

EXCHANGE SEMESTER

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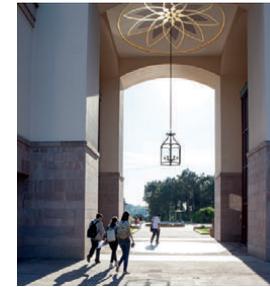
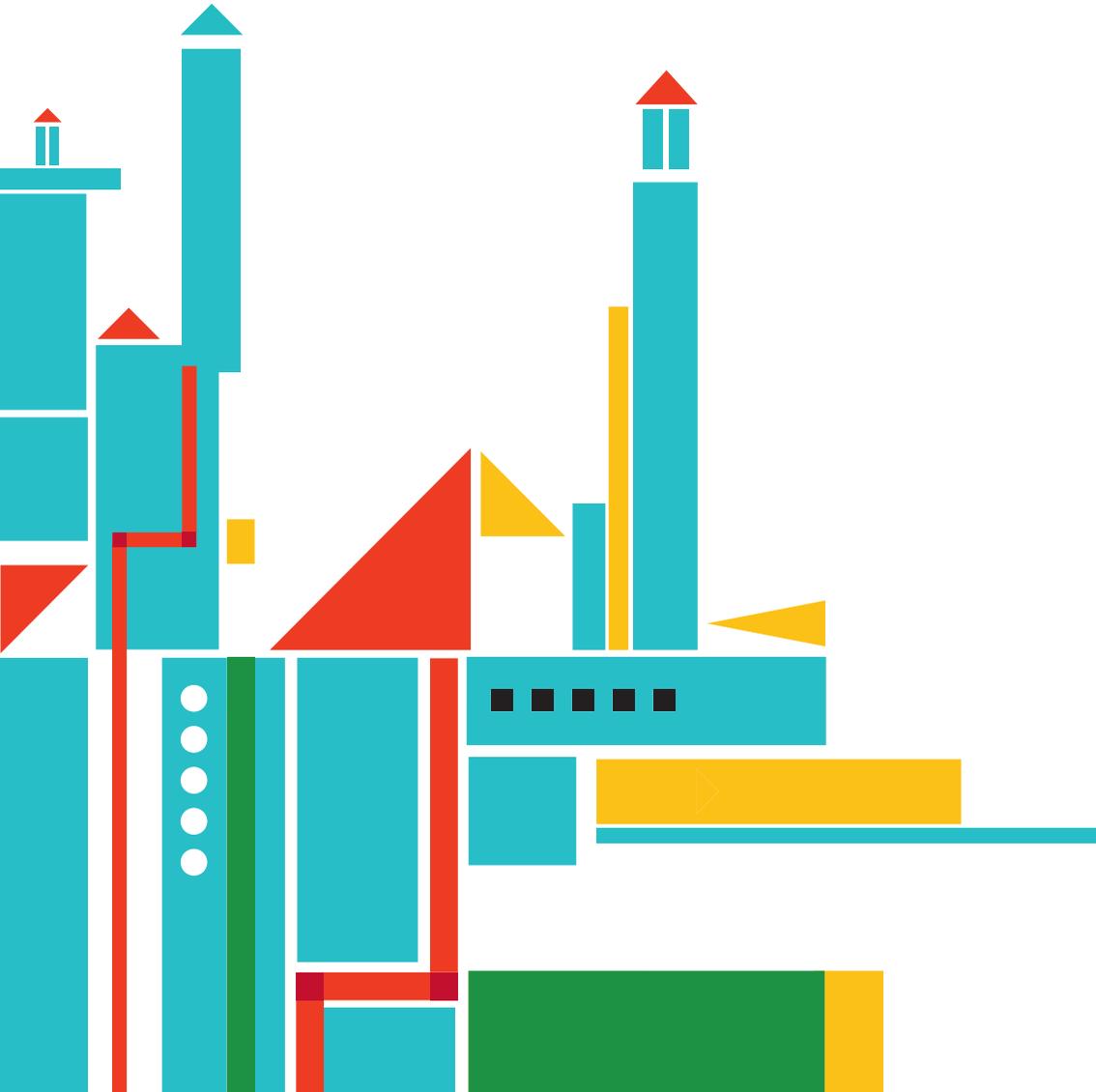
STUDY OPTIONS

WHY

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WHY İSTANBUL?

