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EXCHANGE STUDENT GUIDE







Dear guest student,

As the rector of the Karadeniz Technical University, I would like to welcome you to a university with the friendliest staff and a rewarding global cooperation.

We are aware that it is very tough to decide to change the living environment whether it is for a short period or for a full year-year programme. To help you out with this we will try our outmost to make your stay here as pleasant and well-memorable as possible. Please be assured that, from the very first day till the last, you will have the chance to live in a village-like environment where everyone helps each other. I sincerely believe that you will be satisfied with the academic quality of the university and with the atmosphere you will be in.

This booklet has been prepared to guide you through your stay in Trabzon. It will give you basic survival information about the questions you may have to ask, from transport to cost of living and to some emergency phone numbers. Please read it carefully if you are in the process of considering going abroad as an exchange student. For more detailed information refer to our main catalogue and the web site.

Should you have any problems, do not hesitate to contact either the staff of the international relations office or the contact persons whose names are given in this booklet. They will be more than happy to be of help.

*Prof. Dr. İbrahim Özen
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

From foundation till present

Founded on 20th May 1955, Karadeniz Technical University (KTU) is the fourth oldest university in Turkey, and the first university established outside Istanbul and Ankara. After a period of 8 years, on 19th September, 1963, the faculties of Natural Sciences, Civil Engineering-Architecture, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Forestry, which are the foundation stone of today's Karadeniz Technical University, were established. Four months later, on the 2nd December, 1963 the University began its educational activities. The campus site has been gradually expanding since then and, with all kinds of social, cultural and sports requirements met on site, it has turned into an outstanding site set in a green belt of woodlands and playing grounds, which makes it one of the best campus settings in the world.

Expansion of the university continued with the opening of faculties of Earth Sciences, and medicine in 1973. 12 km away from the main campus, a new campus has been established where educational faculty with many departments in a variety of teaching fields has been set up. Karadeniz Technical University is still expanding with the introduction of new departments.

Faculties of communication and dentistry are the most recent academic units established. Faculties of pharmaceutical sciences and technical education are in the process of getting into active education and research.

With about 65 departments in 13 faculties, 3 institutes, 3 higher education schools, about 40 programs in 8 vocational schools, many research and application centres, about 1700 teaching staff (with about 600 holding Ph.D), and about 30000 students, Karadeniz Technical University (KTU), today, has become one of the leading higher educational institutions in Turkey offering degrees from associate to bachelor's, to master's and doctorate levels in many study programs.

Description

Karadeniz Technical University is a state university institution subject to the Law No. 2547 on Higher Education in Turkey. It is supported mainly by state funds allocated by the Turkish Parliament. Karadeniz Technical University describes itself as

- The fourth oldest university and one of the largest educational institution in Turkey,
- Having one of the most beautiful countryside settings in the world,
- Encompassing a large selection of study programs,
- An opportunity in obtaining dual degree and joint degree,
- An institution of academic excellence with enthusiastic, friendly and dynamic research team,
- An institution where teaching and research is closely integrated,
- An institution of innovative-, interactive-and research-oriented teaching with modern infrastructure, modern laboratories and good field work opportunities,
- An institution of first-class indoor and outdoor sport and leisure facilities, with activities ranging from football to table tennis, to swimming, and to badminton and squash.



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Administration

The formal head of the University is the Rector who implements the resolutions of the governing bodies of higher education, reviews and decides on the proposals of university boards and ensures coordination among organizations attached to the university. The University Senate is the chief academic body at the university level and is responsible for coordinating the academic activities of the University.

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Education

Academic Year (2007-2008)

Fall Semester

- September 13-21, 2006 : Academic registration for the courses in fall semester
September 19-21, 2006 : Orientation days for the new students
September 24, 2006 : Opening ceremony for the new academic calendar
September 26-28, 2006 : Add / drop period
September 28, 2006 : Announcement of exam dates and ways of assessment for each course.
September 11-18, 2006 : Midterm exams
January 04, 2007 : Deadline for the submission of the graduation thesis.
January 12, 2007 : End of the fall semester courses
January 14-26, 2007 : End-of-term exams

