business, security, dormitories, buildings and furniture at <http://solutionscenter.ozegin.edu.tr/>. The new system is designed to offer you faster and more efficient solutions for your requests as well as comments and complaints through its different screens tailored specifically for different categories.

Solution Center will serve as a single point of contact to submit all your requests, comments and recommendations to the relevant departments. By simply choosing the relevant category for your request, you will be able to directly get in touch with the relevant department. With our new system, we hope to offer you faster and more efficient solutions.

The categories offered by the Solution Center system:

- IT Support
- Maintenance & Repair
- Correspondence (Only for staff)
- On-campus cafes and businesses
- Dining Hall
- OzU Card
- Transportation
- Cleaning & Handling
- Organization/Events (Only for staff)
- Dorms (cleaning, maintenance and repairs, security so forth.)
- Safe Living and Environment
- Lost & Stolen Items
- Comments and Feedbacks



Health Services

On our campus, a Healthcare Center is available which provides outpatient treatment. If deemed necessary, students and employees are referred to hospitals near the University for further examination and tests. Students experiencing problems with their studies or having emotional difficulties can schedule appointments with our in-house counselors, trained psychologists who are equipped to help with the emotional and mental health of students in the university environment.

Çekmeköy Campus: An infirmary is located at the Student Center. A physician is available from 07:00 to 19:00 on weekdays. A medical team of two paramedics and an ambulance will be available on the Çekmeköy campus 24/7.



Dormitories

Özyeğin University residence halls offer a modern, comfortable living environment as well as facilities and services to ensure an efficient study atmosphere. International students are given priority in housing assignments. School shuttle buses provide transportation from Çekmeköy campus to several destinations throughout the city. 2018-2019 academic year, semester room fees per person including VAT are shown in the tables below. <https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/dormitories>

2018-2019 Academic Year Housing Fees

Room type		Room Rates per Person (including VAT)
		Only one semester (4,5 months)
		International & Erasmus Students
DORM 1-2-3	1 person rooms (with bathroom)	\$ 2.840,00
	2 person rooms (with bathroom)	\$ 1.720,00
	3 person rooms (with bathroom)	\$ 1.300,00
	3 person rooms (without bathroom)	\$ 1.000,00
	4 person rooms (with bathroom)	\$ 1.000,00
	4 person rooms (without bathroom)	\$ 850,00
DORM 4	1 person (with bathroom)	\$2.960,00
	2 person (with bathroom)	\$2.210,00
	3 person (with bathroom)	\$1.950,00
DORM 6	1 person (with bathroom)	\$2.935,00
	2 person (with bathroom)	\$2.260,00
	3 person (with bathroom)	\$2.050,00

*There may be slight changes in € amounts due to exchange rate fluctuations.

* Room fees only include the housing service.

Residence hall fees are paid before the semester starts. You may pay your housing fees online at <https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/student-services/fees-and-payment/payment-card> or via bank transfer.

In order for you to make your payment, your debt account must be created in our system which will be completed after the on campus housing application deadline. You will also need to acquire a Turkish tax number. Please request the detailed info from the IO.

All exchange students will be sent a notification about on-campus housing confirmations and will be asked to forward the indicated amount to the information stated above. You may refer the following link for the Directives of Özyeğin University Student Dormitories: https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/sites/default/files/upload/Yurt/2016-2017_dormitory_directives.pdf

Please refer to a few important notes regarding on-campus housing below:

- On campus residence halls, situated in a walking distance to our academic buildings, offer different room alternatives.
- Students may commute to various city centers by shuttles or public transportation. Being located on the Asian side, OzU Çekmeköy Campus is a serene and peaceful university campus, away from the chaos of the metropolis, approximately 30 km. from several city centers such as Kadıköy and Üsküdar. All residence halls are single-sex and completely smoke-free.
- If possible, rooms are assigned on the basis of the student requests. In the absence of requests, the assignment will be made at random.
- In case need be, exchange students will be provided with pillows, blankets, sheets, and pillow covers.
- For general information about OzU residence halls you may visit: <https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/dormitories/overview>
- Students must have the required health documents completed and submit them to the Dorm Management before/upon arrival, before moving in. (Hepatitis B and C markers, HBsAg, Anti HCV, and HIV test, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, PA Chest Radiograph and medical report.)





Sports

OzU hosts a rich variety of sports activities on its indoor and outdoor sports facilities situated on campus. The fitness center offers a full line of cardiovascular training equipment including treadmills, stationary bicycles, rowers, arc trainers as well as strength and weight training equipment and functional trainers. Sports areas also include recreation rooms with table tennis tables as well as aerobics studios where a wide range of group fitness classes are held.

