Your Partner in Istanbul
Koç University
Welcome to Koç University

Koç University was founded in 1993 as a non-profit private university by the Vehbi Koç Foundation. In this short time, we have established ourselves globally as a leading research university.

Our mission, as it has been from our founding, is to contribute to the universal body of knowledge. We strive to influence intellectual, technological, economic and social developments on a global scale.

In pursuit of this mission, we recognize that internationalization is essential to the success and sustainability of our efforts. The incredible richness and diversity of teaching and learning on our campus is greatly enhanced by the international experiences of our faculty members and the diversity of exchange programs that we offer. Through our international students, faculty, and programs we achieve an impact that far exceeds the size and age of our University.

Internationalization is at the core of our strategic plans at Koç University. In addition to many partner schools in the Americas and Europe, we are the first university in Turkey that has established partnerships with several universities in China, Hong Kong, Singapore and India.

If we are to meet the challenges of the future we must continue to cooperate beyond geographical boundaries, and embrace an openness to excellence in ideas, methods and people, irrespective of origin, nationality, age, gender or position.

We wholeheartedly invite you to satisfy your curiosity for knowledge at Koç University and look forward to welcoming you to our fascinating and remarkable campus!
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Research Based Teaching

Koç University ranks among the top research universities in Turkey, in terms of number of articles per academic member. This indicates the importance attached to research, and success of academic members and research programs.
European Research Council (ERC) Grants: Turkey And Koç University

Between 2012-2019 Koç University shouldered Turkey’s ERC performance. By the end of 2019, 13 out of 23 ERC projects awarded in Turkey were hosted by KU. In addition, in the same period, two of KU’s ERC grantees received a total of 4 ERC Proof of Concept grants (additional funding for the commercialization of technology outputs). Therefore, KU also coordinates the only 4 ERC Proof of Concept grants awarded in Turkey.

Total ERC Projects (including PoC grants) as of 2019
Koç University: 13 Projects - €16 M
Turkey 23 Projects – €36 M

KU Success in EC’s Horizon 2020 Among Turkish Universities

Distributions based on EC contribution amounts from October 2017 CORDIS dataset

R&D Funding For Turkish Universities Under EU-FP 7 Programs (2007-2013)

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(Million Euro)

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Ozyeğin University 8 Projects; €1.1 M
Bilkent University 19 Projects; €5.6 M
Sabancı University 27 Projects; €4.4 M
Izmir University 9 Projects; €4.9 M
Istanbul Technical University 20 Projects; €3.9 M
Boğaziçi University 17 Projects; €4.3 M
Sabancı University 27 Projects; €4.4 M
Istanbul Technical University 20 Projects; €3.9 M
Bilkent University 19 Projects; €5.6 M
Koç University 29 Projects; €12.3 M
Middle East Technical University 35 Projects; €11.9 M
Study in English
The language of instruction at Koç University is English.

An International University
25% of the graduate students at Koç University are international students from all over the world. Each semester Koç University welcomes exchange students attracted from more than 270 partner universities in more than 60 countries.

Koç University Hospital
As one of the newest schools of medicine in Turkey, Koç University Medical School has started its first academic year in 2010-2011. The objective is to train the students of Koç University School of Medicine as doctors, who are concerned with the health problems of the 21st century and who can generate medical solutions under the guidance of science. Koç University Hospital is the research and training hospital of the Koç University Medicine School.

- 400 Single inpatient rooms
- 77 Intensive care units
- 220,000 m² Net space area
- 24 Bone marrow units
- 13 Operating rooms
- 4 Delivery rooms
- 88 Observation rooms
- 250 Examination rooms
Partner Map

Why Choose Koç University?

