MUGLA SITKI KOÇMAN UNIVERSITY

ERASMUS+ FACT SHEET

for partner institutions and prospective students

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General Info

Full Name of the University
Mugla Sıtkı Koçman University
Muğla Sıtkı Koçman Üniversitesi (in original language)

Acronym
MSKU

Address
MSKÜ Yerleşkesi, Kötekli Mahallesi
Menteşe
48000 Muğla
Türkiye

Region
Southwest of Türkiye

Website
www.mu.edu.tr

Erasmus ID Code
TR MUGLA01

OID Number
E10193796

PIC Number
997385332

Key Facts

Status
Comprehensive State University

Year of Foundation
1992

Number of
Faculties: 19
Schools: 3
Vocational Schools: 16
Graduate Schools (Institutes): 4
Research Centres: 56
Coordination Offices: 16

Number of
Students: 43.818
　　　Undergraduate Students: 40.211
　　　Postgraduate Students: 3.607
　　　International Students: 1.341
Graduated Students: 107.165
Academic Staff: 1788
Administrative Staff: 1219

Number of
Academic Programmes: 314
　　　Undergraduate Degree: 173
　　　Master Degree: 95
　　　PhD Degree: 46

General Info on IRO

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Tasks
- ♣ Central coordination of international activities
- ♣ International cooperation and partnerships
- ♣ Mobility programmes
- ♣ Bilateral exchange
- ♣ Visiting scholars and researchers
- ♣ International students
- ♣ International memberships

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Outgoing student study mobility

Incoming student mobility

Staff mobility

Visiting scholars

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Outgoing student study mobility

Incoming student mobility

Practical arrangements

Technical Assistance

Mentoring

Academic Calendar

Academic Year Structure

For instructional purposes, one academic year is divided into two semesters: **autumn and spring.**

Each semester encompasses a minimum of 14 weeks (70 days) of instruction, exclusive of registration and final examination weeks.

The University Senate establishes the precise Academic Calendar for each year, which is made accessible on the website. These dates may not be identical from year to year but are generally similar.

Semester Schedules

Autumn Semester:

Commences from mid-September and concludes at the end of January.

Spring Semester:

Commences from mid-February and concludes at the end of June.

The specific Academic Calendar customised for exchange students for a particular academic year is shared with the applicants upon acceptance.

Holidays

Official holidays

♣ January 1st: New Year's Day
♣ May 1st: Labour Day

National holidays

♣ April 23rd: National Sovereignty and Children's Day (Commemorating the establishment of the Turkish Grand National Assembly in 1920)
♣ May 19th: Atatürk Commemoration and Youth & Sports Day (Marking Atatürk's arrival in Samsun in 1919 to initiate the War of Independence)
♣ July 15th: Democracy and National Unity Day
♣ August 30th: Victory Day (celebrating the victory over invading forces in 1922)
♣ October 29th: Republic Day (Commemorating the declaration of the Turkish Republic in 1923)

Religious holidays

♣ **Ramazan Bayramı (Eid Ramadan):** A three-day festival celebrating the end of Ramadan fasting.
♣ **Kurban Bayramı (Eid al-Adha):** A four-day festival of sacrifice.

Dates of these religious festivals change each year as they follow the Islamic calendar, occurring approximately 10-11 days earlier annually.

System of Study

Study Programmes

The undergraduate programmes at MSKU are structured within various departments under faculties and schools. Upon successful completion of eight semesters of study, students are awarded a **Bachelor's Degree** (B.S. or B.A.), corresponding to the "first cycle". Meanwhile, vocational schools offer programmes lasting for four semesters and lead to an Associate's Degree, which is a "short cycle" qualification.

For those seeking advanced education, the graduate schools or institutes at MSKU provide postgraduate courses and programmes that culminate in a **Master's Degree** (M.S. or M.A), classified as the "second cycle," or a **Doctorate Degree** (Ph.D.), categorized as the "third cycle."