Spring Semester

- February 06-16, 2007 : Academic registration for the courses in spring semester
February 18, 2007 : Beginning of the term
February 18-20, 2007 : Add / drop period
February 22, 2007 : Announcement of exam dates and ways of assessment for each course.
April 05-13, 2007 : Midterm exams
May 20-23, 2007 : 52nd anniversary celebrations for the foundation of the university
May 30, 2007 : Deadline for the submission of the graduation thesis.
June 07, 2007 : End of the spring semester courses
June 09-21, 2007 : End-of-term exams

Application procedures for exchange students

Since 2003-2004 academic year, Turkey joined the educational programs of the European Union including Socrates-Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci. Karadeniz Technical University is one of the institutions selected for the pilot stage of the exchange programme, and has been sending out students to partner institutions and receiving students from them. A complete application by Erasmus students requires the submission of the Exchange Student Application Form together with Grade Transcript, Learning Agreement and Application for Accommodation. All forms, which are available on <http://ofinaf.ktu.edu.tr/en/menu/Forms/Forms.htm>, should be duly filled in and should arrive to the International Office ***before the deadline, June 1 for the autumn semester and November 1 for the spring semester.***

Filling in the Required Forms

All forms have been prepared in doc format and can be edited in any word processors. It is important that the forms are downloaded from the web page and filled in properly in capital letters using a word processor. The learning agreements should be filled in after a thorough search through the course list of the degree program of interest to be found in <http://ofinaf.ktu.edu.tr/en/menu/Academic%20Units/Academic%20Units.htm>, signed and stamped. You are also strongly advised to get in touch with the course coordinator to get a list of courses to select from. Changes to the learning agreement are possible within a week of the commencement of the exchange period.

Teaching system

Teaching at KTÜ is carried out in the form of lectures, seminars, practicals, group works and independent studies. Nowadays, more and more teaching staff use multimedia techniques for lectures and encourage the students to get involved actively. Independent studies and group works are integral part of some courses of academic units. Students are given subjects to prepare as a paper and, in some cases, present in the class.



Language of instruction

Teaching language is Turkish in Karadeniz Technical University. However, in departments with English preparatory class up to 30 % of the courses are run in English. Some of the postgraduate courses are also taught in English. A complete list of the courses and their teaching media is to be found in the information packages of each department (<http://ofinaf.ktu.edu.tr/en/menu/Academic%20Units>). For exchange students separate classes can be arranged in English should they ask for it. We encourage all the exchange students to include a course of Turkish Language in their learning agreement. Besides this, the university language centre offers a basic Turkish course free of charge.

Method of assessment

The study programmes are made up of two terms, each with a duration of 15 weeks of teaching period followed by two weeks of end-of-term exam period. The eighth week of each term is spared for mid-term exams. Attendance to courses and laboratories is compulsory. However, students have the right to miss 30% of theoretical courses and 20% of laboratory- and practical works. Students are required to attend a mid-term and an end-of-term exam. They are also required to complete a term work made up of quizzes, practicals and take-home-works, which are announced within the first week of each semester.

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Marking of exam papers, quizzes, home works and practical works is made out of 100. The final score is calculated as the sum of 30%, 20% and 50% of the scores obtained from the mid-term exam, the term work and end-of-term exam, respectively. The final score is then converted into letter grades and ECTS grades based on the following table.

KTU Grading System				ECTS System	
Scores	Letter Grades at KTU	Credits	Definition	Level of Achievement	Letter
81-100	AA	4	Exceptional	First 10%	A
76-80	BA	3.5	Very good	Next 10%	B
70-75	BB	3.0		Next 15%	
60-69	CB	2.5	Good	Next 30%	C
50-59	CC	2.0	Successful	Next 25%	D
45-49	DC	1.5	Conditional Pass	Next %10	E
40-44	DD	1.0	Fail	Unsuccessful	FX
30-39	FD	0.5		Unsuccessful	F
< 30	FF	0			

Scores of 45 or less from the final exam mean fail regardless of the scores obtained from the mid-term exam and term work. To have a pass from a course, students are required to have a local letter grade of at least CC. Grade DC also means pass subjected to the condition that the CGPA of the student for that specific semester is at least 2.0. Otherwise the course needs be repeated. Unsuccessful students are given a second chance for two courses per semester (four courses for the entire academic year), provided that they select and register on-line for these courses within the announced dates.

Academic recognition

As part of the integration into the European higher education area, Karadeniz Technical University ensures recognition of credits received in another higher education institution with which it has bilateral agreements, provided that the courses taken by the students are pre-agreed on by the departmental committee. Therefore, the students wishing to study abroad under the Erasmus

programme are asked to get their learning agreements approved by their departments before application to the host institution. The signatures on the learning agreement assure the exchange students that their credits will be recognised and incorporated into their transcript of records as courses taken abroad.