NORTH AMERICA
Canada
Costa Rica
Mexico
USA

SOUTH AMERICA
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Peru
Uruguay

EUROPE
Albania
Austria
Belgium
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
The Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom

MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA
Egypt
Ghana
Israel
Iran
Jordan
Lebanon
Libya
Morocco
South Africa

ASIA
Azerbaijan
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
Georgia
India
Indonesia
Japan
Kuwait
Malaysia
Pakistan
Philippines
Russia
Singapore
South Korea
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

AUSTRALIA
Australia
Partner Universities

**AMERICAS**

**ARGENTINA**
- Research Level
  - University of Buenos Aires
- Faculty Level
  - National University of Tucumán

**BRAZIL**
- University-wide
  - São Paulo State University (UNESP)
- Faculty Level
  - PPG in Civils
  - PPG in Computers
  - PPG in Computer Science
  - Insper
  - FGV – EAESP
- Cooperative
  - University of São Paulo

**CARIBBEAN**
- University-wide
  - Caribbean University
  - Queen's University (Jamaica)
  - Simon Fraser University
  - The University of the British Columba
  - University of Toronto
  - York University
- Faculty Level
  - The University of the British Columbia, Sauder School of Business
  - University of Toronto, Rotman School of Business
  - University of Victoria, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business
  - Western University, Ivey Business School
  - York University, Schulich School of Business

**CHILE**
- University-wide
  - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
  - Adolfo Ibáñez University
- Faculty Level
  - The University of Chile
  - San Francisco State University
  - Texas A&M University
  - The City University of New York, Baruch College
  - The George Washington University
  - The University of Texas at Austin
  - The University of Hong Kong
  - The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

**COLOMBIA**
- University-wide
  - National University of Colombia
  - Universidad Javeriana
  - University of Guaviare
- Faculty Level
  - Universidad de los Andes
  - Universidad de La Sabana
  - Universidad de los Ingenieros
  - Universidad Nacional de Colombia
  - Universidad Nacional de Bogotá
  - Universidad Simon Bolivar

**COLOMBIA**
- University-wide
  - Universidad de Los Andes
  - Universidad Javeriana
- Faculty Level
  - Universidad de los Andes
  - Universidad de La Sabana
  - Universidad de los Ingenieros
  - Universidad Nacional de Colombia
  - Universidad Nacional de Bogotá
  - Universidad Simon Bolivar

**COSTA RICA**
- University-wide
  - University of Costa Rica
- Faculty Level
  - University of Costa Rica
  - University of San Carlos
  - The University of Arizona

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**
- University-wide
  - Autonomous University of Santo Domingo

**ECUADOR**
- University-wide
  - Escuela Politécnica Nacional
- Faculty Level
  - Universidad Andina
  - Universidad de Guayaquil

**ENGLAND**
- University-wide
  - University of Oxford
  - University of Cambridge
  - University of London
- Faculty Level
  - University of Cambridge
  - University of Oxford
  - University of London

**FRANCE**
- University-wide
  - University of Toulouse
  - University of Lille
- Faculty Level
  - University of Toulouse
  - University of Lille

**GERMANY**
- University-wide
  - University of Heidelberg
  - University of Bonn
- Faculty Level
  - University of Heidelberg
  - University of Bonn

**HONG KONG**
- University-wide
  - City University of Hong Kong
  - University of Hong Kong
  - The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Faculty Level
  - The University of Hong Kong
  - The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**INDIA**
- University-wide
  - Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
  - Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- Faculty Level
  - IIT Delhi
  - IIT Madras

**INDONESIA**
- University-wide
  - University of Indonesia
  - University of Brawijaya
  - National University of Indonesia

**ITALY**
- University-wide
  - University of Bologna
- Faculty Level
  - University of Bologna
  - University of Padua

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- Faculty Level
  - University of Bologna
  - University of Padua

**JAPAN**
- University-wide
  - University of Tokyo
  - University of Osaka

**KOREA**
- University-wide
  - University of Seoul
  - Korea University

**MALAYSIA**
- University-wide
  - University of Malaya
  - Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

**MEXICO**
- University-wide
  - University of Guadalajara
  - University of Mexico
- Faculty Level
  - University of Guadalajara
  - National Autonomous University of Mexico

**NETHERLANDS**
- University-wide
  - University of Amsterdam
  - University of Leiden
- Faculty Level
  - University of Amsterdam
  - University of Leiden

**NEW ZEALAND**
- University-wide
  - University of Auckland
  - University of Waikato
- Faculty Level
  - University of Auckland
  - University of Waikato