The fundamental component of any study program is the course, which typically comprises a series of lectures and assignments when required. Total class hours for a course, either compulsory or elective, may encompass practical training in addition to theoretical teaching, resulting in a comprehensive educational experience.

Credit System

MSKU has completely adopted the **ECTS credit system.**

The credit value of a course is calculated by the principles determined by the Senate, taking into account the credit range determined according to the higher education qualifications framework set by the Higher Education Council for a specific diploma level and field, as well as the learning outcomes that express the contribution of that course to the knowledge, skills, and competencies that the student will acquire, clearly specified theoretical or practical course hours, and the necessary study hours for other activities envisaged for students.

The estimated workload for a full-time student in one academic year is 60 ECTS credits, meaning **30 ECTS per semester.**

Academic Units

Faculties and Schools @MSKU

Faculty of Agriculture in Fethiye
Faculty of Architecture
Faculty of Dentistry
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Engineering
Faculty of Fine Arts in Bodrum
Faculty of Fisheries
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences in Fethiye
Faculty of Management in Fethiye
Faculty of Medicine
Faculty of Sciences
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Faculty of Sport Sciences
Faculty of Technology
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Tourism
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Milas

School of Applied Sciences in Seydikemer
School of Civil Aviation in Dalaman
School of Foreign Languages

Institutes (Graduate Schools) @MSKU

Institute of Educational Sciences
Institute of Health Sciences
Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences
Institute of Social Sciences & Humanities

Academic Programmes

Academic Programmes @MSKU

Accounting and Finance	Mathematics
Archaeology	Medicine
Architecture	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
Art History	Mining Engineering
Bioinformatics	Molecular Biology and Genetics
Biology	Music Education
Business Administration	Nursing
Ceramics	Nutrition and Dietetics
Chemistry	Painting
City and Regional Planning	Painting and Arts Education
Civil Aviation	Philosophy
Civil Engineering	Physical Education and Sports
Computer Engineering	Physics
Contemporary Turkish Dialects & Literature	Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
Dentistry	Plant Protection
Digital Games Design	Political Science and International Relations
Economics	Preschool Education
Educational Sciences	Primary Education
Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Psychology
Elementary Mathematics Education	Public Administration
Energy Systems Engineering	Renewable Energy Sources & Technologies
English Language and Literature	Science Education
English Language Teaching	Sculpture
Fisheries Engineering	Social Studies Education
Garden Plants	Sociology
Gastronomy and Culinary Arts	Software Engineering
Geological Engineering	Statistics
German Language Teaching	Tourism Guidance
Graphics	Tourism Management
Guidance and Psychological Counselling	Translation and Interpretation in English
Health Administration	Turkish Language and Literature
History	Turkish Language Teaching
International Trade and Finance	Veterinary
Labour Economy and Industrial Relations	Wood Products Industrial Engineering

Grading System

Assessment Method

In each course, the instructor assesses the grade on a scale of 0 to 100, considering factors such as midterm and final exam results, in-semester assignments, and attendance. The conversion of these 0 to 100 grades into a letter grade can be done using either the absolute assessment method, which evaluates individual performance independently, or the relative assessment method, which compares a student's performance to their peers within the same class. To calculate the semester GPA, each course's credit is multiplied by the associated grade coefficient. The total achievement score is then divided by the total credit hours for the semester.

INSTITUTIONAL (LOCAL) GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade	Point equivalent (0-100)	Coefficient (Weighting factor)
AA	90-100	4.0
BA	85-89	3.5
BB	80-84	3.0
CB	75-79	2.5
CC	70-74	2.0
DC	65-69	1.5
DD	60-64	1.0
FD	50-59	0.5
FF	49 and below	0
Specific Letter Grades		
TT	Failed due to excessive absence	GG	Successfully completed without grade