OzU Campus accommodates an Athletic Center that blends academic life with sports activities through its 1500 m2 indoor gym with a total capacity of 1200 persons (on a 13,000 square meters estate) offering 3 court alternatives, a 25 meter semi-Olympic swimming pool, as well as a 450 square meters fitness center and studios for aerobics, pilates, squash, kinesis, spinning and dance classes. In addition to all these, Özyeğin University enjoys a large number of student clubs and sports teams.

You may visit the following webpage for detailed information:
<https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/sport-center>

Food and Drink

There are various dining alternatives in our Cekmekoy Campus that may change from year to year. Students receive an updated e-mail about these services every semester. You may see the more permanent options below:

Facility	Location	Type of services
CAFFE NERO	STUDENT CENTER GROUND FLOOR	CAFES
KAHVE DÜNYASI AB-2	AB-2 GROUND FLOOR	CAFES
SOULMATE CAFÉ	ÖZÜ-X	CAFES
OZU SPORTS CAFÉ	SPORTS CENTER	CAFES
KAHVE DÜNYASI DORM	DORM 4 – 2.FLOOR	CAFES
SOULMATE CAFÉ DORM 6	DORM 6	CAFÉS
SLEPLESS MARKET	DORM 4	STORES
SLEPLESS MARKET	DORM 6	STORES
ŞOK MARKET	STUDENT CENTER -3.FLOOR	STORES
AKKOL	STUDENT CENTER -1.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
DANE YAYIK CONTAINER	CONTAINER	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
HARVEST CAFÉ	AB 1 -2.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
KAŞIKLA MANTI	AB 3 GROUND FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
MARMARIS BÜFE	AB 3 -1.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
PIZZA HOT SLICE CONTAINER	CONTAINER	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
RUMELİ KÖFTE	SCOLA GROUND FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
SİMİTÇİ DÜNYASI	STUDENT CENTER -3.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
SUBWAY SCOLA	SCOLA -2.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
SUBWAY SPORT CENTER	SPORTS CENTER 1.FLOOR	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
7 HILL FRIES	DORM 6	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
YÖN TATLI EVİ	DORM 4	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
CAFÉ 24	DORM 2	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
ÇITIR PİDE	DORM 6	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
DANE YAYIK YURT	DORM 4	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
HER ZAMANKİ YER	DORM 2	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
KUMPIR BOX	DORM 4	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
PIZZA HOT CLICE DORM	DORM 4	FAST & FOOD AND RESTAURANT
ÇAĞLAYAN BOOKSTORE	STUDENT CENTER GROUND FLOOR	STATIONERY & BOOKSTORE
KIDEM SANAT	AB 3 -1 FLOOR	STATIONERY & BOOKSTORE
KYOCERA BİLGİTAŞ	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	COPY CENTER
KYOCERA BİLGİTAŞ	SCOLA GROUND FLOOR	COPY CENTER
YOUTH STORE	STUDENT GROUND FLOOR	SERVICE
FOTOSHOP	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	SERVICE
HAIRDRESSER	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	SERVICE
SOFTWAX CAR WASH	DORM 4 (OPEN CAR PARK)	SERVICE
GÜRPAK DRY CLEANER	DORM 2 GROUND FLOOR	SERVICE
VODAFONE	STUDENT CENTER GROUND FLOOR	SERVICE
AVEND OTOMAT	FACULTY BUILDINGS & DORM	OTOMAT
FIBABANK	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	BANK
AKBANK ATM	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	ATM
VAKIFBANK ATM	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	ATM
ZİRAATBANK ATM	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	ATM
QNB ATM	STUDENT CENTER -3 FLOOR	ATM

Transportation

Shuttles for the students and staff are available in order to facilitate access to various parts of the city. We also provide weekend shuttle bus service to Taksim area. Shuttle hours and routes are announced by the Administrative Services in the beginning of the semester. Shuttle hours may change depending on the semester and period so all students must check the following web page and follow their emails for the most updated information.

<http://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/OzUDE-YASAM/Kampuslere-Ulasim/Altunizade-Cekmekoy-Altunizade-Shuttle-Hours?lang=en-US>

Copying and Printing

There are two copy centers on campus. One of them is in the Student Center -3 and the other one is located in Scola Building ground floor. They are open from 08:00 - 16:45 weekdays and on Saturdays from 09:00 to 15:00. Students may also use copy machines in the campus with their student ID cards after depositing money.