**NETHERLANDS**
- University-wide
  - University of Amsterdam
  - University of Waikato
- Faculty Level
  - University of Amsterdam
  - University of Waikato

**NORWAY**
- University-wide
  - University of Oslo
  - University of Bergen
- Faculty Level
  - University of Oslo
  - University of Bergen

**PAKISTAN**
- University-wide
  - University of Faisalabad
  - University of Pakistan
- Faculty Level
  - University of Faisalabad
  - University of Pakistan

**PERU**
- University-wide
  - Universidad San Marcos
  - Pontificia Universidad Católica Peruana
- Faculty Level
  - Pontificia Universidad Católica Peruana

**PHILIPPINES**
- University-wide
  - University of the Philippines
  - University of the Philippines
- Faculty Level
  - University of the Philippines
  - University of the Philippines

**PORTUGAL**
- University-wide
  - University of Lisbon
  - University of Porto
- Faculty Level
  - University of Lisbon
  - University of Porto

**RUSSIA**
- University-wide
  - Higher School of Economics
  - National Research University Higher School of Economics
- Faculty Level
  - Higher School of Economics
  - National Research University Higher School of Economics

**SINGAPORE**
- University-wide
  - National University of Singapore
  - Singapore Management University
- Faculty Level
  - National University of Singapore
  - Singapore Management University

**SPAIN**
- University-wide
  - University of Alcalá
  - University of Alcalá
- Faculty Level
  - University of Alcalá
  - University of Alcalá

**SWITZERLAND**
- University-wide
  - ETH Zurich
  - University of Zurich
- Faculty Level
  - ETH Zurich
  - University of Zurich

**TURKEY**
- University-wide
  - Middle East Technical University
  - Bilkent University
- Faculty Level
  - Middle East Technical University
  - Bilkent University

**UGANDA**
- University-wide
  - Makerere University
- Faculty Level
  - Makerere University

**UNITED KINGDOM**
- University-wide
  - University of Oxford
  - University of Cambridge
- Faculty Level
  - University of Oxford
  - University of Cambridge

**UNITED STATES**
- University-wide
  - Harvard University
  - Stanford University
- Faculty Level
  - Harvard University
  - Stanford University

**VIETNAM**
- University-wide
  - Hanoi University of Science and Technology
  - Ho Chi Minh University of Science and Technology
- Faculty Level
  - Hanoi University of Science and Technology
  - Ho Chi Minh University of Science and Technology

**VIETNAM**
- University-wide
  - Hanoi University of Science and Technology
  - Ho Chi Minh University of Science and Technology
- Faculty Level
  - Hanoi University of Science and Technology
  - Ho Chi Minh University of Science and Technology

**ZAMBIA**
- University-wide
  - University of Zambia
  - University of Zambia
- Faculty Level
  - University of Zambia
  - University of Zambia

**ZIMBABWE**
- University-wide
  - University of Zimbabwe
  - University of Zimbabwe
- Faculty Level
  - University of Zimbabwe
  - University of Zimbabwe

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**EUROPE**

**ALBANIA**
- University-wide
  - University of Tirana
- Faculty Level
  - University of Tirana

**AUSTRIA**
- Faculty Level
  - Catholic University of Linz
  - WU - Vienna University of Economics and Business

**BELGIUM**
- Faculty Level
  - University of Antwerp
  - Gent University
  - KU Leuven
  - University of Liège
  - Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)

**CZECH REPUBLIC**
- Faculty Level
  - Charles University
  - University of Economics, Prague

**DENMARK**
- Faculty Level
  - Aarhus University
  - Copenhagen Business School
  - IT University of Copenhagen
  - University of Southern Denmark
  - VIA University College

**FINLAND**
- Faculty Level
  - Aalto University
  - Aalto University
  - Institute of Biotechnology
  - University of Helsinki
  - University of Turku

**FRANCE**
- Faculty Level
  - Grenoble School of Management
  - Grenoble Institute of Technology
  - ESMTB
  - ESCP School of Management
  - ESCP Business School
  - Grenoble Institute of Technology
  - Grenoble School of Management
  - HECS

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**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**
- Faculty Level
  - External University of the Americas
  - External University of the Americas

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**WHY CHOOSE Koç UNIVERSITY?**
Scholarships For Full-Degree-Seeking International Students
As of 2020 Koç University has established joint scholarship programs with 11 government and private foundations that allow the award of undergraduate and graduate scholarships for students from over 100 countries that include China, Ghana, Syria, Pakistan, Palestine, Kazakhstan and Colombia amongst others.