Istanbul is a lively city with a rich cultural heritage, thanks to its geographical location. With more than 8000 years of glamorous history, the city has always been an important metropolis as the former capital of many empires, including Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman Empire. Istanbul fascinates visitors with the precious ancient monuments and its unique beauty with the Bosphorus passing across the city to separate Europe and Asia. High standards of education, internationally recognized degrees and modern campuses with outstanding facilities are also the reasons why many students from all around the world are attracted to Turkey and Istanbul. The city owns cultural phenomena of centuries. Some of the wonderful sites of Istanbul are Hagia Sophia, Sultanahmet Mosque, Maiden's Tower, Dolmabahçe Palace, Basilica Cistern, Grand Bazaar, Galata Tower, Princes' Islands, and many more.



Alessio Clemente,
Universita Degli Studi Di Torino, Italy

My Erasmus experience in Istanbul was one of the richest and most meaningful periods in my life. I had the opportunity to explore Turkey in many aspects, and receive a unique welcome and memorable hospitality from the Turkish people. Koç University is a modern and well organized education center, equipped with numerous facilities that give you the possibility of practicing any kind of activity. The dorms were provided with the essential amenities and were well connected to the campus with frequent free shuttles. During my stay I had the opportunity to conduct my thesis research in a specific district of Istanbul and this allowed me to capture a 360° perspective in different aspects of the daily life of locals. A special thank goes to the teaching and administrative staff that helped me throughout the research, I'll always bring this beautiful experience in my heart.



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WHY KOÇ UNIVERSITY?

Koç University was founded in 1993 as a non-profit foundation university in İstanbul, Turkey. Since its establishment, Koç University has become a leading university in Turkey, distinguished by notable contributions to the elevation of education, knowledge, and service, domestically and beyond. Koç University ranks among the top research universities in Turkey in terms of number of articles per academic member, which indicates the importance attached to research, and success of academic members and research programs.

Koç University College of Administrative Sciences and Economics and Graduate School of Business have been granted accreditation by the global accreditation institution AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

Having previously attained Association of MBAs (AMBA) and EFMD Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) accreditations, we are now the first and only academic institution in Turkey to achieve the "Triple Crown" of the three most prestigious accreditations in this field.

RANKINGS

Times Higher Education

- Top 401-500th in World University Rankings 2021
- 73rd in Asia University Rankings 2021
- 201-250 in Social Sciences Rankings 2021
- 251-300 in Psychology Rankings 2021
- 201-250 in Engineering Rankings 2021
- 401-500 in Clinical, Pre-Clinical and Health Rankings 2021
- 501-600 in Physical Sciences Rankings 2021
- 51st in Emerging Economies Rankings 2021

QS Rankings

- 465th in QS World University Rankings 2021
- Ranked 11th in Emerging Europe and Central Asia 2021
- Ranked 61-70 in Top 50 under 50 Rankings 2021
- Ranked 101-150 in QS WUR by Subject Rankings 2021
- 16th in Masters in Management Rankings 2021
- 47th in Master in Finance Rankings 2021

Financial Times

- 58th in European Graduate School of Business Rankings 2020
- 1st in Turkey and 49th in the world in Executive MBA Rankings 2020



Aleena Khalid, University of Hong Kong, China

Visiting Turkey has always been an exciting thought for me, maybe it's because I belong to Pakistan where we fancy Turkey, its people, culture, food, traditions, warm vibes and even its tv serials. Every single day that I spent in İstanbul and at Koc University was full of laughter, fun and surprises. This exchange brought together a lot of us from all parts of the world and united us into one. Turkey gave me precious memories in different cities and places and most of all it taught me so much in terms of being independent, integrating better into any kind of environment with new people, combating cultural shocks, adopting the local ways of life and making connections with the locals all around Turkey. I will never forget the hospitality Turkey and its people have shown me. Whenever I take a trip down memory lane which is not old enough yet, it gives me tears of happiness and spreads warmth inside of me. Thank you Turkey and thank you Koc University.



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EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY

Students from partner institutions can pursue one semester or a full academic year of their studies at Koç University under Erasmus+, Erasmus+ Worldwide (International Mobility), Global Exchange (Bilateral Agreement) or Summer Exchange Program. You may check the details with your home institution's International Office.