OzU Store

Our on-campus OzU Store is at your service with not only textbooks for our preparatory and undergraduate programs but also English books and stationary. Furthermore, you can also purchase OzU branded merchandise at our on-campus OzU Store. The opening hours of the Bookstore and OzU Store are 08:15 to 16:45 on weekdays.

Extracurricular Activities

We believe that student clubs help form the backbone of a lively, colorful university environment while serving to cultivate individuals with multiple interests. Students at OzU are encouraged to start and participate in such clubs with the organizational and financial support of the university, so if you don't find something that interests you, gather some friends and start your own student club! Some of the student clubs already established at OzU include: Dance Club, Industrial Engineering Club, Photography Club, Business and Economy Club, Debate and Idea Club, Cinema Club, Social Responsibility Club, Technology and Production Club, Theater Club, International Hotel Management and Tourism Club, Media and Communications Club, International Student Club, Cinema Club and Music Club.

Student Initiatives and Entrepreneurship

Özyeğin University aspires to encourage entrepreneurial spirit in our students, and in order to cultivate individuals who can make a difference, it is of vital importance to foster an environment supporting creative ideas. Acquiring all the necessary information in entrepreneurship through the large spectrum of courses offered, our students are bestowed with the unique opportunity to develop their own business ideas. These ideas cover a wide spectrum from development of the campus or services and facilities offered to students to efficient use of alternative energy sources.

The projects developed by our students are evaluated by the relevant academic and administrative divisions of the university and those deemed useful are put in action. Furthermore in the tenders held for the university's procurements, student bids are also taken into account. As a result several businesses are run by our students on campus, including coffee machines, residence halls laundries, and billboards.

Student Union

Özyeğin University's Student Union is a democratic, transparent, fast and efficient organization where all our students are natural members represented equally. The Student Union allows students to support the development and management of our University by providing new insights to the University community.

The President of the Student Union and the members of the Executive Board and Audit Board are selected individually with the votes of students. The Student Union consists of the Student Council, the Executive and Audit Boards, student representatives and work groups.

The Student Council, a student organization that represents the entire student body to the university administration, generates proposals and participates in governance of student-related issues. Got some great ideas on how to improve the university? Interested in helping your fellow students to be heard? Elections for Student Council positions are held on a yearly basis.

Health Insurance

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their exchange term. Having the right insurance framework for the duration of your stay is very important and a must for a number of reasons. Firstly, it should meet the residence permit requirements of the Turkish Immigration Office. Secondly, it should meet your personal needs throughout your stay when faced with different kinds of situations ranging from emergency cases to minor/major health problems.

You may refer to the following Immigration Office standards stated in the table:
<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/lkamet/lstenenBelgeler>

- The minimum requirements for the residence permit may not meet your personal health related needs. Please review the health services in detail and compare the coverage before purchasing a policy. Please take into consideration the following friendly reminders: checking the reimbursement methods, learning how it works in an emergency situation or outpatient/inpatient treatment coverage plans etc.
- If you will benefit from the social security agreement between Turkey and your home country and use that policy, please note that you may need to receive additional approvals before departure and after arrival in Turkey. Please consult your insurance provider about this option.
- It may be possible to buy a policy upon arrival. The prices would change based on the policy and its coverage. OzU International Office will provide you information about various companies and their offers so that you can pick the most appropriate one for your needs.
- All exchange and visiting students are advised to purchase a health insurance plan before departing for Turkey. Also we advise you to talk to your insurance providers and decide on the best option in line with your personal needs. Taking this opportunity we also would like to underline that should there be a change in the immigration rules, we inform the students as soon as possible.



Opening a Bank Account

There is a wide variety of banks in Turkey where you can open checking and saving accounts in Turkish Lira or in foreign currency. Most banks operate between 9:00 and 17:00, and during these hours you will have full access to all bank services. Most Turkish Banks remain open during lunch hours.

In order to open an account on campus, you will need to obtain a tax number. If you prefer to open an account in any other bank, they might request different documentation such as residence permit, foreign ID number etc.



Accounts can be approved on next day, and access to your telephone banking and online banking can be activated shortly afterwards.

Carrying large amounts of cash might not be a good idea for international students in Istanbul. Please note that Turkey has a wide network of ATMs, which allow you to withdraw money, make account balance enquiries, pay bills and make transfers. In addition, most ATM cards can be used at Common Point ATMs.