We welcome your insight and ideas for new scholarship partners to welcome talented sponsored students from your country at Koç University.

Current joint scholarship programs include:
- HEC Pakistan Scholarships
- Abdullah Al Ghurair STEM Scholarships (MENA)
- Institute of International Education (IIE) Syria Consortium Scholarships
- United Lebanon Youth Projects Scholarships (Palestine)
- Fung Graduate Fellowship (China)
- ICETEX Scholarships (Colombia)
- Bolashak-Center for International Programs Scholarships (Kazakhstan)
- Ghana Graduate Scholarships
- Huawei Graduate Research Support Scholarships (Turkey and International)
- Turkish Scholarships (all countries)

Please visit international.ku.edu.tr/ for details.
Study Options / Find your course

Undergraduate Degrees

College Of Administrative Science And Economics (CASE)
Business Administration
Economics
International Relations

College Of Engineering (CE)
Chemical & Biological Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical & Electronics Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Law School
Law

School Of Medicine (SOM)
Medicine

School Of Nursing (SON)
Nursing

College Of Social Sciences & Humanities (CSSH)
Archaeology and History of Art
Comparative Literature
Media & Visual Arts
History
Philosophy
Psychology
Sociology

College Of Sciences (CS)
Chemistry
Physics
Mathematics
Molecular Biology & Genetics

Graduate Degrees

Graduate School Of Sciences & Engineering (GSSE)
MSc & PhD in Biomedical Sciences and Engineering
MSc & PhD in Chemical and Biological Engineering
MSc & PhD in Computational Sciences and Engineering
MSc & PhD in Computer Science and Engineering
MSc & PhD in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
MSc & PhD in Industrial Engineering and Operations Management
MSc & PhD in Chemistry
MSc & PhD in Materials Science and Engineering
MSc & PhD in Mathematics
MSc & PhD in Mechanical Engineering
MSc & PhD in Molecular Biology and Genetics
MSc & PhD in Physics
MSc in Cybersecurity
DD in PhD in Chemical Engineering with National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan (in the process)

Graduate School Of Health Sciences (GSHS)
MSc in Medical Physiology
MSc in Medical Microbiology
MSc in Reproductive Biology
MSc & PhD in Neurosciences
MSc & PhD in Cellular & Molecular Medicine
MSc & PhD in Immunology
MSc in Critical Care Nursing
MSc & PhD in Nursing (Turkish only)
PhD in Reproductive Medicine

Graduate School Of Social Sciences & Humanities (GSSSH)
MA & PhD in Archaeology and History of Art
MA in Comparative Studies in History and Society
MA & PhD in Design, Technology and Society
MA & PhD in Economics
MA in International Relations
MA & PhD in Psychology
MA & PhD in Clinical Psychology
LLM in Private Law / LLM in Public Law & PhD in Law
Joint Masters Program in Public Policy with the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow UK
PhD in Political Science & International Relations
PhD in Sociology
PhD in History
DD in PhD in Design, Technology and Society with University of Antwerp, Belgium

Graduate School Of Business (GSB)
Master in International Management (CEMS)
Master in International Management (KOC)
Koç MIM Double Degree Program with University of South Carolina
Modular MBA
-Desing MBA
-Health MBA
-Tech MBA
-Executive MBA
MSc in Finance
PhD in Business Administration
Nomination and Application Procedures

Koç University receives incoming exchange student nominations through the KUAPP online portal: https://kuapp.ku.edu.tr

Nomination and Application Dates:
Fall Semester: 1st April - 1st June
Spring Semester: 1st September - 1st November
Summer Semester: 1st February – 30th April

Academic Calendar

The academic year at Koç University is divided into
Three semesters: Fall, Spring and Summer Semester.
Fall Semester: late September to mid-January. Two weeks of semester break after the final exams.
Spring Semester: early February to late May with a one-week spring break.
Summer Semester: early July to early August. Seven weeks in total.

