Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi (Middle East Technical University)
Turkey

The University
METU is a public research university in Ankara, Turkey. The research and education conducted by the university has an emphasis on engineering and natural sciences, however many courses in letters and humanities can also be found. The official language of instruction at METU is English. Middle East Technical University was founded by Vecdi Diker under the name “Orta Doğu Yüksek Teknoloji Enstitüsü” (Middle East High Technology Institute) on November 15, 1956. Currently, the university serves approximately 25,000 students.
www.metu.edu.tr

The City
Ankara is the capital of Turkey and the country’s second largest city after Istanbul. The city has a population of approximately 4.5 million. Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the center of the Turkish Government, and houses all foreign embassies. It is an important crossroads of trade, strategically located at the center of Turkey’s highway and railway networks and serves as the marketing center for the surrounding agricultural area.
www.ankaracityguide.com

About the Program
Students may enroll for one semester or a full year. All major course fields are offered in a variety of faculties on campus and all courses are taught in English. While no Turkish language skills are required to participate, Turkish language classes at two different levels—beginning and intermediate—are offered. We strongly encourage students to participate in these languages classes as it aids in both cultural adaptation and ability to function “on the street.”

Academic Calendar
Fall semester: September – January
Spring semester: February – June
Semester dates vary depending on the College (Faculty)

Am I eligible for this program?
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA. GPA may be one factor used in ranking students for placement by us as well as admission to the specific department at METU

What about credit?
Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant’s Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university.
Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

**Where would I live?**
METU has a limited number of student apartments. The international office at METU will attempt to place all exchange participants in campus housing. University housing is typically a shared apartment with a private bedroom and communal kitchen, living area, etc. If the university is unable to provide a permanent residence they will house students on campus temporarily while other, private accommodations are found.

**How much does it cost?**
**Costs at OU:** All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student’s major is in a different college. All participants pay a $10/credit hour study abroad fee.

**Costs on site:** All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs will be responsible for international airfare and cost of living in country. This can vary dramatically from country to country and should be discussed with your respective study abroad advisor. A Turkish national insurance policy is strongly suggested for this program and can only be purchased on site.

**How do I Apply?**
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “how to apply” section of our website.

**For more information, please contact:**
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