

EXCHANGE SEMESTER

AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY

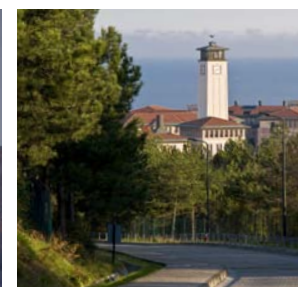
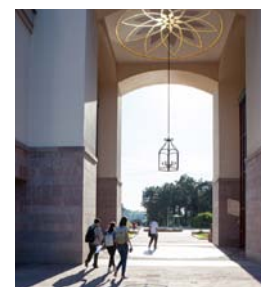
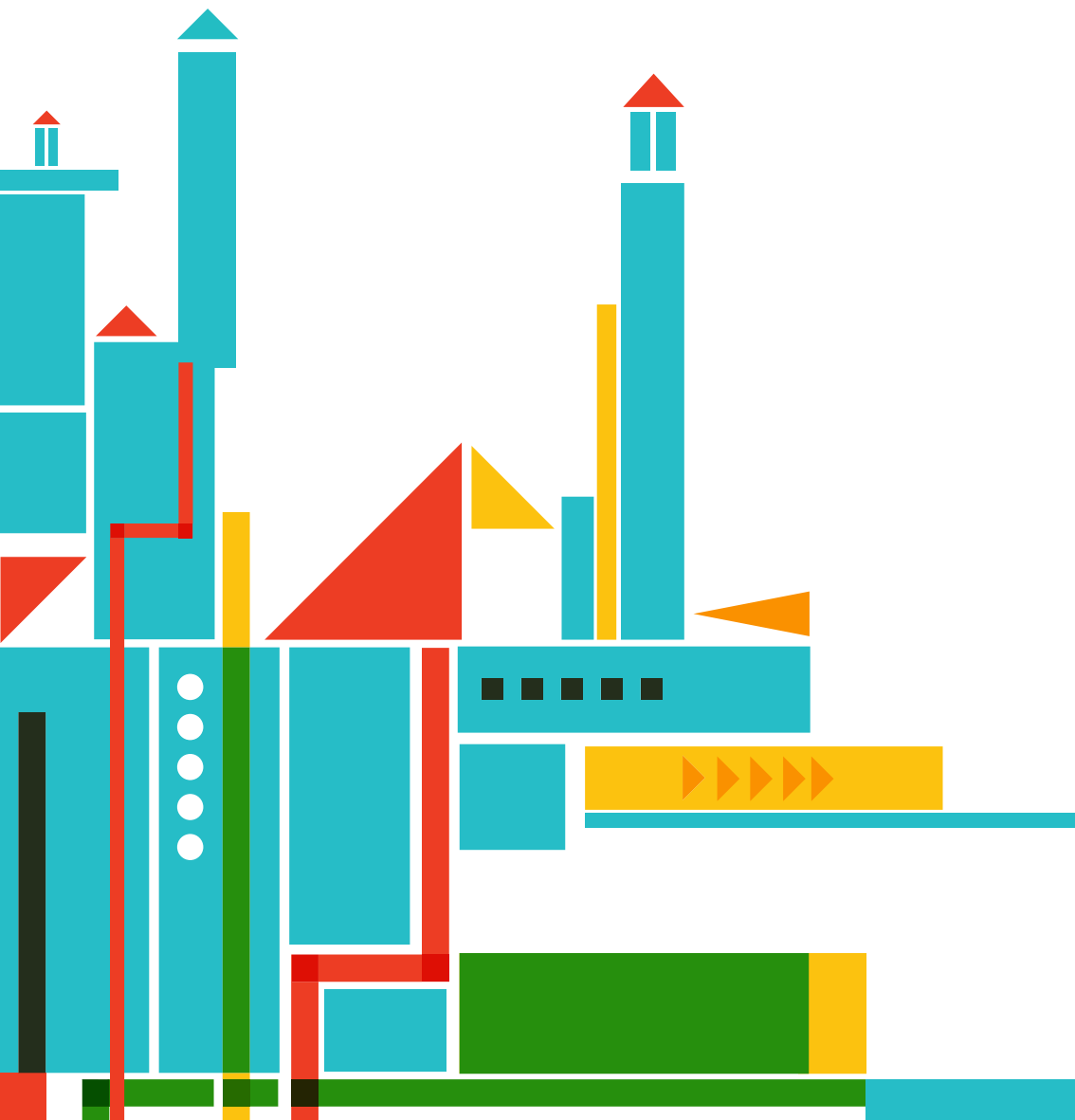
STUDY OPTIONS

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 İstanbul. The city owns cultural phenomena of centuries. Some of the wonderful sites of İstanbul are Hagia Sophia, Sultanahmet Mosque, Maiden's Tower, Dolmabahçe Palace, Basilica Cistern, Grand Bazaar, Galata Tower, Princes' Islands, and many more.