We recommend you to check which ATM services are free to use with your account, as fees can be charged for a range of ATM services, including balance enquiries and cash withdrawals. Using a credit card for a cash withdrawal from an ATM will also incur a charge. For international students, in order to apply for a credit card in Turkey, you may be asked to have a co-signer, who has to be a citizen of Turkey.

Registering your Cell Phone

The recent changes in the Turkish Telecommunications regulation requires all mobile phones brought from abroad to be registered with the Turkish Information Technologies and Communications Authority's database with their IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) numbers in order to use them with a Turkish sim card. Mobile phones (IMEI numbers) not registered are blocked for connection through a Turkish sim card after 120 days.

If you wish to continue to use a cell phone brought from your home country, please register it as soon as possible. You will need to visit the nearest bank and pay approximately 150 TL, showing your passport and IMEI number. Then you may visit the respective SIM card operator's store and buy a SIM card. They may also ask you to pay a small amount of registration fee of approximately 40 TL.



Mass Transit and Discounted Bus Passes



Busses



Funiculars



Metrobus



Minibüs



Dolmuş



Taxi



Tramway



Ferry



Metro

You will need to have following documents ready before you begin to fill out the online application form:

- A scanned copy of your ID picture
- A scanned copy of proof of payment.

The cost of discounted student travel card is 10 TL. You may pay it by cash or during online application you may pay by credit card. If you apply individually, please visit the nearest branch of T.C Vakıf Bank and make 10 TL payment to the following bank account:

Branch name: Valide Sultan Şubesi
IBAN: TR96 0001 5001 5800 7305 0421 21
Account Description: BELBİM Elektronik Para ve Ödeme Hizmetleri AŞ

Public transport in Istanbul comprises of a bus network, various rail systems, funiculars, and maritime services. Buses, minibuses and metro buses are the most commonly used modes of transport in Istanbul. The subway system is still limited, even though the system develops very fast, with new subway lines being added to the current system every year.

Sea transportation is another important way of commuting in Istanbul, since the city is divided on two continents. There are regular passenger sea buses and fast ferries operating between the shores of the Bosphorus.

Özyeğin University students are entitled to discounted travel cards. You can apply in person or online. Please review the following link for the İETT offices:

<http://istanbulkart.iETT.gov.tr/en/istanbulkart/pages/menu/436>

To use the travel card, it is sufficient to hold the card within 0-8 cm to the card readers located in railway stations, sea transportation docks or on buses. You can see the current charge fee and the remaining balance on the card reader screen after each transaction. To give an example, for a regular fare of 2.60 TL, the student fare is 1.25 TL. The card can be loaded at both İETT loading points and authorized private loading points.

Electrical devices

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. Check your appliances before leaving home to see what you will need to plug in when you arrive to Turkey. Many appliances with their own power adapters (such as laptop computers and digital cameras) — can be plugged into either 110-120-volt or 220-240-volt sockets/points and will adapt to the voltage automatically (but you will need a plug adaptor that can fit into the recessed wall socket/point).

Climate & Clothes

You can enjoy all four seasons in Istanbul. The autumn and spring are cool and mild, the winter is wet and cold with much rain and some snowfall in recent years, and the summer is quite warm. Therefore, Istanbul's residents may need a sizable wardrobe with various clothes for indoor and outdoor use. Fortunately, many clothing items are available in Istanbul at a reasonable price and quality. In addition, Turkey exports many clothing items to other countries.

Istanbul is a four-season city. In spring (April-May) and autumn (October-November), you may encounter rain, and the air may be cool or even chilly at night, but comfortable during the day; a warm jacket or a sweater and windbreaker will be enough for this time of a year. Summer (June-September) is usually hot and humid so cool cotton clothing, a hat, and sunscreen lotion is the everyday attributes. Do not forget to have a light sweater for cool evenings. In winter (December-March), you will need warm woolen clothing and rain gear, even though many days will be sunny.

Mailing

Various mailing services are available on campus. There is a national courier mail- Yurtiçi Cargo - that carries mail within Turkey in 1-2 days from one province to another. There is also international Courier mail service- DHL. Students need to contact the "Communications Office" situated at the entrance on the ground floor of the Business Faculty building.

Postal services in Turkey are carried out by the Post and Telecommunications General Directorate (PTT). Its local offices can be recognized easily by their yellow PTT signs and they are open between 08:30-12:30 and 13:30-16:30. There is also one PTT branch on campus in the Student Center -2 and it is open between 10:00-12:00 on Thursdays. You may have the option of sending your posts either with regular mail or courier one. In Turkey, it is also possible to receive national and international courier mail services. Some of the national companies are Aras Kargo, Yurtiçi Kargo, and MNG, and international courier mail companies TNT, FedEx and UPS. You may visit these companies' websites to locate their offices and contact information.

