



**Eskişehir Osmangazi University, International Relations Office**

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### **INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR INCOMING STUDENTS**

Dear Students,

This document has been prepared for all incoming exchange students who will be admitted to ESOGU under Erasmus+ KA131 and KA171 Programs. It contains information and tips that will help newcomers about bureaucratic, academic and daily issues they may experience ranging from course registration to obtaining student ID cards and applying for residence permit. Reading this document will help you to handle any difficulty you might face during your semester.

Please keep in mind that you are always welcome to contact us for any problem you may encounter.

You should also read carefully and follow the informative e-mails about different issues sent by our office before and during your semester.

We wish you a happy and productive exchange period at ESOGÜ!

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## **A brief introduction to Eskişehir - A Young City with a Student Spirit**



Eskişehir is a modern, vibrant university city located in the heart of Türkiye. Known as the “City of Youth,” it is home to large student communities creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere for international students. Recognized for its safe environment, green spaces, and well-organized public life, Eskişehir consistently ranks among Türkiye’s most comfortable cities to live in. Its parks, sports facilities, shopping areas, and lively social districts create an attractive urban lifestyle for residents and visitors alike.

### **Why Eskişehir?**



Eskişehir is one of the best cities in Türkiye for exchange students because it combines affordability, safety, and a strong student culture in a way that makes daily life both easy and enjoyable. The city is home to three major universities, Eskişehir Osmangazi University, Anadolu University and Eskişehir Technical University, which attract thousands of students every year. This creates a lively, youthful environment where international students feel immediately included. With three universities and more than 90,000 students — including 6,000 international students — the city’s energy is

youthful, open-minded, and welcoming to visitors. Public transportation is simple, life is affordable, nightlife is lively, cafés are everywhere, and the entire city feels designed for students.

### Reaching Eskişehir



*The city is located on the banks of the Porsuk River, 792 m above sea level, where it overlooks the fertile Phrygian Valley. In the nearby hills, one can find hot springs. The city is 233 km (145 mi) to the west of Ankara, 330 km (205 mi) to the southeast of Istanbul and 78 km (48 mi) to the northeast of Kütahya. It is located near the ancient city of Dorylaeum.*

### From Istanbul by High-Speed Train

The train services between İstanbul and Eskişehir are primarily served by YHT (Yüksek Hızlı Tren) high-speed trains, which offer a direct and efficient connection between these two cities. The YHT trains operate at speeds reaching up to 250 km/h (155 mph), completing the journey in approximately 3 hours. This service includes comfortable seating and facilities such as free Wi-Fi and snack services on board. While YHT is the primary service for this route, there are also traditional trains available, which may take longer, offering a different travel experience. However, for those looking to minimize the travel time, YHT is the preferred option. With multiple daily departures, travelers can choose a schedule that suits their needs, making it an accessible choice for both business and leisure travelers.

There are three high-speed train stations in İstanbul where you can take the train to Eskişehir. From Pendik YHT Station, Bakırköy YHT Station and Söğütluçeşme YHT Station. The tickets can be bought from the official website of <https://ebilet.tcddtasimacilik.gov.tr/> or the mobile application. Please make sure you buy your tickets at least a week before since the tickets are usually sold out quite fast.

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One Way Round Trip

From: İSTANBUL(PENDİK), İ ... To: ESKİŞEHİR, ESKİŞEHİR

Today Tomorrow Same Day Next Day

Departure Date: 25 November Tuesday

+ Add Return

Number of Passengers: 1 Passenger

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### From airports to the Bus Stations

Airport shuttles are available in both İstanbul Airport and Sabiha Gökçen Airport. To see the bus stops and ticket information, please visit <https://www.hava.ist/> for the buses from/to İstanbul Airport and <https://www.havabus.com/> for the buses from/to Sabiha Gökçen Airport.

### From İstanbul by Bus

From the European side, you can take buses from İstanbul to Eskişehir at Esenler Bus Station or Alibeyköy Bus Station. From the Anatolian (Asian) side, you can take busses from Ataşehir Dudullu Bus Station, Harem Bus Station or Samandıra Bus Station. The bus tickets can be bought from <https://www.obilet.com/en> (also has a mobile application).

**Budget-Friendly Travel App**

From: Istanbul Europe To: Eskisehir Türkiye

Departure: 25 Nov Tuesday

Today Tomorrow

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### From Ankara by bus or train

There are buses and high-speed trains available between Ankara and Eskişehir. Train tickets are available at <https://ebilet.tcddtasimacilik.gov.tr/> and the bus tickets can be bought on <https://www.obilet.com/en>



## **Flights to Eskişehir from Europe**

Direct flights operate between Belgium and Eskişehir during the spring and summer months.

## **Reaching Eskişehir Osmangazi University**

If you arrive in Eskişehir by bus, take tram number 3 from Eskişehir Bus Station (Eskişehir Otobüs Terminali) and get off at the last stop. From there, ESOGÜ is a 5-minute walk.

[Google Maps Location of the tram station near Bus Station](#)

If you arrive in Eskişehir by train, exit the station toward Espark Mall. The tram stop is nearby, and tram number 4 goes to ESOGÜ.

[Google Maps Location of the Tram Station](#)

If you arrive in Eskişehir by plane, you can take a taxi or take bus number 4 (blue) (5 minute walk) from the airport to reach ESOGÜ.

## **TRAM Lines for City Transportation**

Please check this [image](#) to see the tram routes and stops.

## **Accommodation**

Eskişehir Osmangazi University does not have a dormitory. Students can either rent an apartment or stay in one of the nearby private dormitories. We strongly recommend that incoming students do not make any payments or other commitments with property owners before actually arriving in Eskişehir and seeing the place in person.

We recommend booking a hotel for a few days in Eskişehir and looking for a place to stay once you are here in person to avoid any potential problems/misunderstandings. There are many private dormitories and apartments available near the campus. You can check the apartments at <https://www.sahibinden.com/en/for-rent-apartment/eskisehir-odunpazari-buyukdere> or similar web sites. The Campus is located at Büyükdere Neighborhood of Odunpazarı district. If you prefer to stay in a dormitory, you can browse nearby dormitories using this website <https://www.eskisehirapartlar.com.tr/> . Since the website is only available in Turkish, you can use your browser's translate function to view it in English. Alternatively, you can look for dormitories/apartments in the city center since there are several inner-city transportation options to the campus.

For the students who will stay in an apartment, please be aware that in order to apply for a residence permit, you must go to a notary with the property owner and get your rental agreement approved.

## **Courses Available for the Incoming Students**

Please check the [Course List for the Incoming Students](#) If the department you are studying at is not included in this list; please contact us through [incomingerasmus@ogu.edu.tr](mailto:incomingerasmus@ogu.edu.tr) to see the additional courses.

## **Information about VISA and Residence Permit**

### **Visa**

Students who need to get visa to enter Türkiye must apply to a Turkish Consulate, generally the one nearest your place of residence. You are recommended to apply for a visa as soon as you get the acceptance letter, which is going to be issued by our department. The process of getting a visa to Türkiye generally varies depending on your country of residence.

In order to find out if you need VISA to enter Türkiye, [please check this website](#)

### **Residence Permit**

Foreigners who will study in Türkiye must get the residence permit from the Eskişehir immigration office upon their arrival in regardless of the validity of their visa. All the students must complete their application within the first 30 days of their entrance to Türkiye. If the students do not complete their application on time, they will be fined at the airport while leaving the country.

[Please visit this page to have detailed information regarding residence permit application, courses, learning agreement and other related topics](#)