Course Planning

KU students usually take five courses per semester (an average course is 3 KU credits which is equal to 6 ECTS). Exchange students can take maximum 6 courses per semester. Courses are selected on our online platform KUSIS.

Assessment System

Students are assessed by examination or coursework, which is set by the instructor of the course. Exchange students receive official transcripts of records from Koç University in order to transfer credits to their home university. On their transcripts, students can see the grade, numeric value, semester GPA and cumulative GPA. The highest score a student can get from an exam or a coursework is A+/4.00 while F/0.0 means that the student is failing the course.
KOLT Language Conversation Circles
The Program aims to improve speaking and comprehension skills of students in the undergraduate programs and the English Language College.

Orientation Week
Orientation week for new exchange students at Koç University is intended to welcome them to the university and give them all of the essential information needed to make the most out of their time during their studies. They also have the chance to meet their mentors and other exchange students during the week. There are a number of social events running throughout the week to help them settle into life at Koç University and have an enjoyable experience as much as possible. Orientation starts one week before the classes begin. During orientation, there will be a campus tour and other activities that will familiarise students with the Koç community. Administrative processes, such as course registration will also take place during orientation.

Mentorship
Each incoming exchange student is assigned to an exchange mentor (a KU student) who acts as a guide and resource person to assist in transition to life at Koç University throughout the semester. The mentors go through a rigorous selection, interview, and training process before being assigned to a group of students. Mentors are reliable and hard-working individuals open to cultural exchange. They take exchange students’ well-being into consideration at all times and are always ready to help.

International Exchange Student Life
Visa
Students can usually enter Turkey with a multiple entry tourist (ordinary) visa or a valid passport – please check your country’s eligibility. All exchange students are obliged, by law, to apply for and obtain a residence permit in Turkey after arrival if their visa length does not cover the total duration of their exchange semester in Turkey. A residence permit will be valid for the duration of exchange (1 or 2 semesters) and will include enough time for a timely departure.

Health Insurance
As per immigration laws in Turkey, it is mandatory for all students to hold valid health insurance covering the total duration of their enrolment at Koç University.

International co-curricular programs are open for anyone who is willing to make new friendships across cultures and languages.

Turkish Host Family Program
Turkish Host Family Program brings Turkish families and exchange students together to give students a unique experience of Turkish culture and hospitality while helping students integrate to life in Turkey. There are a wide variety of opportunities within the scope of this program. Incoming Exchange Students can check the opportunities with their exchange program advisors at KU after their admission.

Koç Guides
Koç Guides is a cross-cultural program that aims to offer international and domestic members of Koç University to engage in various cultural and commonplace activities together with the assistance of ICO and students that work with ICO. We encourage students to find university partners (Koç Guides) to do activities together with groups or run the activities themselves as volunteer guides themselves. Activities include group visits to cultural and historical places in Istanbul, tasting Turkish cuisine, trying Turkish activities, exploring Turkish customs and more. Koç Guides program has begun in Spring 2020 under the supervision of International Community Services Office (ICO), a subdivision in the Office of International Programs (OIP)

Turkish Coffee Hour
This is a weekly conversation club led by volunteer student and faculty member(s) of KU for everyone (including families) on campus who would like to practice spoken Turkish in an informal setting. The participants meet every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. International Community Services Office serves complimentary coffee and pastries to the participants. Group can be joined easily by following a WhatsApp group link and showing up to the weekly meetings. No sign up required. Turkish Coffee Hour has begun in Spring 2020.