Nomination and Application Dates:
Fall / Spring / Full Academic Year: 1 April – 1 June
Spring (Second Call): 1 September – 1 November
Summer: 1 February - 1 April



STUDY OPTIONS / FIND YOUR COURSES

Undergraduate Degrees

College of Administrative Sciences 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 and Humanities (CSSH)

- Archaeology & History of Art
- Comparative Literature
- History
- Media and Visual Arts
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

College of Sciences (CS)

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology & Genetics

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Graduate Degrees

Graduate School of Sciences and 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 (Non-thesis)
MSc in Data Science (Non-thesis)

Graduate School of Social Sciences and 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 in Philosophy
M.A. in Computational Social Sciences
M.A. in Comparative Literature (as of Fall 2022)
MA & PhD in Psychology
MA & PhD in Clinical Psychology
LLM in Private Law / LLM in Public Law & PhD in Law

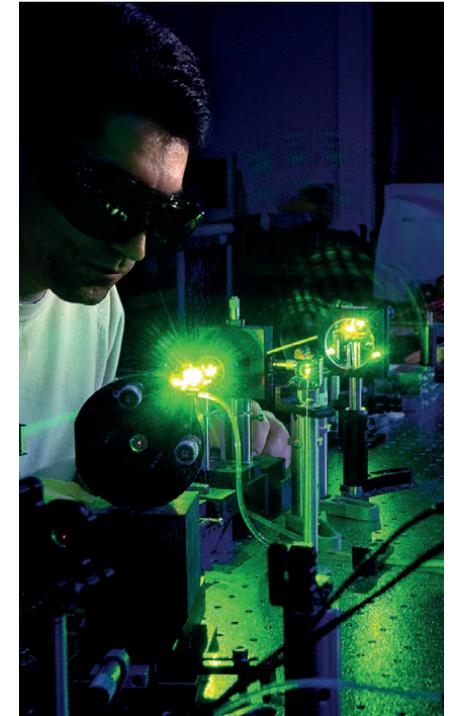
Joint Masters Program in Public Policy with the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow UK
DD in PhD in Design, Technology and Society with University of Antwerp, Belgium
DD in PhD in Political Science & International Relations with University of Amsterdam
PhD in Sociology
PhD in History

Graduate School of Business (GSB)

MSc in International Management (CEMS)
MSc in International Management (KOÇ)
Koç MIM Double Degree Program with University of South Carolina
Modular MBA
-Design MBA
-Health MBA
-Tech MBA
Executive MBA
MSc in Finance
PhD in Business Administration

Graduate School of Health Sciences (GSHS)

MSc in Medical Physiology
MSc & PhD in Microbiology
MSc in Reproductive Biology
MSc & PhD in Neuroscience
MSc & PhD in Cellular & Molecular Medicine
MSc (with / without Thesis) & PhD in Immunology
MSc in Critical Care Nursing
PhD in Nursing (Turkish only)
PhD in Reproductive Medicine
MSc in Global Health (with / without Thesis)
PhD in Reproductive Medicine
MSc in Global Health (with / without Thesis)



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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Calendar

The academic year at Koç University is divided into 3 semesters: Fall, Spring and Summer.

Fall semester: Early September to mid-January

Spring semester: Early February to early June

Summer semester: Late June to early August

Courses

The language of instruction at Koç University is English. Exchange students can take courses from any discipline as long as they meet the prerequisites or the instructor of the course gives consent. 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. Course list is subject to change each semester, however, to have an idea about the courses open to exchange students each semester, you may refer to our website by visiting

<https://oip.ku.edu.tr/mobility-programs/incoming/students/course-list/>

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.

Academic Advisors

Each exchange student is assigned to an academic advisor to assist them with course issues and provide academic support. Academic advisors can also serve as liaisons between students and faculty members or present academic opportunities on campus such as research positions and special programs/projects.

Research Assistantship/ Internship Opportunities

Koç University offers the opportunity for exchange students to work alongside academics as research assistants on a voluntary basis. All available positions are announced on the OIP website before the semester:

<https://oip.ku.edu.tr/mobility-programs/incoming/students/erasmus-study/>



Janakiram Mandyam, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India

Merhaba! Being a part of the exchange program at Koç University was a bliss for me. Before Koç, I had very limited knowledge of Turkey and its culture. However, during my stay in Istanbul, I got to understand a lot about Turkish people, culture, food and the rich history of the country. Istanbul is where the continents collide, this magical meeting place of East and West has more top-drawer attractions than it has minarets. Being a vivid traveler and foodie, there are many places matching my interest which I explored such as the Asian side of Istanbul, Cappadocia, Bursa, Princes' islands, Edirne, Bodrum, and Antalya. I found studying at Koç University in the heart of Turkey, Istanbul, a rich experience in itself. From taking diverse courses to getting to know people from all over the world, the spring 2019 term is truly a life changing experience.