Student Documentation

Student Identification Card

The student identification card proves that you are an OzU student and is used for entry into the University campus. Please be sure to carry your OzU ID card with you at all times, especially at examinations. Your student identification card is valid throughout your academic stay at OzU. If you lose the card, you need to contact the Student Services Enrollment unit.

Certificate of Student Enrollment

The Certificate of Student Enrollment is an official document proving that you are an enrolled student at OzU. It includes your identification and enrollment information as of the day that it is prepared. This certificate is prepared in both English and Turkish upon request. In order to obtain a certificate of student enrollment, you need to apply online, using the relevant menu on Student Information System (SIS). A certificate of student enrollment can only be handed out to the student it is prepared for. If you apply to Student Services between 09:00-12:30, you can receive your certificate on the same day between 13:30-16:30. If your application falls between 12:30-17:30, you can receive your certificate the next business day starting from 09:00. You will need this document for your residence permit application and discounted bus pass application.



E-Mail Accounts & IT Related

Your E-mail Account

You will be given an OzU email account that you can use during your student life at OzU. You can reach your email account via the interface located on <http://ozyegin.edu.tr> address from your laptops or any other computer.

If you need to use your own laptop, you may need to follow additional procedures to be able to use it on campus. You would need to contact servicedesk@ozyegin.edu.tr for this technical support.

Student Information System (SIS)

Students need to visit Student Information System (SIS) at <http://sis.ozyegin.edu.tr> for course registration, see their course schedules, and online transcripts.

Learning Management System (LMS)

Learning Management System allows students to access course content, assignments and resources online. CMS is available at <https://lms.ozyegin.edu.tr/login/index.php>. LMS aims to provide an interactive learning environment and support.

MyOzU

We have renewed our intranet site. Our new intranet site "myOzU" is online at <http://my.ozyegin.edu.tr>. It ouers customized information based on the needs and responsibilities of OzU students and serve as a single point of access for students' requirements.

Wireless Network Access

Students can access the Internet and electronic resources by using the wireless network within the campus.

Supporting Learning Technologies

Equipment such as video cameras, cameras, microphones can be borrowed for short periods from the library to use in lectures and for assignments.

The categories offered by the Solution Center system:

- IT Support
- Correspondence (Only for staff)
- Dining Hall
- Transportation
- Organization/Events (Only for staff)
- Safe Living and Environment
- Comments and Feedbacks
- Maintenance & Repair
- On-campus cafes and businesses
- OzU Card
- Cleaning & Handling
- Dorms (cleaning, maintenance and repairs, security etc)
- Lost & Stolen Items

Campus Access Information

Altunizade - Çekmeköy Campus Shuttle Buses

There are frequent shuttle buses (almost every hour) between Altunizade and Çekmeköy campus, including weekends. For the detailed schedule, please check: <https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/contact/shuttle-hours>

The shuttle ticket costs about 5 TL one way depending on the commute. You are able to use your Campus Cards for Gürsel's shuttles as well. Campus cards provide a discounted rate.

Çekmeköy Campus - Taksim Shuttle Buses

There are shuttle buses operating between Çekmeköy dorms and Taksim Square on Friday/ Saturday nights.

How to Get to Çekmeköy by İETT Bus Lines:

You can also take any of the following İETT buses to get to Nişantepe where the Özyeğin University Çekmeköy Campus is located. You may also review the alternative way options for the campus: <https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/contact/how-get-campus-bus>

Line Number- Route

11A	Üsküdar-Alemdar
14A	Kadıköy-Alemdar
522	Alemdar-Topkapı
522N	Nişantepe-4.Levent Metro
14AK	Kadıköy-Ziverbey-Alemdağ

Important Notes:

Please visit the following link to make search about bus routes and stops.

<http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en>

You may visit the following link to see an overview of the railway system:

<https://www.metro.istanbul/media/88184/istanbul-ulaisim-ag-haritasi.jpg>

İETT also has a smart phone application.