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**Summer Exchange At Koç University**

The program aims to create a rewarding summer experience for students from both partner and non-partner universities. It combines high-quality courses and the opportunity to participate in local activities that enables students to gain insight into Turkish culture in Istanbul.

https://oip.ku.edu.tr/mobility-programs/incoming/students/summer-exchange/

**Global Learning and Leadership Program (GLLP)**

GLLP is a track program on global awareness, 21st century leadership and social innovation. It is a co-curricular program of seminars, speaker series, and experiential learning activities designed for motivated undergraduates who seek to develop, personally and professionally, into tomorrow’s global leaders.

https://gllp.ku.edu.tr/

**KU Global Aid**

KU Global Aid is an international service-learning certificate program, working to build awareness, international solidarity and support disadvantaged communities around the world. Program provides learning experiences where students develop competencies; such as personal awareness, creative problem solving, systems thinking, intercultural communication and teamwork.

https://globalaid.ku.edu.tr/

**Koç University Summer Research Program (KUSRP)**

Organized under the Vice Presidency for Research and Development, KUSRP welcomes motivated undergraduates from different universities around the world who want to improve their research skills and plan to attend graduate school. The program is open to both domestic and international students.

https://vprd.ku.edu.tr/en/kusrp/

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**Cost of Living**

Estimated Cost of Living Per Month *

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<td>Phone/internet</td>
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*As reported by Koç University students.
Short Summer Program on “International Migration and the Crisis”

Since 2016, KU organizes every summer this three-week international summer program that is open to all who are interested in the subject, regardless of their field of study. This unique program receives great interest from undergraduate and graduate students, as well as young professionals worldwide. It is mostly practice-based with extensive field work in the areas of Istanbul where the largest populations of migrants/asylum seekers reside, including visits to NGOs working in the field, as well as having a rich, discussion-based academic aspect with high-quality in-class time with significant guest lecturers and reading material. It is a single course that dives into the depths of the issue of international migration and the crisis. The program is designed through the joint efforts of the OIP and Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoç), one of the most established institutions at Koç University with more than 15 years of experience in migration research studies. For more information, please send an inquiry to summer@ku.edu.tr

Custom-made Study Visits to Koç

We design custom-made study visit programs based on the specific needs of our partner institutions. These programs provide students with an opportunity to have an academic experience at Koç University by receiving lectures from top-tier faculty members, and at the same time getting engaged in a wide array of extracurricular activities. If your institution is interested in creating your own custom-made program at Koç, please contact Ms. Nilüfer Akpınar Şahin at nakpinar@ku.edu.tr

International Funding Programs

As one of the leading research universities of Turkey, KU is open to Erasmus+ partnerships. In line with the KU’s Strategic Internationalization Plan (KUSIP), we are eager to integrate the Erasmus+ KA2/3 projects as an important component of this effort. Turkey is classified as a Program Country, hence for any project under the framework of Erasmus+ program, KU will be a reliable partner. We have the academic capacity and management knowledge to participate institutionally in these kind of projects. If your institution is interested in developing partnerships for Erasmus+ KA2 and KA3 projects with KU, please contact Ms. Oya Özer Kurt at oyozer@ku.edu.tr. We are looking forward to expanding our capacity and learning the best practices by collaboration.
Dormitories

50% of Koc University students choose to live on campus and many of them stay on campus by the time they graduate. Dormitories are located at the University’s main Rumelifeneri Campus and West Campus. Students on both campuses have access to facilities and services such as swimming-pools, sports center, game rooms, dance hall, billiard table, hair-dresser, post-office, supermarket, food halls and parking garage. On-campus accommodation is guaranteed for every exchange student who applies for and pays the fee on time.

https://dorms.ku.edu.tr/en/

Library

The Suna Kıraç Library supports the teaching, learning, and research needs of students and faculty with collections of books, journals and digital resources including online journals, e-books, databases, reference and instructional materials, and audio and video collections. The print collection includes 354,000 volumes, plus nearly 188,000 e-books. The Library also holds nearly 66,000 current serial titles available online. The library is open 24 hours a day.

https://library.ku.edu.tr/
Dining
Koç University offers students and staff healthy, hygienic and high-quality dining options in a comfortable and spacious atmosphere. Cafes and dining halls at Koç University offer a variety of cuisines as well as numerous vending machines and outlets at dormitories and faculty halls serving hot and cold beverages and snacks 24/7.

Student Clubs
Koç University has over 80 student clubs covering a wide range of topics and interests for students. Clubs regularly engage in on campus and off campus activities.

More than 80 student clubs focusing on different fields and interests for students.