LOCAL TO ECTS GRADE CONVERSION SCALE

Local Grade		ECTS Grade	
Points	Letter Grade		
90-100	AA	A	EXCELLENT
85-89	BA	B	VERY GOOD
80-84	BB		
75-79	CB	C	GOOD
70-74	CC		
65-69	DC	D	SATISFACTORY
60-64	DD	E	SUFFICIENT
50-59	FD	FX	FAIL
49 and below	FF	F	

Language Requirements

Language of Instruction

Generally, the language of instruction at MSKU is **Turkish**. However, certain degree programmes are **either entirely or partially** conducted in a foreign language, primarily **English**. Furthermore, certain departments actively engaged in Erasmus mobility activities provide courses or **course packages** in English, along with customized study materials and examinations in English to support incoming exchange students.

Degree programmes entirely taught in English/German:

Bioinformatics (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Civil Engineering (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.)
Computer Engineering (B.S.)
Economics (B.A.)
Electrical & Electronics Engineering (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.)
English Language and Literature (B.A.)
English Language Teaching (B.A. + M.S.)
Geological Engineering (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.)
German Language Teaching (B.A.)
Medicine (M.D.)
Metallurgy & Materials Engineering (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.)
Mining Engineering (B.S. + M.S. + Ph.D.)
Renewable Energy Sources & Technologies (Ph.D.)
Software Engineering (B.S.)
Tourism Management (B.S.)

Degree programmes partially taught in English:

City and Regional Planning (B.S. + M.S.)
Digital Game Design & Technology (B.S. + M.S.)
Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (B.A.)
International Trade and Finance (B.A.)
Political Science & International Relations (B.A.)
Tourism Guidance (B.A.)
Translation and Interpretation (B.A.)

Language Level Requirement

Exchange students whose primary language is not English must meet at least **Level B1** requirements for **English proficiency** according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

To attend any course conducted in **Turkish**, it is strongly recommended that students have a minimum language proficiency level of B2.

Course Offers

Course Catalogue (Information Package)

Link to the General Course Catalogue (Info Pack)

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Course Catalogue

How to navigate
The "**Degree Programmes**" menu, located on the left, offers a comprehensive directory of academic units encompassing faculties, schools, and graduate schools, covering programmes at the bachelor's, master's, and doctorate levels. Within each academic unit, you will discover an extensive list of the programmes they offer.

For every programme, you will find a dedicated sub-menu that includes various categories, including the course structure. The "**Course Structure**" table provides an overview of the courses available in each year and semester, presenting key details such as course code, name, type, ECTS credits, and access to the "Course Information Form".

The "**Course Information Form**" can be accessed via the icon next to the course code. It provides comprehensive information, including the language of instruction, objectives, learning outcomes, and a breakdown of weekly topics to be covered.

Course Offers

Course offers @ Undergraduate Level

♣ Incoming students have the liberty to select courses from the curriculum of the following bachelor's degree programmes, which are conducted entirely in English.
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Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
Economics
Faculty of Engineering
Civil Engineering ♣ Computer Engineering ♣ Geology Engineering ♣ Electrical & Electronics Engineering ♣ Metallurgy & Materials Engineering ♣ Mining Engineering ♣ Software Engineering
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
English Language and Literature
Faculty of Medicine
Medicine
Faculty of Tourism
Tourism Management

♣ The bachelor's degree programmes listed below are designed for language teacher training and incorporate both pedagogical and field-related courses. Pedagogical courses, identified by codes starting with 'EBB,' are conducted in Turkish, while field-related courses, designated by codes beginning with 'İDÖ' or 'ADE,' are taught in the respective foreign language.
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Faculty of Education
English Language Teaching ♣ German Language Teaching

♣ In the bachelor's degree programmes listed below, 30% of the entire curriculum is delivered in English. The language of instruction for each course unit is indicated in the Course Information Form.
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Faculty of Architecture
City and Regional Planning
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
♣ International Trade and Finance ♣ Political Science & International Relations
Faculty of Fine Arts in Bodrum
Digital Game Design & Technologies
Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Translation and Interpretation
Faculty of Tourism
♣ Gastronomy and Culinary Arts ♣ Tourism Guidance

Course Offers

Course offers @ Postgraduate Level

♣ Incoming students have the liberty to select courses from the curriculum of the following master's or doctoral degree programmes, which are conducted entirely in English.
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Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences
Bioinformatics (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Civil Engineering (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Electrical & Electronics Engineering (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Geological Engineering (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Metallurgy & Materials Engineering (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Mining Engineering (M.S. + Ph.D.)
Renewable Energy Sources & Technologies (Ph.D.)