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LIFE at KOÇ UNIVERSITY

Located on the hills of Sarıyer, İstanbul, Koç University is twenty minutes away from the Black Sea beaches, surrounded by charming villages and natural landscapes, and connected to the city centre through many convenient transportation options. Koç University has seven other campus locations : West Campus, İstinye Campus, ANAMED (Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations), VEKAM (Vehbi Koç and Ankara Research Center), Health and Sciences Campus, KWorks (Entrepreneurship Research Center), AKMED (Suna & İnan Kiraç Research Center for Mediterranean Civilizations). Koç University's main campus consists of academic colleges, administrative offices, laboratories, library, social and sports facilities, health center, student dormitories and faculty residences. The classrooms and laboratories are equipped with the latest technological infrastructure and support systems.

Library

Suna Kiraç 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 library is open 24/7 with a huge collection. The print collection includes 360,000 volumes, plus nearly 210,000 e-books. The Library also holds nearly 60,000 current serial titles available online.

<https://library.ku.edu.tr/en/>



Dormitories

Many Koç University students choose to live on campus and a lot of them stay on campus until they graduate. Dormitories are located on the University's main Campus (Rumelifeneri) 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, hairdresser, post-office, supermarket, food halls and parking garage.

On-campus accommodation is guaranteed* for every exchange student who applies for it and pays the fee on time. Undergraduate and graduate exchange students are assigned to triple bedrooms on West Campus. Students can also choose to stay off-campus but they need to make necessary arrangements themselves. * Due to COVID-19 measures, there might be changes regarding room types or various limitations. In such case, students and our partners will be informed.

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

Student Clubs

Koç University has more than 80 student clubs that are formed and run by students. They continue their activities in coordination with the Extracurricular Activities Office, and those clubs cover a wide range of topics and interests for students such as dancing, mountain climbing or diving. Students who participate in these clubs can improve themselves in social and academic sense, hasten their adaptation to the university environment and take part in important events, learning how to be a team player. Clubs regularly engage in on campus and off campus activities.

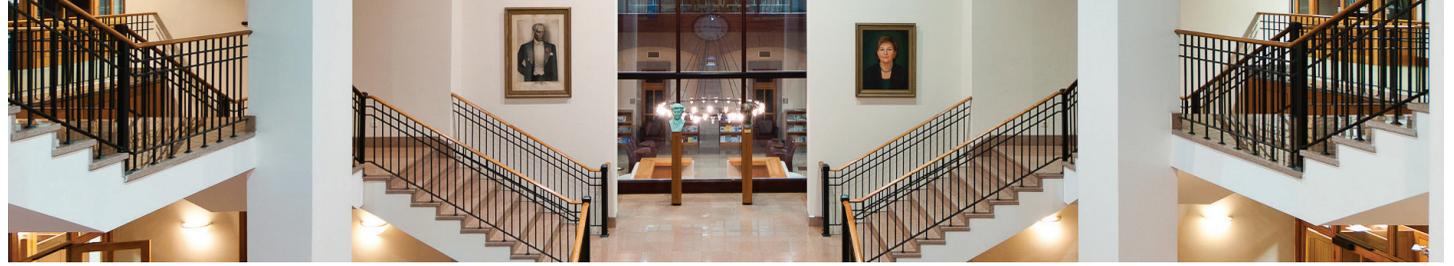
Sports Center

Koç University offers many sports and exercise facilities including fully equipped gyms, swimming pools, an ice-skating rink, dance studios, tennis courts, basketball court and squash courts, and all of them are free of charge for all student and staff.

<https://sports.ku.edu.tr/en/>

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Health Center

Koç University has Health Centers both on Main and the West Campus open to all exchange students. The center is equipped with 24-hour care and English-speaking doctors. It has 5 physicians, 1 nurse and 8 medical assistants operating 24/7. Students can obtain medical health and medicine here. Excluding emergencies, Health Center operates with an appointment system. Health Center has an ambulance for transferring patients to other hospitals when needed.

Dining Hall

Koç University offers students and staff healthy, hygienic and high-quality dining options in a comfortable and spacious atmosphere. Dining halls at Koç University offer a variety of cuisines with Yemekhane (main dining hall), Cafe Nero, Divan Sports Cafe, Divan Bakery and many more.

<https://ogs.ku.edu.tr/en/facilities-directorate/dining-facilities/campus-cafeterias/>



Bank

Koç University has a full service bank Yapı Kredi, located on Floor -1 at the Student Centre. You can process your banking transactions via internet or use the telephone banking option as well, both of which serve in English. Students can also exchange money at the bank on campus.