Degrees and access to further studies

Karadeniz Technical University awards its students degrees from associate up to doctorate levels. Students who have successfully completed a two year program in vocational schools are awarded an associate degree. Bachelor's degrees are earned following successful completion of a four year program or 240 ECTS credits, which also involves regular attendance at seminars, submission of a final graduation report or thesis, and practical training.

Successful students may continue their studies at Master's level if they wish so, on the condition that they attend a Nationwide Graduate Entry Examination (LES) and obtain a score of at least 50 from this exam; for master's without thesis this score is 45. To secure a place at Master's level, student's gross score must be at least 55 out of 100, calculated as the sum of 55 % of the score obtained from the LES exam and 45 % of their CGPA of the bachelor's degree. Master's courses take a minimum of two years and require completion of at least 21 local credits (60 ECTS) and preparation of and successfully defending a thesis work. For Ph.D, this is minimum three years and 180 ECTS credits.





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Post graduate studies for foreign students

Erasmus students

Erasmus students are subjected to the same conditions as the local students. If their applications are approved by the responsible bodies, they can enroll, for up to a period of 12 months, in thought courses as well as project works as part of their master or doctoral thesis, and receive credits for these studies.

Other foreign students

Students from countries other than European Union are accepted into postgraduate programmes, provided that they enter the Graduate Entry Examination (LES) and obtain a score from it, their CGPA is at least 50%, and they can prove their proficiency in Turkish language to the extent required by the department in question.

Internationalisation

Since its establishment, Karadeniz Technical University has been heavily involved in international cooperation. Over the past few years, however, it has realised an enormous increase in international activities involving staff and student exchanges with universities in Japan, Central Asian Turkic republics, United States and many countries in Europe.

Karadeniz Technical University, which is one of the first universities in Turkey to join the Socrates-Erasmus program, matched with Gent University in Belgium, obtained Erasmus charter in 2003 (Charter No: 221082-IC-1-2003-1-TR ERASMUS-EUC-1). Since then, the number of bilateral agreements and the number of outgoing and incoming exchange students have increased steadily. The main aim is to receive as many students as we send abroad. Therefore, the university tries its utmost to help the incoming students to make their stay here exciting and rewarding. Believing that it may take quite a while for anyone to get used to the new environment, all incoming students are matched with a Turkish host whose role is to help his/her counterpart feel at home.



We are also trying to increase our share in other EU-projects such as Leonardo da Vinci, Lingua, Comenius, Grundtwig, as well as FP6/FP7. All these international activities are co-ordinated by the International Relations Office.

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YOUR FIRST DAYS AT KARADENİZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

How to reach the university on your first arrival

We provide a service to pick up all the incoming students from the Trabzon airport. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the incoming students get in touch with either the course coordinator or the International Office. Filling in the arrival form and sending it to the international office is important so that we will have information about the arrival in advance. Should there be a problem and there is no one to meet the student at the airport, then the best thing to do is to take a taxi to the rectorate building and ask for the Institutional Erasmus Coordinator or the international office representatives. The cost of taxi is roughly 20 YTL (11€).



Should you come by coach, then, get out of the coach station and head towards the main road immediately to the north of the station. Along the road in front of the station, wait for minibuses with Karadeniz Teknik Üniversitesi (KTÜ) signs and make yourself visible to the driver so that he stops to pick you up. From here, it is only 5 minutes to the university, and the cost is 1 YTL (about 50 cents). You can also take a taxi from the station, which is easiest considering the luggage you may have. Its cost should be around 10 YTL (4.5€).

Orientation programme

Orientation programme applied to the newly registered students for a week just before the courses begin aims at introducing the university and its environs to students and help them adapt to school as soon as possible. This occasion also helps the exchange students to make new friends especially during the visits to the sites of tourist attraction in the immediate vicinity of Trabzon. All the exchange students are matched with a Turkish host student, preferably from the same course, who is asked to help his/her mate on issues regarding life in the university as well as in the town.

Language courses

Karadeniz Technical University runs intensive day courses of basic Turkish for the incoming Exchange students to help ease their stay in Trabzon. These courses continue during the orientation period. However, should the students wish to continue to learn Turkish, the university organizes regular Turkish courses within the department of Turkish Language and Literature.