Yasmina Teouil,
Paris Dauphine University, France

I'm spending my second semester at Koç University in Istanbul and I recommend it to everyone who is keen to experience student life within a new and diverse cultural environment. On arriving in Istanbul, I set out on my journeys through the city to discover places. Although I had never been to Turkey and don't speak a word in Turkish, my excitement overwhelmed any anxiousness. My expectations were met and bettered! Istanbul has it all; history, culture and traditions, amazing landmarks, vibrant nightlife and breathtaking views. I would say this city and the university have something for everyone to enjoy; delicious food, mosques, museums, serious shopping... Finally, this experience helped me not just to discover new things but also helped me to know who I am really as a person.





WHY KOÇ UNIVERSITY?

Koç University was founded in 1993 as a non-profit foundation university in Istanbul, 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.

RANKINGS

Times Higher Education

- Ranked among 176 - 200 in Social Sciences Rankings 2019
- Ranked among 301 - 400 in Engineering & Technology Rankings 2019
- Ranked among 501 - 600 in Physical Sciences 2019
- Ranked among 501 - 600 in Clinical & Health Sciences 2019
- Ranked 31st in Asia University Rankings 2018
- Top 401- 500 for World Rankings 2019
- 40th in the World Among Young Universities 2018
- 16th in BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings 2018

Financial Times

- Ranked 65th in Business School Rankings 2017
- Ranked 1st in Turkey and 61st worldwide in Executive MBA Rankings 2018

QS Rankings

- Top 61-70 for Under 50 Rankings 2019
- Ranked 84th in Master in Management Rankings 2019
- Ranked 58th in Master in Finance Rankings 2019

Fernanda Barrera Lopez, ITAM, Mexico

Living here has been one of the best experiences of my life. It's a country full of history and magic, of cats and tea. Such an alive city that welcomes you and makes you feel safe from the moment you arrive. Istanbul is all about eating, walking around its various neighborhoods, sight seeing, sitting by the Bosphorus. It is all about enjoying the moment! It's impossible to fully describe how beautiful it is to live here, in order to understand it, you'll have to live it yourself.





EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY

Students from partner institutions can pursue a full semester or a full academic year of their studies at Koç University under Erasmus+ KA103, Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility KA107, 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: 1 April – 1 June

Spring: 1 September – 1 November

Summer: 1 February – 30 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
- English Language & Comparative Literature
- Media & Visual Arts
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

College of Sciences (CS)

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology & Genetics



Graduate Degrees

Graduate School of Sciences and Engineering

MSc & PhD Biomedical Sciences and Engineering
MSc & PhD Chemical and Biological Engineering
MSc & PhD Computational Sciences and Engineering
MSc & PhD Computer Science and Engineering
MSc & PhD Electrical and Electronics Engineering
MSc & PhD Industrial Engineering and Operations Management
MSc & PhD Chemistry
MSc & PhD Materials Science and Engineering
MSc & PhD Mathematics
MSc & PhD Mechanical Engineering
MSc & PhD Molecular Biology and Genetics
MSc Optoelectronic and Photonic Engineering
MSc & PhD Physics

Graduate School of Social and Humanities

MA & PhD Archaeology and History of Art
MA Comparative Studies in History and Society
MA / MDes & PhD Design, Technology and Society
MA & PhD Economics
MA & PhD International Relations and Political Science
LLM Private Law / LLM Public Law & PhD Law
MA & PhD Psychology

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PhD Sociology
PhD History

Graduate School of Business

MBA
Tech MBA
Executive MBA
MSc Finance
CEMS Masters in Management (CEMS MIM)
Koç University Masters in Management (KU MIM)
Koç University Masters in Management Double Degree with
University of South Carolina (The Darla Moore School of
Business)
PhD Business Administration

Graduate School of Health Sciences

MSc Medical Physiology
MSc Medical Microbiology
MSc Reproductive Biology
PhD Reproductive Medicine
MSc & PhD Biomedical Sciences and Engineering
MSc & PhD Molecular Biology and Genetics
PhD Neuroscience
PhD Cellular and Molecular Medicine
MSc Critical Care Nursing
MSc & PhD Nursing (Turkish only)





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. For the course list, please visit:

<https://oip.ku.edu.tr/course-list>

Course Planning

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.