Institute of Educational Sciences
English Language Teaching (M.S.)

♣ In the degree programs listed below, 30% of the entire curriculum is delivered in English. The language of instruction for each course unit is indicated in the Course Information Form.
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Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences
City and Regional Planning (M.S.)
Digital Game Design & Technologies (M.S.)

Course Offers

Exclusive Courses for Incoming Students

♣ Specific departments that actively participate in Erasmus mobility activities offer some courses in English, <u>exclusively available to incoming students</u> within the following degree programmes, which are typically conducted in Turkish. Such courses are supported with customised study materials, home assignments, individual lecture schedules and English-language exams. Additional information, guidance, and course lists are made available upon request, and departmental coordinators assist with course selection during the application process.

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Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Archaeology
History
Philosophy
Psychology
Sociology
Faculty of Sciences
Biology
Molecular Biology and Genetics
Faculty of Fisheries
Fisheries Engineering
Faculty of Technology
Wood Products Industrial Engineering
Faculty of Sport Sciences
Physical Education and Sports
Faculty of Health Sciences
Language and Speech Therapy

Turkish Language Course

Incoming students are provided with the opportunity to enrol in a **"Turkish Language Course"** at the beginner's level, which consists of three hours of instruction per week. This course is offered every semester and spans a minimum of 30 hours of lecture time. Importantly, both the course and study materials are provided free of charge. Typically, incoming students incorporate this course into their weekly schedules and include it in their Learning Agreement to earn credit points. The level of achievement is assessed through examinations, and the results are recorded on the final transcript as a grade. **It is strongly recommended that exchange students who have no prior knowledge of Turkish consider including this course in their study programme and learning agreement.**

♣**Course Code:** ORD0110 ♣ **Course credit:** 5 ECTS ♣ **Course Title:** Introduction to Turkish Language

General Information on Courses

Course Types and Availability

Courses labelled as "Compulsory" are an essential part of the curriculum and are consistently offered. In contrast, courses marked as "Elective" are chosen by students based on personal interest or alignment with academic goals, but they are not obligatory. The availability of elective courses may vary depending on changing circumstances. Incoming students' selection of elective courses may be subject to adjustment after their arrival, especially when the precise semester schedule is announced. It is important to note that timetable clashes can also occur when selecting courses from different years within a specific programme or from separate programmes. In these situations, it may be necessary to make adjustments.

Course Load

MSKU requires that incoming students should take minimum of 15 ECTS credits per semester, with a maximum limit of 30 ECTS credits. Nonetheless, flexibility is available for negotiation if the sending institution has specific course requirements or credit expectations for their outgoing students.

Course Participation and Schedule

The type of participation depends on the course's nature. If a selected course is already a fixed component of a standard curriculum, incoming students follow the same schedule as local students. However, if a course is exclusively available to incoming students, they attend it individually according to arranged schedules.

Course Selection

It is strongly recommended that most of the courses to be completed at MSKU align with student's specialization at home institution. It is possible that the most suitable courses may be offered by different departments and faculties, and this is acceptable. In addition, students are free to select one or two courses from different study programmes to create a study plan that aligns with their interests. Nevertheless, course units directly related to the student's field of study under which the application is submitted should account for at least half of the total ECTS workload outlined in the proposed learning agreement.

Definite course registration for incoming students is completed on the Student Registration and Information System (SURIS) after their arrival, subsequent to meeting with the academic coordinator and agreeing on the final selections.