Registration procedures

Registration to the university

The exchange students are required to visit the Directorate of Students Affairs for registration with the university with the help of their host student. The International Office representatives will direct the students from their first arrival till the last day of their stay. The documents needed for this process include a) the letter of acceptance, b) the learning agreement, and c) an official letter to be received from the International Office addressed to the registrar. The enrollment is made spontaneously and the students are given a temporary student ID card to enable them to use the library and other university facilities straight away, as well as an official letter to be used for the residence permit.

Obtaining residence permit

All exchange students are strongly advised to visit the department of foreigners at the main police station within a week of their arrival to Trabzon for their registration. It is important that the students make available the following items to submit to the officer in charge:

- 6 passport size photographs not older than 6 months,
- An official document to be obtained from the accommodation office indicating the address you are or will be living in,
- A document to be obtained from the International Office at the Karadeniz Technical University, or a document certifying your studentship here in Trabzon,

- Copies of the first page of your passport containing your picture, and the page that contains the valid Turkish visa,
- A fee of 70 YTL (about 38 €)
- Student ID card to be obtained from the registrar,
- An official letter to be prepared at the International Office.

If there is no problem with the required documents, the officer will ask you to fill in a form, which will complete the process of registration, and the residence permit will be issued within a week.

Life in the university

Accommodation

The university has dormitories both on the main campus and other campuses with a capacity of about 5000 students. Such dormitories include rooms shared by 2 to 4 students, and are aimed at housing students who cannot afford to pay for better accommodation. Students who do not want to stay in dormitories can select to stay in private accommodation in apartment blocks, located just outside the main campus, only 10 minutes walk from the university. In these apartments, students get a room with bathroom of their own and share the kitchen with 3 to 5 others. These apartments are fully furnished and cost about 150 Euros per month.

Karadeniz Technical University also has 1 bedroom-flatlets with own kitchen and bathroom. These flatlets are fully furnished with high standards, provide all the cooking facilities, and are spared for the international visitors. As the number of these rooms is limited, the exchange students are strongly advised to make their application at least two months in advance of their arrival in Trabzon. Forms can be found in the web site (<http://ofinaf.ktu.edu.tr/en/menu/Forms/Forms.htm>).

Health care

Karadeniz Technical University meets all the treatment expenses of those who are in need and who don't have any health insurance. In case of emergency, all students, regardless of their origin, are treated in the Health Centre on the campus. For more

serious cases, the Farabi Hospital of the Faculty of Medicine is also nearby on the campus. There are also a variety of hospitals and private clinics in the city. To benefit from these health services, all foreign exchange students and visitors are strongly advised to have a valid international health insurance before coming to Turkey. They can also obtain health insurance for a certain period of time from many insurance agencies in Turkey, after entering the country. A comprehensive insurance costs about 60€ a month.

Library

The main library situated on the main campus is equipped with all facilities a student may be in need of. It has subscriptions to major on-line data bases with hundreds of periodicals in different fields, as well as on-line books and thesis. The number of registered packages increases steadily based on the requests of the academic units.

All foreign students, after enrolling in the Karadeniz Technical University, are given full access to the library where services of surfing on internet, computing, catalogue-search and photocopying are provided.

The library is open from eight- in the morning to nine o'clock in the evening during weekdays, and from nine- to five o'clock during the weekends. However, the borrowing desk is open only on Monday to Friday during the working hours (08 to 17, excluding the lunch break at 12 to 13). The barrowed books should be returned to the library on time. Otherwise, the student is subject to a fine of 15 yrk (approximately 10 cents) per book per day after the expiry date of the loaning period.

Computer laboratories and internet access

Karadeniz Technical University has recently modernised its computer infrastructure and established computer laboratories for students in all departments. All students of Karadeniz Technical University enjoy free internet access from terminals in these computer laboratories as well as from those in the library, ensuring that they can stay in touch with their loved ones back home.

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Exchange students staying in self contained flatlets on the campus are also provided with internet connection. Most departments are also provided with wireless internet connection.

The exchange students, a few days after their registration to the university, could apply in person to the Computer Centre and fill in the required form to get an e-mail account.

Shopping facilities

Various banks have university branches on the main campus enabling students to solve all of their banking problems. Apart from these, many state and private banks' ATM services distributed throughout the campus are also available for 24 hours.