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.

The instructor of the course can also take initiative to grade an exam/coursework with A+/4.30.

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/job-opportunities>

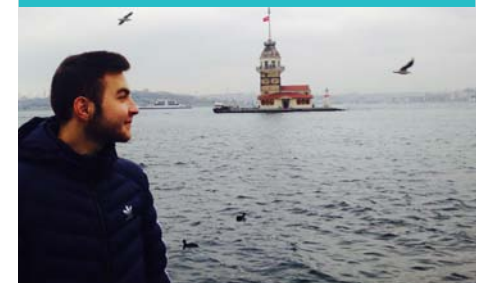


Ulvi Verdiyev, ADA University, Azerbaijan

I am Ulvi Verdiyev, an exchange student from Azerbaijan. To begin with, Turkey is a fellow country to Azerbaijan so that it could draw my attention in selecting universities. Turkish people are so kind and helpful when needed. I have no difficulties in communication with them since I can speak sufficient level of Turkish. Istanbul is an enormous city.

To be honest, I have not finished visiting places in my done list as there are lots of palaces, museums and events. Regarding Koç University, it exceeded my expectations because of the fact that its environment did not allow me to feel homesick. In this path, mentors helped all exchange students in all circumstances we were in need of.

I thank all people who paved the way for me to study at Koç University for one semester.





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 Kıraç 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 Kıraç 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 158,000 electronic books, 240,000+ printed materials and 60,000+ electronic magazines.

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



Dormitories

60% of Koç University students choose to live on campus and many of them stay on campus by the time 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 and pays the fee on time. Undergraduate exchange students are assigned to triple bunk bedrooms on Main or West Campus while graduate exchange students are allocated to double rooms on the West Campus. Students also have the opportunity to stay off-campus.

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

Student Clubs

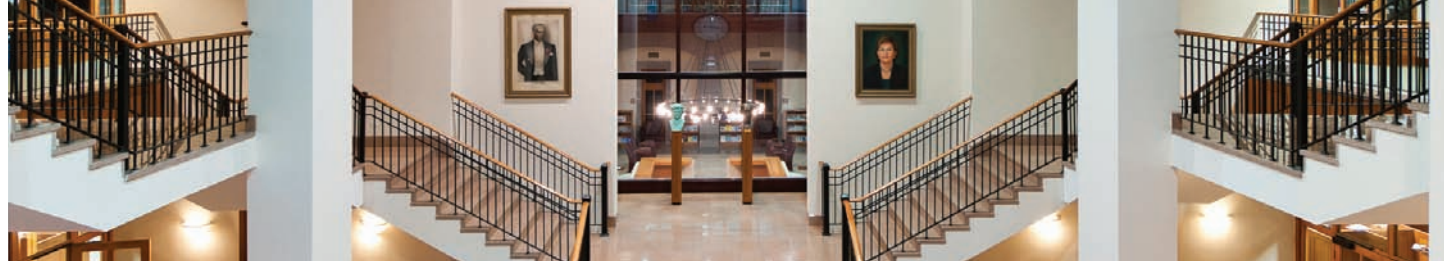
Koç University has more than 80 student clubs that were formed and run by students which proceeds their activities in coordination with the Extracurricular Activities Office, and those clubs cover a wide range of topics and interests for students. Students who participate in these clubs can improve themselves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

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

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://sport.ku.edu.tr/>



Health Center

Koç University has a Health Center on the main 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 including Chinese, Shake Shack, Cafe Nero, Divan Restaurant and many more.



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.

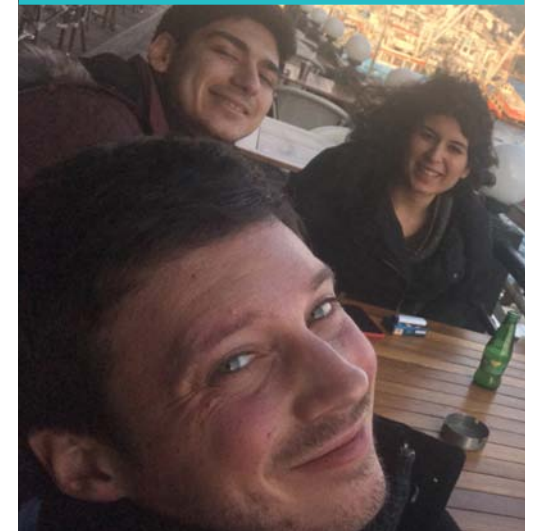
Post Office

Koç University has a post office (PTT) on campus (Student Centre - 1 Floor). PTT is the national mail provider in Turkey. There are also other PTT branches in Sarıyer, 15 minutes away from the main campus for students who wish to send/receive mail.