Changes to the initially proposed study plan can be implemented by completing the "During Mobility" section of the "Learning Agreement for Studies" within the first 30 days of the semester start.

Nomination

Deadlines

Student nominations by the sending institution must reach our institution by:

Date	For
June 30th	Autumn Semester (1st term)
November 15th	Spring Semester (2nd term)

Method

Official nomination letter with the list of nominated students should be sent via e-mail to intoffice@mu.edu.tr and include the following information:

<u>Student's:</u>

- ♣ Name and surname
- ♣ Sex
- ♣ Date of birth
- ♣ Nationality
- ♣ Study cycle
- ♣ Subject area
- ♣ Mobility semester
- ♣ E-mail address

Basis and Eligibility

Nominations are accepted based on and in accordance with the valid **inter-institutional agreement (IIA)** signed between the sending and receiving institutions. However, there is room for flexibility, which can be negotiated, regarding the number of incoming students per semester or the field of study for nominated students if it does not align with the conditions outlined in the agreement.

Application

Deadlines

Applications for nominated students sent either directly by the student or by the coordinator at home university, must reach our institution by:

Date	For
July 15th	Autumn Semester (1st term)
November 30th	Spring Semester (2nd term)

Method

After receiving the eligible nomination, students are contacted directly and provided with comprehensive information and all necessary documents related to the application procedure. Application documents are expected to be submitted via-email to intoffice@mu.edu.tr before the specific deadlines.

Required Application Documents

Application Form for Incoming Students

Students must complete the interactive form on a computer, sign it, have it confirmed by the sending institution, and then scan it to create a PDF in good condition.

Learning Agreement for Study Mobility

Online Learning Agreement (OLA) Platform is available at https://learning-agreement.eu/ for completing and signing the learning agreements digitally. Students will receive assistance and advance information to ensure accurate data entry. Alternatively, students can use the traditional paper version sent to them, fill it out on a computer, sign it, have it confirmed by the sending institution, and then scan it to create a PDF in good condition.

Transcript of Records

Official Transcript of Records displaying the student's previous and current studies should be issued by the sending university, either signed by the relevant authority or be electronically verifiable.

Copy of Passport or National ID Document

National ID document should be used as an alternative only when the passport is not available at the time of application.

Photo

The electronic version of a passport-sized face photograph in JPG format should be in acceptable clarity and resolution. This photograph will be uploaded on SURIS and appear on student ID cards.

Admission and Registration

Admission (Acceptance)

Once the application documents are received, they are processed and students are notified in case of any missing documents or any need for modification. The decision of admission is made within 4 weeks after the application deadline and the admission package including the official **Acceptance Letter**, approved **Learning Agreement**, precise **Academic Calendar** and **Student Information Guide** is sent directly to the student via-e-mail.

Formal Registration

Upon arrival, each incoming student is assigned a unique **Student ID number** and registered in the SURIS system using this ID. This official registration includes their initial personal and educational information, followed by course registration. After the activation process, students receive a "**MSKU Student Email Address**" which also serves as their username for most official procedures and for accessing the university's online platforms and systems.

Student ID Card

Each incoming student is issued an "**MSKU Student ID Card**" upon arrival. This card grants access to various campus facilities, including the library, computer labs, health centre, dining services, and sports facilities, with the same rights and responsibilities as domestic students. Additionally, the Student ID Card provides access to various discounts, such as for travel, cinema tickets, and museum passes.

Monitoring and Support

Orientation and Mentoring

All accepted students receive comprehensive support throughout their mobility experience - **before, during, and after** their stay. This assistance is available both collectively and on an individual basis, utilizing various communication channels, including immediate support through WhatsApp groups.

Following the welcome and registration process, orientation meetings are organized to provide students with essential information about upcoming procedures. During these meetings, students complete initial paperwork, receive a campus tour, and get help with obtaining Turkish mobile phone package, city travel card etc. Additionally, they are offered technical assistance regarding dormitory procedures, insurance matters, residence permit, and hospital visits.