There is a shopping centre on the main campus, within walking distance from all departments and just opposite the student flatlets. The centre contains a post office, markets, souveniouir and gift shops, a bookshop, a confectionary, a laundry, a stationery's, a hairdresser, restaurants and cafes.

A great part of the students meet their catering needs in the dining hall where lunch and dinner are served with reasonable prices. The meals here composed of soup, main dish and a desert or fruit are subsidised by the university and cost about 1€. In addition, canteens and cafeterias on the main campus offer a variety of choices of food ranging from snacks to fast food to cooked meals to suit students desires. In walking distance from the campus are also many restaurants, open till very late in the evening, where one can choose from a selection of many types of food.

Social facilities

Karadeniz Technical University is one of the most distinguished institutions in Turkey offering its students a rich selection of social, cultural and sports facilities. Located on the main campus by the sea, the Vocational School of Tourism and Hotel Management has a guest hall, students cafe, an olympic swimming pool, a restaurant, pastry, cafe, tennis, basketball and volleyball fields. In addition to these, there are other mini football fields, tennis courts, outdoor basketball and volleyball fields, and a squash field, as well as a

modern stadium. Hasan Polat Sports Hall, located also on the main campus, is designed for all kinds of indoor activities, ranging from basketbol to squash to weight-lifting, and to sauna bath.

Exchange students can benefit from any of these facilities having purchased a ticket whose price varies from activity to activity. An hour of rent for tennis courts is about 2€. For team sports, sauna-bath and weightlifting, the cost is 1 YTL (about 65 cents) per person per hour.

The students at Karadeniz Technical University can form groups to perform various activities such as folk dancing, acting, music, and arranging movie nights. Such groups perform their activities all around the country.





The university organizes two festivals a year: one corresponds to Newruz (new years day for the Turkish world) on March 21 and the other to the anniversary of KTÜ's foundation on May 20. Thousands of students come together to dance on various music, and listen to the songs of well known singers. Let's-come-together-party is another event where all foreign students set up stands to represent their cultural background.

Another way of socialising for the students is through the student clubs including Sub-Aqua Club, Mountain Climbing, Tennis, Aviation, Photography, Chess and Environment Club. Such clubs arrange several activities each year relating their own fields. For instance, Mountain Climbing Club goes for camping on and climbing the Eastern Black Sea Mountains several times a year. The Tennis Club regularly arranges courses and tournaments both in the university and in Trabzon. Sub-aqua club, one of the most active of the clubs, arranges diving sessions not only in the Black sea but also in other seas surrounding Turkey.



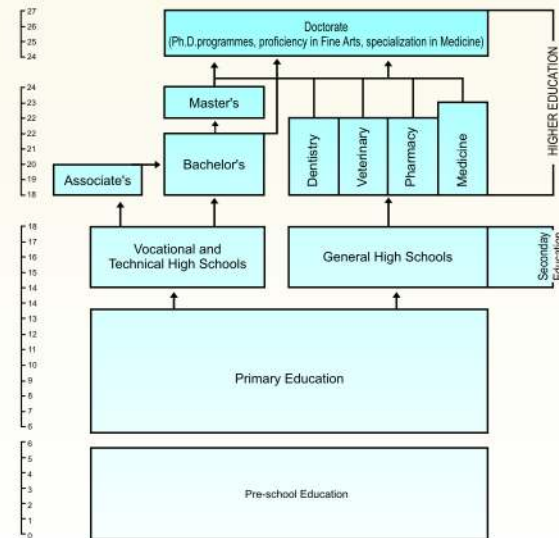
Turkish Education System

Entry into universities

Anyone wishing to enroll in any program of the universities must take 'The Student Selection Examination (ÖSS)' centrally administered by The Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM). Graduates of vocational high schools wishing to apply for placement in two-year vocational college programs are exempt from this exam and placed centrally by ÖSYM.

The ÖSS exam is composed of five sections: science, maths, Turkish, social sciences, and foreign languages. All students must answer the Turkish test. The other tests are answered according to the fields the students would like to apply.

Students are then asked to make selections based on their results from the exam and submit them to ÖSYM. All the applications are ranked and ordered by the ÖSYM to place the students to their most desired selections based on the capacities of academic units.





Geography

Spread along the shores of the Black Sea, Trabzon covers an area of 4,664 square kms and now has a population of just over one million people. It has a relatively high rainfall all year round, producing a landscape of lush greenery. Dense pine forests cover the mountains, and an abundance of crops flourish in the lower elevations and valleys. The area is home to many beautiful species of plant and wildlife, many unique to the region.