Joseph Gringer Gasser, Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal

Time flies in Turkey. My semester at Koç has been a great experience. From the moment we arrived and were welcomed by the mentors, Istanbul became my temporary home. The city is magnificent and full of history, culture, and delicious food. There is something for everyone, from jazz bars to great clubs and as well as classical orchestra. We got to go on trips organized by the university and discover more of the country. My favorite part about Turkey is the delicious food that offers great choice even for meat free meals. Another great advantage is the quality of the sports facilities on campus that include a 25 meter pool as well as an ice skating rink. As I write these lines I am enjoying a jazz concert organized on campus, one of the many events that take place regularly on campus. Turkey, I will be back!





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/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,
- UNIV 101 Seminars, (Introduction to Koç University Orientation Program)
- Elective Seminars,
- Customized workshops for specific courses,
- Individual consultation with KOLT members.

<https://kolt.ku.edu.tr/?lang=en>



Xinli ZHU, Zhejiang University, CHINA

Nervous, almost scared on my first night to Turkey alone, since I have never been abroad before. However, I am only surprised by how kind the Turkish can be and how beautiful view can Istanbul bring to me. Life in Koç University would probably be one among my most cherished memory. With good mentors, friends and teachers, I couldn't even pick slight drawbacks of Koç. Honestly, I love it, and no matter how afraid I was of living abroad, I enjoy studying and travelling here in Turkey and feel more than fortunate to have joined the Erasmus+ program. In a word, the well prepared lessons, museums with high quality, friendly locals, graceful sceneries, special Turkish food, altogether builds my great impression of Turkey. I would definitely visit Turkey again!



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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/>



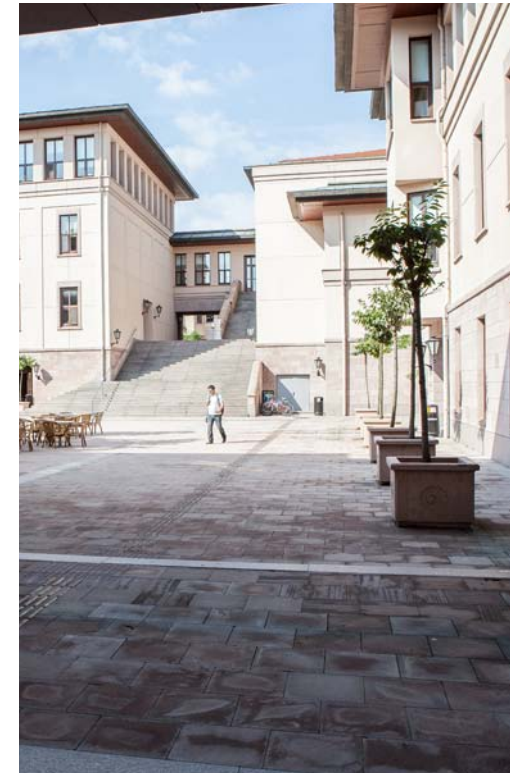
Disability Services

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 disability services office 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.

<https://dos.ku.edu.tr/counseling-services-center>

Other Campus Facilities

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





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 familiarise students with the Koç community. Administrative processes, such as course registration will also take place during orientation.



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 Host Family Program

Turkish Host Family Program brings Turkish families and exchange students together 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 their Incoming Exchange Students advisor upon their admission.





Local Friends Program

Local Friends Program is a peer-to-peer cultural exchange and awareness program meant for domestic and international students. The program is open for anyone who is willing to make new friendships across cultures and languages. Through the program, international students will have a chance to practice Turkish with their matches, learn about Turkish culture like a local and make memories during their time in Turkey.

KOLT Language Conversation Circles

The conversation circles are moderated by selected exchange 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 when speaking and decrease their anxiety for speaking English in social situations.



Summer Exchange

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, academic advisors, excellent professors, and cultural activities provide a lasting experience. For detailed information:

<https://oip.ku.edu.tr/summer-exchange>.

Cost of Living

Estimated student budget per month*

Food	1085
Accommodation	1320
Books and course materials	165
Phone/internet	60
Local travel	130
Clothing	150
Personal care/hygiene products	60
Leisure	350
Total sum	3320 TL

*As reported by Koç University students.

Quick Turkish Guide

ENGLISH	TURKISH	PRONUNCIATION
Please	Lüften	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

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