Sports Center
Koç University offers many sport and exercise facilities including fully equipped gyms, swimming pools, an ice skating rink, dance studios, tennis courts, basketball court, squash courts and an outdoor football field.
https://sports.ku.edu.tr/en/

KURES
KURES accompanies students in their process of coming to know and realizing themselves, and supporting their personal development. It aims at helping students acquire the knowledge and skills that will help them cope with the academic, social and personal problems they face throughout this process.
KURES (Koç University Guidance and Psychological Services Center) is composed of two departments:
1. Psychological Services Center
2. Guidance Center
https://dos.ku.edu.tr/en/counseling-service/
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Koç University Career Development Center offers support to students to find internships, plan for masters and PhDs, review of curriculum vitae, cover letter and statement of purpose, interview preparation and general career counseling.

https://career.ku.edu.tr/en/

SGKM
Koç University’s Sevgi Gönül Cultural Centre (SGKM), located on the Rumelifeneri Campus, has hosted numerous concerts, plays, movie night events, recitals, exhibitions and dance performances. SGKM provides outreach to a diverse array of events including Sevgi Gönül Theatre Festival and Dance Festival. Luminaries of the arts bring influential ideas and opportunities to all Istanbul’s grand stages which SGKM is associated with.

https://sgkm.ku.edu.tr/en/

KOLT
Koç University Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT) leads support continual development of learning and teaching at Koç University. KOLT provides academic tutoring, conversation circles, face-to-face and online workshops for students. Workshops and resources are provided to support effective teaching for teaching assistants and faculty members.

https://kolt.ku.edu.tr/lang=en
Koç University has established 23 research centers, 5 research forums, 1 support center, 223 Research Laboratories for the purpose of conducting scientific and application studies in specific fields. To date there are 943 eternally funded research programs.

https://www.ku.edu.tr/tr/research/research-centers

Research Forums
- Koç University - TÜSİAD Economic Research Forum (EAF)
- Koç University Migros Retail Education Forum (KUMPEM)
- Koç University Social Impact Forum (KUSIF)
- Koç University Maritime Research Forum (KUDENFOR)
- Koç University Corporate Governance Forum (CGF)

Research Centers
- Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM)
- Koç University & Is Bankası Artificial Intelligence Laboratory - KUIS AI Lab
- Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)
- Center for Research on Globalization, Peace, and Democratic Governance (GLODEM)
- Koç University Gender Studies Center (KOÇ-KAM)
- Migration Research Center at Koç University (MIREKoç)
- Dr. Nüsret - Semahat Arsel International Business Law Implementation and Research Center (NASAMER)
- Koç University Social Policy Center (KU-SPM)
- Koç University Surface Science and Technology Center (KUYTAM)
- Koç University Tüpraş Energy Center (KUTEM)
- Koç University Center for Survey Research (KUCSR)
- Drug Research Center (IAM)
- Koç University Arçelik Research Center for Creative Industries (KUAR)
- Koç University Entrepreneurship Research Center (KWORKS)
- Center for Global Public Law (CGPL)
- Koç University – Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Center for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (GABAM)
- Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Center on Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED)
- Koç University Center for Asian Studies (KUASIA)
- Koç University Research Center for Translational Medicine (KUTAM)
- KU-AKKİM Boron-Based Materials & High-technology Chemicals Research & Application Center (KABAM)
- Semahat Arsel Nursing Education and Research Center (SANERC)
- Koç University Mustafa V. Koç Maritime Archaeology Research Center (KUDAR)
- Koç university Civil Society and Philanthropy Research and Application Center (KUSİTHAM)

Support Centers
- Koç University Support Center for Disabled Children and their Families (EÇADEM)
KUTTAM
Koç University Research Center for Translational Medicine (KUTTAM) provides a platform for interdisciplinary research for internationally renowned academicians across both basic and applied sciences, working in medicine, science, engineering and the social sciences. KUTTAM offers an outstanding research organization with a clear focus on progressing basic scientific discoveries to solutions that can improve the care and treatment of patients. KUTTAM also brings researchers into closer contact with pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries to allow strong industry-academia collaborations to progress new therapies to the marketplace. https://kuttam.ku.edu.tr/en/