Below is the metrobus lines that you may take to commute to Altunizade from where you can take the OzU shuttles and/or buses. Please also review the metrobus website for the further information:

<http://metrobus.iETT.gov.tr/en>

Metrobüs Lines

34	AVCILAR - ZİNCİRLİKUYU
34A	SÖĞÜTLÜÇEŞME - CEVİZLIBAĞ
*34AS	AVCILAR - SÖĞÜTLÜÇEŞME
34BZ	BEYLİKDÜZÜ - ZİNCİRLİKUYU
*34C	BEYLİKDÜZÜ - CEVİZLIBAĞ
*34G	BEYLİKDÜZÜ - SÖĞÜTLÜÇEŞME
34U	UZUNÇAYIR - ZİNCİRLİKUYU
*34Z	ZİNCİRLİKUYU - SÖĞÜTLÜÇEŞME

* You can reach the OzU Shuttles in Altunizade by this line



Living in Istanbul

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Friendly Reminder...

Despite the other attractions of Istanbul, traffic is heavy at certain times of the day. It is important to bear in mind the traffic situation when making arrangements and scheduling appointments. Rush hours are between 7-10 am and 5-8 pm, so try to avoid crossing the bridges during these hours and use sea transportation instead.

In Istanbul, you can explore the city that was once known as the capital of capital cities, having served as the axis upon which the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires revolved. It has been the home to more than 120 emperors and sultans over a span of 1600 years, and there are still remnants of their former wealth and glory scattered throughout the city: palaces and villas, churches and mosques, fountains and theaters, private schools and bathhouses.

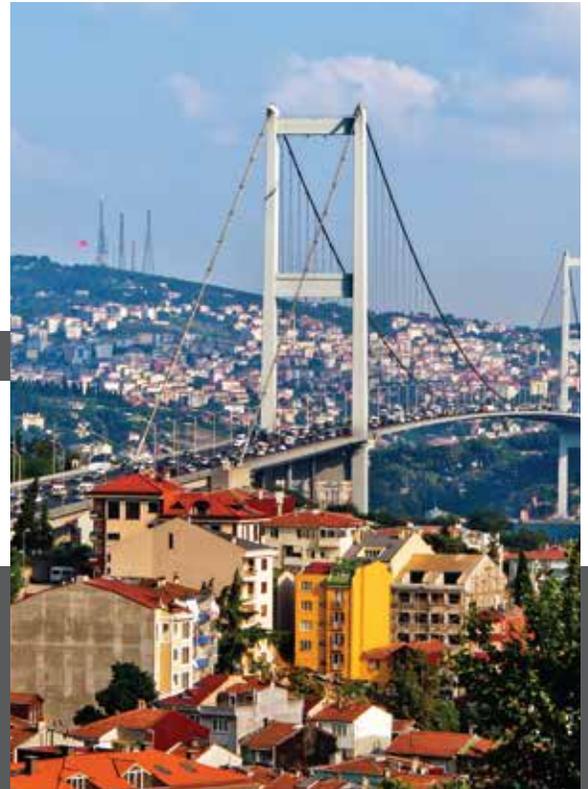
Today, from the depths of this historical Istanbul, a new, modern, dynamic Istanbul has been born. Alongside ancient minarets and Roman city walls have emerged shiny shopping malls, skyscrapers, and residences integrated amongst the narrow streets and cobbled walkways are bars and nightclubs ringing out the latest music sensations and featuring the newest fashion trends. With a population of over 13 million spread across two continents, it is a city that never stops evolving.

Istanbul is also the financial and industrial center of the country, generating 25% of the GNP and playing a significant role in regional trade and cross-border relations. As the export and import gate of Turkey, the city originates 46% of the country's total exports; imports from Istanbul make up 40%. Listed 34th on the list of the world's largest city economies and home to 35 of the world's billionaires.

Living Expenses

Istanbul is a city that offers opportunities for different budgets. This part is prepared to give an idea about estimated costs.

Residence Permit Fee:	There is no annual residence permit fee but an approximate amount of 72 TL must be paid as a card fee to a Ziraatbank branch or respective tax department.
On-Campus accommodation:	About 400 USD/ month
Book expenses:	500 TL (yearly average)
Food expenses at the campus dining hall:	600 TL/ month (3 meals a day)
Personal expenses:	500 TL/ month



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There is no requirement for students to stay in the residence halls. Students can opt to benefit from suitable rental options available in the surrounding areas of OzU's Çekmeköy campus. However, students need to do their own research and carry out their own negotiations with the real estate agencies and landlords. The university does not take responsibility for the private rental arrangements of the students.

The district of Çekmeköy, where OzU's campus is located, is a booming neighborhood on the Anatolian side of Istanbul in terms of modern residential building complexes springing up on almost daily basis. The region is an attraction zone for especially young people looking for cheap rentals of newly constructed houses offering a large array of facilities, such as swimming pools, fitness centers and 7/24 security services.