Post Office

Koç University has a post office on campus that enables students to send and receive international and domestic mails. Post Office is located in the Student Centre, Floor -1.



Ilya Prevyskov, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia

I was very happy when I received a call from the International Office with my official acceptance to the exchange program at Koç University. Koç's campus was quite impressive once I saw it in person, with a gym, swimming pools, comfortable rooms, lots of activities, and neighbours from all over the world. Making friends with other international students and local ones as well became a great opportunity for me to expand my network and improve my skills. I want to give a big thanks to OIP and my mentors as I can not imagine how I would've been able to adapt to life abroad without their help and support! I can confidently say that my experience at Koç has been instrumental in helping me work towards my future plans.



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KURES (Koç University Guidance and Psychological Services Centre)

KURES accompanies students in their process of coming to know and realizing themselves, and supporting their personal development. It aims to help students acquire the knowledge and skills that will help them cope with the academic, social and personal problems they face throughout this process.

<https://dos.ku.edu.tr/en/counseling-service/>



KOLT (Koç University Office of Learning and Teaching)

KOLT leads and supports continuous development of learning and teaching at Koç University. It supports the development of all skills through a variety of services:

- KOLT Tutoring Center (weekly tutoring sessions and reviews before exams),
- Language Conversation Circles,
- KOLT UNIV 101 Seminars, (KOLT offers two online seminars as part of Introduction to Koç University Orientation Program),
- Academic Skills Workshops,
- Customized workshops for specific courses,
- Individual consultation with KOLT members.

<https://kolt.ku.edu.tr/>



Hoang Giang Nguyen, Vietnam National University, Vietnam

People here are so warm, hospitable and beautiful. I will not forget the first day when first arrived here in the very early morning with heavy luggage and a phone without internet connection but luckily, I quickly got a lot of help from the locals to find a way to go to my place safely.

Now, looking back I found living here, immersing myself in a cradle of civilization with wonderful architecture, mosques, stunning views and contemplating the full moon from a boat in the middle of Bosphorus strait is an amazing and an unforgettable experience for the rest of my life. I would highly recommend Koç University and Istanbul for all potential exchange students, hoping for them to have the happiest time here, like me!



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Career Development Centre

Koç University Career Development Center aims to assist students of the university in relating their values, interests, skills and abilities and life style preferences to their career choices, exploring career options, preparing for the opportunities and using the university's dynamic network to establish the necessary connections so that they can make informed and fulfilling career choices. All the services also apply to exchange students while studying at Koç University.

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



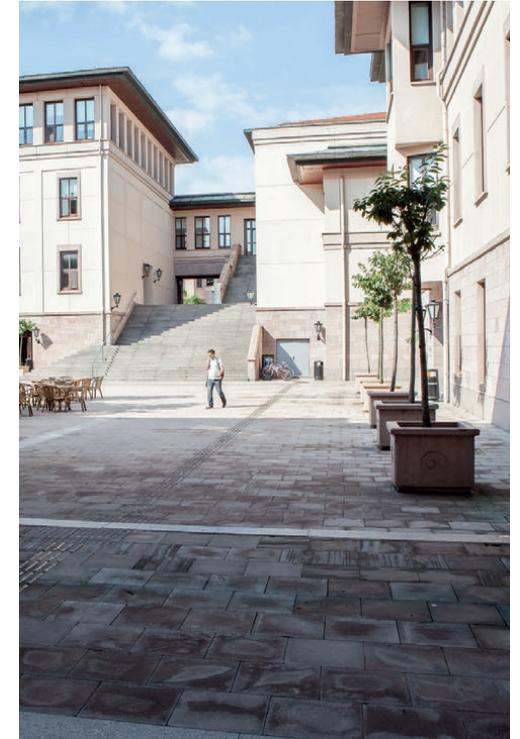
Diversity, Inclusion and Disabled Student Coordination Unit

Koç University is committed to creating equal accessibility of any academic, residential, and campus-life related services to all students. To ensure an enriching and rewarding academic and campus life, the Diversity, Inclusion and Disabled Student Coordination Unit works with students with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits or restricts their participation in, and contribution to any programs offered at Koç University. This Unit also allows every student with differences such as gender, religion, language, disability and socio-cultural characteristics to participate equally in university life.