The unusual and varied landscape has shaped the industry and culture of the area. The villages in the area were established in the valleys extending seawards from the mountains. Here the villagers cultivate crops such as tea, hazelnuts and maize and breed livestock. From June onwards, there is a general migration from the villages to the mountain plateau or 'yayla' where they take their livestock to graze in the fresh and green pastures.

History

Trabzon is one of the most historical cities in Turkey and has a history dating back approximately 5000 years. Due to its location along the historical Silk Road, the region was tried to be owned by many civilisations. Trabzon was the capital of the Comnenos dynasty, an extension to the Byzantium, till 1461 and, with the start of the Ottoman ruling in the region, became the capital of the region where the sons of the Ottoman Sultans were educated in the military sense.

Climate

Trabzon has a mild climate all year round. In summer the temperature is pleasantly cool, and in winter it is mild with an annual average temperature of 14.5 °C. Day and night temperature difference is not so high. Being situated along a sea-side and surrounded towards south by steep mountains running parallel to the coast, rainfall is high, especially in winters and springs. March and may are the rainiest terms. Snow is

rare, and melts away even it does snow. Warm clothes are needed in winters although the temperature never drops below zero. In summers the temperatures are up to 30 °C, but effective temperature is about five degrees more than what is shown due to high humidity. Beaches along the Black Sea coast are very helpful on such days and provide the visitors with a pleasant atmosphere with sea water temperature around 22 °C.

Culture

Trabzon is a city of tradition. The folk dances of the region, known as the "Horon" are renowned, and are danced by men and women, young and old alike. The Horon is accompanied by traditional music played on a type of small violin with three strings called 'kemençe'. In Trabzon folklore, the mountain pasture festivals play an important role. The groups composed of men and women arrive in the mountain pastures with their cattle and sheep, and begin festivals by setting a big "şölen" (feast). Nearly everybody joins the horon, accompanied by kemençe. In these festivals, the women, wearing colourful regional clothes, and decorated animals are really worth seeing.

The traditional cuisine of the area is largely based on "hamsi" (anchovy). Other local delicacies include black cabbage soup, 'kuymak' which is a kind of pudding made of corn flour, cheese and butter, and 'pide', a type of bread. Akçaabat köftesi (meat bowls), butter and bread are also well-known.

Trabzon is renowned for its traditional handicrafts, all made from natural materials available locally. Trabzon was one of the main copper mining centres of the Ottoman Empire, and was, and still is, famous for its copper cauldrons, ewers, bowls and buckets. In addition, agricultural and household tools made of iron, bracelet made by weaving silver threads (hasir bilezik), and the different decorative objects made of silver and are called «telkâri» are very popular. Wooden agricultural and household tools, kilims, peştemals (waist clothes), bags, colourful woollen socks and transportation ropes are worth seeing. In this heavily forested region, local people have always used wood as their main material for building. They also carve wooden furniture, tubs and churns for use in cheese making as well as many smaller items such as baskets and spoons.



CITY OF TRABZON

Places to see

Historical sites

City walls, which were built as three separate sections, namely the Yukarı hisar (upper fortress), Orta hisar (middle fortress) and Aşağı hisar (lower fortress), go back as far as the 5th century BC with early Roman traces. The Ortahisar was the centre of administration during the Ottoman time, and the Aşağıhisar (lower fortress) the city's trade centre.

Besides the walls, Sumela-, Vazelon- and Kuştl monasteries are samples of religious monuments built on terraces of and carved into the steep hills. The Sumela Monastery is the only one of its kind, has a world-wide fame, and is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

Haghia Sophia museum, Saint Anna Church (Küçük Ayvasıl), Yeni Cuma Mosque, and Orta Hisar Mosque are historical places dating pre-Ottoman period.

The Ottoman period is characterized by mosques, mansions, baths, bazaars and tombs. Gülbaharhatun Mosque, İskender Paşa Mosque, Çarşı Mosque, and the arsenal (Cephanelik) or Fatih tower are some of the important historical buildings worth seeing. Atatürk's Pavilion, the Mansion of Kastelli, the building of Trabzon Archaeological and Ethnographical Museum, houses in Orta Hisar (Trabzon), Sürmene and Ortamahalle in Akçaabat are the precious examples of architectural styles used in the Ottoman period. Covered Bazaar or Bedesten, Eight Columned-Bath, and various tombs are other historical sites to visit.