If you wish to take on off-campus housing option, OzU IO may send some information that our previous students suggested/experienced.

Erasmus Student Network Housing: <https://esnturkey.org/esn-turkey-survival-guide>

Erasmus Student Housing Organization: <http://erasmushouses.com>

Işıksaçan Residence: <http://www.isiksacanapartmanyonetiligi.com/eng/index.html>

Some useful tips while looking for off-campus accommodation:

- If you are here for limited period of time and want to live at the heart of the city you are suggested to look at the following neighborhoods: Beşiktaş, Taksim (Beyoğlu), Harbiye, Osmanbey on the European side and Üsküdar, Kadıköy, Acıbadem on the Asian side.
- There are numerous real estate agencies in İstanbul. If you are looking for a place in one neighborhood then you need to go to agencies in that neighborhood. It is important to find people who speak English. The following points may be open to negotiation: Price of monthly rent, number of months of advance payment required, currency that the rent will be paid in, method of payment, amount of deposit required and whether it is in Turkish Lira or foreign currency, the condition of the home - if it is a new home for example, appliances (included or not), cleaning, and any damage needing repair such as water damage or cracks in walls. Try to get it all in writing before you move.
- It is always suggested to try to be in touch with the current and/or incoming students who are looking for flatmates.
- Utilities such as heating, electricity and water are not typically included in the rent.

Night Life

Most inhabitants of Istanbul would readily confess to the fact that Istanbul is a city that never sleeps. It is undoubtedly the most lively city in Turkey for nightlife, running continuously in all seasons of the year, on all days of the week, with its myriad offerings of bars, dance clubs, pubs and meyhanes (taverns) and more. Their prices range from reasonable to very expensive.



Most frequented nightlife centers on the Asian side can be listed as Kadikoy and Bağdat Street, and on the European side, Taksim/Beyoglu, Levent, Etiler, Nisantasi, areas along the Bosphorus and Sultanahmet. International and exchange students typically take advantage of the diverse forms of night-time entertainment at their disposal. However, a word of friendly warning - always carry your passport, residence permit, or some equivalent ID when you go out. Police ID controls are pretty common in the city, especially at night time. To keep yourself up-to-date on the diverse list of upcoming events and going out trends of the city, you may find it useful to visit <http://www.timeout.com/istanbul/>

Museums and Attractions

The following list includes some of the many museums worth visiting: Ayasofia (Hagai Sophia), Kariye Camii (St. Saviour in Chora), the Hippodrome, the city walls and cisterns (Yerebatan Sarnıcı), Topkapı Palace, the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art (Ibrahim Paşa Sarayı), the Naval and Military Museums, Dolmabahçe Palace, the Archaeological Museum. Istanbul also has the Istanbul Modern Art Museum Santral Istanbul, Sakıp Sabancı Museum, and special interest museums like the Sadberk Hanım Museum and the Rahmi Koç Museum of Transport, Industry and Communications.



The entrance fees of the various museums range between 5 and 20 TL, per person. You may get discounted entrance with your official student ID. Müzekart, you pay a fee of 185 TL and obtain unlimited free access to over 300 museum nationwide. Some private museums are not included in the Müze Card system. With Museum Pass Istanbul, you pay 85 TL and have access to museums of Istanbul. For detailed information please visit: <https://www.muze.gov.tr/tr/purchase?t=5>

Shopping

There are a variety of options in Istanbul for shopping that serve different tastes, needs, and budgets. You may find big malls, traditional bazaar, neighborhood bazaar as well as streets/neighborhoods famous for their shops. The following are some noteworthy options:

Bazaars

- Kadıköy Çarısı (Asian side)
- Besiktas Çarısı (European side)
- Bağdat Street (Asian side)
- İstiklal Street (European side)

Malls

- Asian side: Ikea, Meydan, Tepe Nautilus, Capitol, Paladium and Buyaka
- European side: Akmerkez, İstinye Park, Metro City, Kanyon, Akasya, İstanbul Cevahir, Marmara Forum and Trump Towers

Some famous neighborhood bazaars

- Kadıköy on the Asian side (on Tuesdays),
- Besiktas on the European side (on Saturdays)

Supermarkets

- There are a number of supermarket chains all over the city. Migros and Carrefour are just some to name.

Bakkal: These are very small corner shops in a given locale, selling vegetables- fruits, drinks, dairy products, various junk food, newspapers etc. There are big ones as well as small ones. Some of these shops tend to be cheaper than the supermarkets whereas some big and famous ones are more expensive.