Each student also meets with the relevant department or faculty coordinator to finalize their course selections based on personal needs and course availability. If any changes to the learning agreement are necessary, these are addressed at this time. Departmental coordinators continue to provide academic support until the end of the mobility period, while administrative and practical matters are managed by the responsible International Relations Office (IRO) staff and assigned buddy students.

Certification

Certificate of Attendance

At the end of the mobility period, each incoming student receives a "**Certificate of Attendance**" to verify their participation and confirm the actual mobility period. A standard MSKU form is utilized for this certificate; however, pre-printed documents required by the sending university are also accepted for approval.

Transcript of Records

A "**Transcript of Records After Mobility**" is issued for each incoming student within four weeks after the completion of their studies, including the final examination period. This document is officially approved with a wet signature and stamp. It contains the student's personal information, details about the sending and receiving institutions, and academic outcomes for each course taken as outlined in the learning agreement. Specifically, it includes the course code, title, credit value, local and ECTS grades, along with comprehensive information on evaluation, credit, and grading systems.

Accommodation

Accommodation Options

MSKU provides incoming Erasmus students with the option to stay in the private student dormitory called Residorm situated within the main campus. The International Relations Office has a special arrangement with Residorm management to reserve a limited number of beds for incoming students upon request. Under this agreement, Residorm can host incoming students for short-term stays of one or two semesters.

While students are free to choose alternative accommodation, such as rented private apartments, there are potential risks and challenges to be considered associated with this choice.

Finding suitable private apartments for short-term stays can be difficult, as most landlords prefer year-long contracts. Additionally, rents in Mugla can be quite expensive compared to many other cities, which may add financial strain. If incoming students opt for a private rental, they should be prepared to face various issues, including utility set-up such as heating, electricity, water subscriptions, and internet connections, maintenance costs and additional expenses related to furnishing the apartment. More importantly, when applying for a residence permit, it is crucial to provide specific documents to verify the accommodation address and obtaining these documents from the landlords of private apartments can be challenging and time-consuming.

Choosing the dormitory would offer a more secure and hassle-free living arrangement, allowing incoming students focus on the studies and enjoy their mobility experience.

Residorm Student Dormitory

Residorm is a modern, comfortable, secure and self-sufficient dormitory for university students offering such facilities as being right on campus, well designed rooms with inside bathrooms and showers, 24-hour security, finger print controlled entry/exit, reception, kitchen and catering facilities, Wi-Fi, weekly housekeeping, study rooms, resting and TV rooms, elevators, no extra bills for electricity, water, heating and internet, disabled accessible rooms, infirmary, laundry room, social areas, canteen, shopping area, and yearlong events and activities.

Detailed information, photos and a virtual tour about Residorm Mugla can be found on this website: Residorm Mugla

Incoming students who wish to be accommodated in Residorm Student Dormitory on campus should make their request on the application form. Information about the details regarding reservation, prices, deposit payment, payment methods, procedures, etc. are communicated to the students after acceptance.

Visa & Residence Permit & Insurance

Visa

Visa requirements for Türkiye vary depending on the nationality of the student. Some citizens must obtain a visa from Turkish embassies or consulates in their home country, while others may enter Türkiye without a visa for up to 90 days or can obtain a visa upon arrival at the border. It is advisable for students to apply for the **Erasmus student visa** in their home country before departing, as this can provide additional benefits. Even if a student enters Türkiye using their visa exemption, they will still be eligible to apply for a residence permit once in the country. For specific visa requirements, students should consult the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate. Further information can also be found on the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: Visa Information for Foreigners

Residence Permit

Foreign incoming students planning to study in Türkiye for more than 90 days must apply for a **student residence permit** within a specified timeframe upon their arrival, regardless of their visa's validity. Appointments for the application is made through an online system, and students must submit a complete application file containing the required documents to the local **Migration Office** on the appointed day to initiate the process. The International Relations Office provides assistance to all incoming Erasmus students in making online appointments, preparing the necessary documents, and submitting the application file. Once the procedures are completed and the application is approved, incoming foreign students will receive a **residence permit card** and a **foreign ID number**, which legalizes their stay in Türkiye.