Museums

Atatürk's pavillon: It is the most well known of the museums, and overlooks the town from the southern hills. Constructed as a summer resort in 1890, it reflects the Western and Renaissance influences. The outside of the building is stone and the inside is in Baghdadi technique. The floors are covered with tiles of the time reflecting the same influence. The central heating and plumbing systems were progressive for the time. The museum displays pictures of Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey.

Trabzon museum (Kostaki mansion): Built in baroque rococo tradition as a large family accommodation between 1889-1913, the building was used as one of the headquarters during the Independence War, and later as the Governors Hall between 1931-1937. In 1987, it was converted to the city museum where archeological finds dating from the early Bronze Age up to the late Ottoman period, stone-, clay-, metal- and glassware, construction materials and foundations from Roman and Ottoman periods are on display. The museum also contains an ethnographic section where Islamic art, armoury, handwritings, embroideries and costumes are shown.



CITY OF TRABZON

Natural beauties

Trabzon is well known with its greenary and natural highlands (yayla in Turkish). Easily reachable all year round, these spots can be used for any kinds of activities ranging from skiing to rafting, parachooting, and jogging. Charming mountain villages delight the eye and rugged mountain passes remind the passing traveller the huge power of nature. Of all the natural and other wonders of the province, perhaps the world famous Uzungöl (long lake) best typifies what Trabzon has to offer. Zigana, Ayder, Hidirnebi, Kayabaşı are only a few other places to name. Once on the spot, the scenery will give you peace of mind and rid you of all the tiredness of your hard work

The carbonate cliffs to the South of Trabzon were dissolved through years to produce caves which are enriched in stalactites and stalacmites. Kayabaşı and Çal caves are the most well known and worth seeing, especially in summers.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING IN TURKEY

Transport to and from Trabzon

Being an important residence, Trabzon offers a variety of transportation by road, by sea and by airway. Since it shelters many students and civil servants, there are many direct coach services to all major cities. In Trabzon, there is an international airport only 5 minutes from the main campus on the road between Trabzon and Rize. Direct flights from this airport connect Trabzon with different destinations in Turkey, Europe and Central Asian countries.

Compared to western European countries, transport is highly cheap in Turkey. A return flight from Istanbul costs 100 to 125 € depending on the time of the flight, which takes about one and a half hours. There are about ten flights a day between Trabzon and Istanbul. The international students can also benefit from ferries running between Trabzon and coastal cities of Russia such as Sochi, as well as bus services between Trabzon and Georgian towns such as Batumi.

There are regular public buses and minibuses running between the campus and the city centre. 9-seated minibuses leave for the campus when they are full, which usually takes less than 5 minutes at rush hours, and not more than 10 minutes outside the rush hours. Through similar services, transportation from the main campus and the city centre to other locations is also easy to get.

Cost of Living and Shopping

Turkey is cheaper in many respects than most of the western countries. It is also ranked the cheapest OECD country. Most Turkish students live on around 200-300€ per month including the cost of dormitories. For foreign students the Erasmus grant should be sufficient not only to live on, but also to explore and enjoy the life here in Trabzon. Opposite is a list of prices for usual buys.

Trabzon is a lively city and streets are full of people even in the nights. The shopping is concentrated in the city centre in pedestrian streets where shops are open from 09h to 19h Monday to Saturday. Department stores, groceries and supermarkets are open till 10

o'clock in the evening. Some restaurants and cafes are open till midnight. Sunday is holiday, but many shops are open.

Automatic transaction machines (ATM's) are widespread both in the town centre and on the campus. They are easy to operate as most have a language key to enable the user to read the instructions in English.

