

**METU 2012-2013 FALL SEMESTER
ORIENTATION PROGRAM
September 12-23, 2012**

NOTE: TFL 271 "Beginning Turkish I" and IR 370 "Contemporary Turkey: Turkish State and Society" are recommended for all of the exchange students and the visiting students. Both are 3-credit courses (6 ECTS credits) and will meet 42 hours both during the Orientation Week and throughout the whole semester.

12 September Wednesday

- 08:30** **Host students will meet you in front of your dormitory and take you to the Hall**
- 09:00-10:00 Welcome and Introduction to METU
International Cooperations Office (ICO) Staff
Department of Architecture – Architecture Amphi
- 10:00-10:15 METU Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Welcome Presentation
- 10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:15 **Host students will take you to the meeting hall at the Architecture Amphi**
Briefing about how to use the computers at METU.
Nilgün Öner – Computer Center
Department of Architecture – Architecture Amphi
- Host students will take you to the Health Center**
- 11:30-12:30 Visit to the METU Health Center
Prof. Dr. Feza Korkusuz, Director,
METU's Medical Center Meeting Room, 1st Floor
- 12:30-17:00 **Lunch Break and then Free Time for Tour of Campus with Host Students**
Visit banks, PTT, register/buy telephones, apply for residence permit etc. as needed.
- 21:00 Meeting at Sunshine, for the shuttle bus which will take you to downtown Kızılay
- 21:30 **Welcome Party @ Deppo Bar/Club**
- 01:00 Going back to Campus by shuttle bus

13 September Thursday

- 09:00** **Host students will meet you in front of your dormitory to take you to the class**
- 9:30-12:30 First meeting of Beginning Turkish I
Instructor Deniz Canan Atasoy, Department of Modern Languages
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics
- 12:30-17:00 **Lunch Break and then Free Time for Tour of Campus with Host Students**
Visit banks, PTT, register/buy telephones, apply for residence permit etc. as needed.
- 19:30 Meeting at Sunshine, for the shuttle bus which will take you to downtown Kızılay
- 20:00 **Waterpipe night @ Mısır Café**
- 22:00 **Karaoke Night @ Bypass Bar**
- 01:00 Going back to Campus by shuttle bus

14 September Friday

- 08:30** **Your host students will meet you in front of Sunshine Café and help you register into the dormitories.**
Please consider that those who are staying in temporary dormitories will register to the permanent dorms, today; however they will move into their permanent rooms on Monday 17th. (except for EBI)
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch Break**
- Host students will take you to the meeting place**
- 14:00-15:00 **Meeting about course registration procedures**
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics

- 15:00-16:00 **Meeting about financial issues and Ankara Tour payments**
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics
- 20:00 Meeting at Sunshine, for the shuttle bus which will take you to Bilkent
- 20:30 **Bowling Tournament**
- 00:00 Going back to Campus by shuttle bus

15 September Saturday

- 15:30 Meeting at Sunshine – going to **Eymir Lake** by Shuttle bus
- 16:00-18:00 Free time
- 18:00-20:00 **Dinner @ Eymir Lake**
- 20:00 Going back to Campus by shuttle bus
- 22:00 **Horror Movies Night**
Solmaz İzdemir Hall

16 September Sunday

- 13:00 Meeting at Sunshine – going to **Swimming pool** by walking
- 13:15-16:00 Free time at Pool
- 16:00-20:00 **Beach Volley Tournament**

17 September Monday

- 9:30-12:30 Beginning Turkish I Class
Instructor Deniz Canan Atasoy, Department of Modern Languages
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics
- 13:30 **Meet host students who will take you to the class-room in front of Rektörlük (President's Office)**
- 14:00-16:00 *"Contemporary Turkey: Turkish Foreign Policy and the EU"*
Dr. Özgehan Şenyuva, Department of International Relations
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences New Building
G 111 Class-room
- 22:00 Meeting at Sunshine for the bus which will take you to the party place
- 22:30 Sangria Party @ Bypass Bar
- 01:00 Going back to Campus by shuttle bus

18 September Tuesday

- 09:30** **Meet in front of Sunshine Café**
- 10:00** **Bus Tour of Ankara, Atatürk's Mausoleum and Ankara Castle & the Citadel**
- 13:00** **Lunch together at Citadel restaurant**
(Group will be left in Samanpazarı to explore on their own and take dolmuş back to campus as they wish)
- 16:30** **End of the tour and return to campus**

19 September Wednesday

- 9:30-12:30 Beginning Turkish I Class
Instructor Deniz Canan Atasoy, Department of Modern Languages
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics
- 14:00-15:00 Seminar: Coping with Culture-Shock - Adjustment
Dr. Başak Şahin – Department of Psychology
U3 Amphi – Department of Physics
- 13:30-17:00 **COURSE REGISTRATIONS GOING THROUGH AT METU**

- 18:00** **Meet in front of Sunshine Café for the bus which will take you to the Cocktail Venue**
- 18:30-21:30 **Farewell to the Orientation Cocktail** with the ICO Office, the Orientation Instructors and the host students
Venue: METU Visnelik Alumni Facilities at Visnelik Hall (METU A 4 Gate Entrance Road 100.Yıl Balgat – Çankaya/ANKARA)

20 September Thursday

COURSE REGISTRATIONS GOING THROUGH AT METU

- 23:59** **Meeting at Sunshine Café for the Alanya Tour bus (A Touristic Seaside Town)**
Staying two nights at the Santana Hotel** (All Inclusive)**

21 September Friday

ALANYA TOUR

22 September Saturday

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23 September Sunday

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24 September Monday ***CLASSES OFFICIALLY START AT METU***

Recommended Tours *:

Alanya Tour
September 21-22-23/ Fee will be announced later.

Overnight trip to Cappadocia
Date and Fee will be announced later.

Daily trip to Amasra
Day and Fee will be announced later.

*These tours are organized by the METU Erasmus Student Network (ESN). If you want to attend them, please contact METU ESN: <http://www.esnmetu.com> / Facebook group: ESN METU 2012-2013