Insurance

All incoming students are required to have **valid health insurance** that meets the minimum policy content requirements in order to apply for a student residence permit. However, health insurance purchased in the student's home country will not meet these requirements and will not be accepted by the officials at the Migration Office. Additionally, such policies would need to be translated into Turkish, incurring extra costs. Furthermore, if students have any health issues, their foreign insurance company may not have agreements with local hospitals in Türkiye. This could result in out-of-pocket expenses for treatment and difficulty in securing reimbursement later.

It is highly recommended that students purchase private health insurance upon arrival in Türkiye, prior to applying for the residence permit. Local insurance companies provide policies for foreigners in both Turkish and English, ensuring they cover the minimum required conditions accepted by the Migration Office.

Private health insurance is not necessary for those eligible for healthcare services in Türkiye under bilateral social security agreements, provided they document their eligibility. Students should visit the social security office in their home country before arriving in Türkiye to obtain a document known as "formular." Upon arrival, they can get local Social Security Office approval for this document to use it as insurance in their residence permit application.

Travel & Campus & Living Expenses

Travel to Mugla
Mugla Province has two international airports:
Dalaman Airport (DLM): Dalaman Airport
Milas-Bodrum Airport (BJV): Milas-Bodrum Airport

Turkish Airlines and many international carriers offer direct flights to Dalaman and Bodrum from major European capitals, though flights via Istanbul are more frequent. For those traveling by road from Istanbul, several coach companies run daily services to Mugla city center, though the journey takes nearly 10 hours. The closest major cities to Muğla are **Izmir** and **Antalya**, to where direct flights from most capitals and major cities of Europe are also available.

If arriving at Bodrum Airport, students can use the airport shuttle service provided by Mugla Municipality to reach the coach station in Mugla city center. For those arriving at Dalaman Airport, a private pickup service at a set price can be arranged.

Main Campus
The main campus of MSKU is located in the Kötekli area, approximately a 10-minute drive from the city centre. A detailed **campus map**, provided by MSKU Location Services, can be found at https://harita.mu.edu.tr/

Living Expenses
Estimated living expenses for students in Türkiye can vary based on lifestyle, spending habits, and location. International students can generally expect to live on a budget of **400-650 EUR** per month. Living costs in larger cities like Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir, as well as popular tourist destinations, tend to be higher than in smaller towns. However, outside of these expensive areas and main tourist resorts, the cost of living is quite affordable.

For students from Europe, the exchange rate of the Turkish Lira is advantageous, making basic necessities reasonably priced. Seasonal fruits and vegetables are as well as dining out is generally affordable. Public transportation is convenient and relatively inexpensive in all cities. Intercity travel options are also affordable and comfortable, allowing international students to explore the country during term breaks or official holidays.

Some items that may be more expensive in Türkiye compared to many European countries include alcohol, meat, fast food, high-quality coffee, cosmetics, technological devices, internet service, and petrol. In contrast, water, fruits, vegetables, haircuts, textiles, local transportation, and medical care are generally cheaper in Türkiye than in most European countries.

Websites & Social Media

Useful Websites

Incoming students may explore the following reliable websites for valuable information and insights about Türkiye and Mugla before their arrival:

About Türkiye

Study in Türkiye - Official website by the Council of Higher Education
https://www.studyinturkey.gov.tr/StudyinTurkey/StudyinTurkey

Go Türkiye Official Travel Guide
https://www.goturkiye.com/

Türkiye on Wikipedia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey

About Mugla

Go Türkiye Mugla
https://mugla.goturkiye.com/

Time Stops Mugla:
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