Product	Price
Bread (200 gr)	0,5 YTL
A litre of milk	1,5 YTL
Butter (250 gr)	2,5 YTL
A kilo of white cheese	7 YTL
A kilo of cheddar cheese	9 YTL
A dozen of eggs	2,5 YTL
A kilo of chicken meat	7 YTL
A kilo of beef meat	14 YTL
A kilo of tomatoes	1 YTL
A kilo of potatoes	0,6 YTL
A kilo of sugar	1,8 YTL
A litre of orange juice	1,5 YTL
A litre of coke	1 YTL
A kilo of apples	1,5 YTL
A kilo of oranges	1 YTL
A packet of pasta	0,5 YTL
A kilo of bananas	3 YTL

Product	Price
A kilo of kiwis	3 YTL
A bar of chocolate	0,5 YTL
A glass of tea	0,5 YTL
A cup of coffee	0,75 YTL
A litre of olive oil	9 YTL
A litre of vegetable oil	3 YTL
A kilo of tea	9 YTL
A box of tea (40 bags)	3 YTL
A can of beer	1 YTL
A packet of Marlborough	5 YTL
Bus ticket	0,75 YTL
Minibus (Dolmuş)	1 YTL
Cinema ticket	5 YTL
Ticket for football match	15 YTL
Average restaurant meal	10 YTL
Daily rent of a car	75 YTL
A litre of petrol	2,8 YTL



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Money

The Turkish currency is new Lira (YTL). 1 YTL is equivalent of around 1.4 US\$, and 1.85 Euro. Banknotes include 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 YTL, and coins 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 yeni kuruş.



Phone calls

Public pay phones can be found in almost all academic units besides the post office. They operate on crediphone cards which can be bought from the post offices as well as stationeries. To make an international call, one needs to dial 00 before dialling the international code of the country to be phoned to.

National and Religious Holidays

January 1	: New Year's Day
April 23	: National Sovereignty and Children's Day
May 19	: Youth and Sports Day
August 30	: Victory Day
December 20-23	: Sacrifice Feast
October 12-15	: Ramadan Feast
October 29	: Republican Day

Some important addresses and numbers

International Relation's Office

Address: Karadeniz Teknik Üniversitesi Rektörlüğü, Ek Bina, 61080 Trabzon

Head of the Office: Prof. Dr. Miraç Akçay

E-mail: akçay@ktu.edu.tr **Phone:** +90 462 3773303 (day)

GSM: +90 532 6228392

Office Assistant: Ms. Seyhan Çağlar

E-mail: ofinaf@ktu.edu.tr; seyhan.caglar@ktu.edu.tr

Phone/Fax: +90 462 3253232

Emergency Numbers in Trabzon

Emergency	: 112
Fire brigade	: 110
Police	: 155
Gendarmese	: 156
Forest fire	: 177
Turism Information	: 3260740

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Travel Agencies in Trabzon

Karden	: 326 51 68
Ulusoy	: 321 44 26
Ceyhun	: 326 40 71
Sarptur	: 326 95 28

Ticket Offices in Trabzon for Domestic Transport

Turkish Airlines	: 3256738
Atlas Airlines	: 3262134
Onur Airlines	: 3256292
Fly Airlines	: 3252032
Pegasus Airlines	: 3257713
Ulusoy coaches	: 3252160
Metro coaches	: 3257287
Süzer coaches	: 3252119

Car rental bureaus

Can Rent A Car

Address: Çarşı Mah. Tarihi Bedesten Çarşısı Kat:1 No:9, Trabzon
Phone: +90 462 3216772; GSM: 0539 3390977
E-mail: can61_1@hotmail.com Price: 120 YTL / day

Bayram Rent A Car

Address: Trabzon Plaza, Değirmendere Anadolu Bulvarı, No:2A, 61100, Trabzon
Phone: +90 462 3259415 (ext 125); Fax: +90 462 3254732
E-mail: yesim.aslan@bayramotomotiv.com Price: 70-200 YTL

Bozok Rent A Car

Address: Uzun sokak No: 34, Trabzon
Phone: +90 462 3218418 GSM: 0537 9889474; 0542 3963287; Fax: +90 462 3218419
E-mail: info@bozokrentacar.com Price: 70-200 YTL

Euro Rent A Car Oto Kiralama

Address: Maraş Cad. Bahar Sk. Kat:1 No:12 (Akbank yanı), Trabzon
Phone: +90 462 3269600 – 3266751
GSM:+90 533 4870700 – 01
E-mail: eurootokiralama@hotmail.com
Web: <http://www.eurootokiralama.com> Price: 60-140 YTL

Ceyhun Rent A Car

Address: Gazipaşa Mah. Merdivenli Sok. Sümer Apt. Kat:1 No:1, Trabzon
Phone: +90 462 3219424; Fax: +90 462 3264071
E-mail: res@ceyhunrentacar.com
Web: <http://www.ceyhunrentacar.com> Price: 50-150 YTL



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