<https://dos.ku.edu.tr/en/the-office-of-disability-services/>

Other Campus Facilities

- Ice-Skating Ring
- Shuttle Services
- Sevgi Gönül Cultural Centre (SGKM)
- Copy Centre
- Hairdresser
- Grocery Store
- Bookstore



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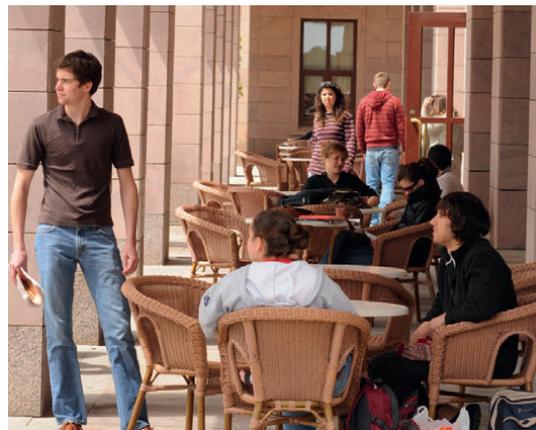
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STUDENT SUPPORT and CROSS-CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

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 familiarize students with the Koç community. Administrative processes, such as course registration will also take place during orientation. For students who will participate in the virtual exchange at Koç University, an online orientation will be organized with several social and cultural activities, as well as online presentations.



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.

Turkish Hospitality Experience Program

Turkish Hospitality Experience Program brings exchange students together with Koç University students' and staffs' families to give exchange students a unique experience of Turkish culture and hospitality while helping them integrate to life in Turkey. There are wide range of opportunities from visiting a Turkish family for a family meal, dinner, spending weekends, etc. Interested students can consult with their Incoming Exchange Students advisor upon their admission.





International Community Services Office (ICO)

As a subdivision of the Office of International Programs, ICO facilitates Koç University's international community members' lives in Istanbul and on campus by providing a variety of services, such as immigration advising (visa and residence permit), pre/post arrival support on legal and social procedures, cultural and social integration programs, enhancing multicultural awareness, and likewise. To learn more about ICO and its services, please visit

<https://ico.ku.edu.tr/learn-practice-turkish/>

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 International Community Services Office (ICO) and volunteer 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.

Turkish Practice Hour (TPH)

This is a weekly conversation club led by Turkish-speaking KU volunteers (student, staff, faculty member) for Koç University members and their families who want to practice conversational Turkish in an informal setting.

There are two online sessions each week; one for beginners and one for advanced. Those Koç University members can easily participate in the club by subscribing to the mailing list and joining the WhatsApp group. No sign up is required. For further information, please visit

<https://ico.ku.edu.tr/learn-practice-turkish/>

KOLT Language Conversation Circles

The conversation circles are moderated by selected international or local students at Koç University. Moderators are trained by KOLT and organize the circles participating in all meetings of a group.

A conversation moderator works with 1 to 6 participants and circles meet for 1 hour a week during the semester, or more often if the participants wish so. The KOLT Language Conversation Circles provide students with the opportunity to meet students from different majors and build a social network, develop their confidence and decrease their anxiety for speaking a foreign language in social situations.

Summer Exchange at KU

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 İstanbul.

An exciting social and cultural orientation week, featuring numerous outdoor and indoor activities, enriches the academic framework of our summer program. Personal guidance by your mentors, excellent professors, and cultural activities provide a lasting experience. For detailed information, please visit

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

Cost of Living

Estimated student budget per month*

Food (approximately 15 TL per meal)	1350 TL
Accommodation	2000-2500 TL
Books and course materials	600 TL
Phone/internet	100 TL
Local travel (including taxi fees, monthly student travel card is 50 TL)	240 TL
Personal care/hygiene products	100 TL
Leisure	600 TL
Total sum	4990 - 5490 TL

*As reported by Koç University students.

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Quick Turkish Guide

ENGLISH	TURKISH	PRONUNCIATION
Please	Lütfen	LUT-FEN
Do you speak English?	İngilizce biliyor musunuz?	INN-GLIZ-JE BILL-IYOR MUS-UN-UZ
I don't understand	Sizi anlamıyorum	SI-ZI ANN-LA-MA-YOR-UM
How much does it cost?	Ne kadar?	NE KA-DAR
Excuse me	Afedersiniz	AFF-ED-DAR-SAN-IZ
Yes	Evet	EV-ET
No	Hayır	HIGH-EAR
I don't know	Bilmiyorum	BILL-MEE-YOR-UM
Ok/Alright	Tamam	TA-MAHM
Help!	İmdat!	EEM-DAHT

Want to learn more?

To have further information, you can visit our website oip.ku.edu.tr or contact us via incoming@ku.edu.tr