AKMED
Koç University Suna & İnan Kıraç Research Centre for Mediterranean Civilizations (AKMED) seeks to be a leading research center on the Mediterranean world focusing on the history, archaeology, art history, ancient languages, architectural history, cultural heritage and related disciplines. AKMED’s mission is to pioneer and support national and international academic studies in the above-mentioned disciplines. https://akmed.ku.edu.tr/en/

ANAMED
ANAMED, the Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, housed in the historic Merkez Han on Istanbul’s Istiklal Street, was founded in 2005 to develop and facilitate research projects that are dedicated to the history, art, architecture and archaeology of civilizations in Turkey. As the first local academic research center founded to support scientific research on the history of Anatolia, ANAMED carries out this mission through publications, exhibitions, symposia, and fellowship for doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers. https://anamed.ku.edu.tr/en/

GABAM
Koç University Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (GABAM) aims to engage in scientific research and activities related to the Late Antique and Byzantine cultural periods (circa the 3rd and 15th centuries AD) and make contributions of universal significance to the relevant scientific disciplines. https://gabam.ku.edu.tr/en/

VEKAM
The center is focused mainly on to bring together visual and textual documents on Vehbi Koç and Ankara by classifying these documents convenient to scientific methods and techniques of information and document management and to put into service of researchers. VEKAM contributes to scientific researches, embraces and supports research of high-quality which reveal new data on Ankara and its environs. The center aims to become the first source of reference for all researchers on Ankara in the world. https://vekam.ku.edu.tr/en/node
Koç University Visiting Scholar Program

Faculty members with research appointments (Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor) can apply to the Koç University Visiting Scholar Program now. Applicants are expected to make arrangements with the University they wish to visit and to obtain an invitation from thereof. Similarly, we encourage faculty members to extend invitations to scholars working at international universities to participate in the Visiting Scholar Program at Koç University so that we can establish the foundations for research-oriented and long-lasting partnerships.

Koç University support for outgoing scholars include:

- a stipend of USD 500 per week or the equivalent amount of the current currency of the destination country for a duration of 4 to 8-week,
- a round-trip economy class airfare.
- Outgoing participants are expected to make their own housing arrangements.

Koç University support for incoming scholars who will be hosted by a Koç faculty include:

- a round-trip economy class airfare,
- accommodation at faculty housing at no cost (subject to availability).

Faculty members interested in participating in this program to visit another university or to host a visiting researcher should first discuss their possible visits with their deans and secure their support, then they should contact Ms. Zeynep Kotevoglu at zkotevoglu@ku.edu.tr.

Academic English Program for Researchers

This program is designed only for faculty members and/or PhD students who aim to improve their English language skills, academic and article writing skills and their skills for teaching in English by integrating educational technologies.

English Language Requirements:

Applicants will be expected to have CEFR B1+ level or higher in order to take benefit from the structure of this program to the fullest.

Each candidate will be asked to take an Online English Test to specify his/her current level. After taking the test, candidates will be informed regarding program participation based on the suitability of attending the program.

Program Fee:

The program fee is subject to change every year and it will include courses, classroom materials and accommodation for a shared room (with shared bathroom). Note: Total fee does not include meals.

Contact Info:

E-mail: english-for-researchers@ku.edu.tr

Program in Detail:

There will be three main elements of the program:

English Language Center sessions:

These classes will be focused on both practicing and enhancing the use of English language in academic life and research. The teaching practices will be focused more on improving academic skills such as writing a research paper, citation, giving presentations and organizing a speech.

Academic Writing Center sessions:

These classes will be focused on improving the ability to write in a more concise, organized, and compelling style by analyzing existing literature and different materials. Participants will also have a chance to explore ways to apply peer review as a strategy for improving writing, learn ways to structure their writing around effective hypotheses and develop an understanding of what journals and other publishers expect from submitted articles.

KOLT sessions:

Koç University’s Office of Learning and Teaching team members will have meetings with participants to improve the clarity and efficacy of their English-language instruction, to have hands-on experience with educational technologies that are widely used currently and to experience “micro-teaching” sessions for observing their presentation and teaching skills in English.

Koç University has funded 143 outgoing and 35 incoming scholars and researchers within the scope of Visiting Scholar Program until 2020 and the program is still ongoing successfully.
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