In most of the shops and supermarkets, you may use credit cards/ atm cards but at local bazaars these options may not be possible.

You can have a wide variety of local dishes as Turkish cuisine is famous for its range of delicious foods. Meat, vegetables, fruit and seafood are plentiful and vary with the seasons. You may want to eat something quick or sit down at a nice restaurant with the Bosphorus view or try to curb your appetite after a night out or taste the delicious food at a lokanta (traditional Turkish restaurant, offering home-style food.) All is available in Istanbul. There are also a small number of restaurants where you can enjoy the tastes of Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Italian, Indian, German and Korean cuisines. Moreover, there are abundant choices of fast food restaurants like McDonald's, Burger King, KFC, Pizza Hut, Subway, Schlotzsky's Deli and more.

Coffee and tea have an important role in the culture and they become important tools for sociocultural exchange. After your meal, you can enjoy yourselves in various cafes including Starbucks, Gloria Jean's, Nero or at small coffee shops and teahouses.

Some useful links:

- www.lokanta.com
(restaurant search engine searchable by location, cuisine and other)
- www.yemeksepeti.com
(online delivery service for all areas of Istanbul)

Some tips for dining

- We highly recommend that you do not drink tap water.
- If you are going to a restaurant as a big group, you may need to reserve a place for Friday-Saturday evenings beforehand. Some restaurants offer fixed priced meals including appetizers, main dish, drinks, dessert and so forth.
- Always ask for the price before you order.
- Tip is usually 10% but in some places they may include it in the bill.
- There have been incidences of boot-legged alcohol being inconspicuously served especially to foreigners. Make sure that you know the source of what you are drinking.

Music, Arts, Festivals & Events

The following places are popular music and culture venues: Cemil Reşit Rey Hall in Nişantaşı, Cemil Topuzlu Open Air Amphitheater in Nişantaşı, Rumeli Hisarı Open Air Amphitheater, jazz clubs in Ortaköy, and Babylon, which is famous for rock and alternative music performances, Kurucemesme Turkcell Arena, which is walking distance away from Ortakoy square. Istanbul has a very dynamic socio-cultural life with numerous festivals and concerts throughout the year. Below is a list of some of these events:

Istanbul Book Fair; Istanbul Biennial; AFM International Independent Film Festival; Transcontinental Istanbul Marathon; Fall Film Festival; Open Air Amphitheater Jazz Festival; International Blues Festival; International Istanbul Film Festival; International Women's Film Festival; International Theater Festival; International Music Festival.

For a detailed description of events, dates, venues and tickets please visit the following links:

Biletix ticketmaster:
www.biletix.com/anasayfa/TURKIYE/en

Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts:
<http://www.iksv.org>



Cinema & Theatres

You will have no difficulty in finding a nearby cinema or theatre where you can watch the latest movies or plays. The following website gives a full listing of cinemas and their current offerings in Istanbul.

www.istanbulcityguide.com/sinema/default.aspx

Religious Institutions

As Istanbul embraces different religions, there are several working churches and synagogues as well as countless mosques. The Patriarchate of the Greek Orthodox Church is in Balat and there are many other Greek Orthodox and Armenian churches. St. Antoine and St. Esprit are the two main Roman Catholic churches. The Anglican (Episcopal) community has services at Christ Church (the Crimean Memorial Church). The Union Church of Istanbul holds non-denominational Protestant services in the Dutch chapel. Three of the main synagogues of the city are Neve Shalom and the Şişli and Ortaköy synagogues.

For information about public transportation please see the links stated below:

inner-city bus transportation
<http://www.iETT.gov.tr>

sea transportation
<http://www.ido.com.tr>
<http://en.sehirhatlari.istanbul/en>

railroad transportation
<http://www.tcdd.gov.tr/tcdding/index.htm>

for tram
<http://www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr/default.asp>

More information about living in Istanbul, Turkey can be found at:

<http://www.istanbulcityguide.com>
<http://www.turkeytravelplanner.com>
<http://www.mymerhaba.com>
http://www.kultur.gov.tr/?_dil=2
<http://www.timeout.com/istanbul/>



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Health Related

It is located at the Student Center 2 A physician is available from 07:00 to 19:00 on weekdays. Also a medical team of two paramedics and an ambulance will be available on the Çekmeköy campus 24/7.

Phone number: 0216 564 91 12

General Emergency Number

- Medical emergency / Ambulance : 112
- Fire : 110
- Police : 155
- Coastguard : 158
- Foreigner's Communication Center : 157



