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- Center for Entrepreneurship
- Center of Study of German Law
- Center for Computational Finance
- Center for Energy Environment and Economy
- Alp Alkaş Retail and Real Estate Center

University Campus

- Çekmeköy Campus

Undergraduate Programs:

- B.A. in Business Administration
- B.A. in Banking and Finance
- B.A. in Entrepreneurship
- B.A. in Management Information Systems
- B.A. in International Business
- B.A. in Economics
- B.A. in International Relations
- B.A. in Psychology
- BLL in Law
- B.Sc. in Electrical-Electronics Engineering
- B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering
- B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering
- B.Sc. in Computer Science
- B.Sc. in Civil Engineering
- B.Sc. in Architecture
- B.Sc. in Communication Design
- B.Sc. in Industrial Product Design
- B.Sc. in Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- B.Sc. in Hotel Management
- B.Sc. in Gastronomy and Culinary Arts
- B.Sc. in Air Transportation Management
- B.Sc. in Pilot Training
- M.Sc. and PhD in Electrical-Electronics Engineering
- M.Sc. and PhD in Industrial Engineering
- M.Sc. and PhD in Computer Science
- M.Sc. and PhD in Mechanical Engineering
- M.Sc. in Financial Engineering
- MBA and Executive MBA
- Ph.D. in Business (Marketing, Finance, Operations)
- M.A. in Entrepreneurship
- LLM and PhD in Public and Private Law
- LLM in Law
- M.Sc. in Architecture
- M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Design, Innovation and Society
Walk down the corridors of OzU and you'll hear pleasant chatter in Russian and Farsi, jokes in Azeri and Ukrainian, conversations in English, and the occasional cacophony of Dutch, French, German and Spanish. Full-time international students, exchange students, graduate students from abroad, visiting students, foreign faculty – at OzU a distinct international flavor is brewing.

Currently, over 54 countries are represented at OzU. Outbound, a large part of our current students are embarking on exchange at partner universities; increasing opportunities for international internship placements are met with even greater demand. Moreover, international know-how is brought to the university's doorstep via the wealth of foreign faculty and all professors with extensive overseas experience.

In accordance with our non-discrimination statement, Özyeğin University hires academic and administrative staff and admits students regardless of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin, creed, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity and does not discriminate on the basis of gender race, color, national or ethnic origin, creed, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity in the administration of its educational and employment policies, its scholarship conferment, or any university-sponsored programs.

OzU is truly a place where students and faculty of all cultures and backgrounds can find a safe and supporting home away from home in pursuit of continuous learning and growth.
Our office is the focal contact point for Özyeğin University's partner institutions and for all incoming and outgoing exchange students and faculty. We prepare bilateral exchange and cooperation agreements, deal with the selection and placement of exchange students going abroad, and see to the needs and administrative requirements of all exchange students and faculty.

International Office
Özyeğin University
Çekmeköy Campus
Nişantepe Mevkii Orman Sok No 34-36
34794 Alemdağ Çekmeköy
İstanbul, Turkey
Both the students and the faculty at OzU were welcoming and considerable of our needs and well-being. The shuttles to and from the campus provided easy access to the city. The academic and extracurricular facilities at OzU were equipped with the newest technology and designed with the student body in mind.

**Connor R. Ferguson, University of Kentucky**

I have greatly enjoyed my time here at Ozyegin University. I love that the campus is self-sustaining and promotes learning in an environmentally friendly atmosphere. I do wish our stay here was longer, not only so the class would be more bearable but so that we could have more time to experience Student life in Istanbul. Regardless of my time here, I know that no amount of time would allow me to capture how expansive Istanbul is.

**Lauren Shaw, University of Kentucky**

My experiences at Ozyegin University have overall exceeded my highest expectations. Faculty, staff, and students were both friendly and helpful at making me feel welcome and at home. Performing research that is at the forefront of my field has been an amazing opportunity. What’s more is that the cultural diversity I encountered during my stay has given me the experience of a lifetime.

**James Mal, Oregon State University**

It has been three months now that I am in Istanbul and the idea of departing in less than a month makes me feel sad already. Before my departure from Munich, I had no idea what to expect from Erasmus exchange programme and from this city. All I knew was that everybody has been telling me how awesome Erasmus is and that Istanbul will be the biggest of all cities I have visited so far. And all was true! This life experience of living in such a different culture for several months, meeting people from all over the world and getting to know something new every day, make Erasmus surely unique. Furthermore, living in such a city as Istanbul is incomparable with everything I experienced until now. On the one side the busy highways crossing the city, on the other side small quartiers full of charm and old traditional houses. People are great, life is exciting, music everywhere, beautiful mosques, but most important: best food ever! Thanks for this experience, I will never forget!!!!

**Cyrill Gordon Yaşargil - Free University of Bozen Bolzano**
The academic year at OzU consists of two semesters, Fall & Spring, each 14 weeks of lecture time plus a 2 week final examinations period, and runs from the middle of September to the end of May with a three-week term break in between. Courses are held between Monday and Friday. In addition to the regular two academic semesters, the Summer term (June-July) offers a multitude of 7-week intensive courses for much of the core curriculum as well as a broad range of electives. The Summer term is also a time when many visiting professors from associated international universities teach a course at OzU in their field of expertise. This is a great chance to catch up, get ahead, or simply broaden your academic pursuits.

The Academic Calendar lists the dates and durations of important activities such as the enrollment, courses and examinations. All stakeholders are required to abide by this calendar. The Academic Calendar can be reached via OzU’s website. The summary information of the 2014-14 Academic Calendar Fall Semester is provided below.

### 2014 - 2015 Academic Year Holidays & Important Dates
**For Incoming Exchange Students**

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<th>Academic Calendar*</th>
<th>Fall 2014</th>
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<td>End of Semester Examinations</td>
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* Please note that semester start, end, and exams dates may differ for some graduate programs. Students are highly encouraged to visit the official academic calendar published on our webpage.

At OzU, we use the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS), a standard that enables easy transfer of credits and student mobility between European higher education institutions. 60 ECTS credits are attached to an academic year’s workload and the associated learning outcomes, with 30 ECTS for each semester. In the undergraduate programs, you need to complete a total of 240 ECTS in order to graduate. In graduate programs, you need to complete a total of 90 or 120 ECTS for masters, and 180 or 240 for doctorate. The regular workload for an

At OzU, credit transfer and accumulation are facilitated by the use of the ECTS key documents, such as the Erasmus – ECTS Learning Agreement and the ECTS Transcript of Records. Upon graduation, OzU students are automatically issued a European Diploma Supplement in English.

Grading System

At OzU, a student's course performance is evaluated by the relevant course instructor based on mid-term examinations and assignments, participation, etc., and the results of the end-of-semester examinations. Grades are assigned within the announced dates on the academic calendar.

End-of-semester grades that contribute to the grade point average (GPA), weighted by the credit value of the course, and are as follows:

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<th>End of Semester Grade</th>
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The total grade point a student has obtained from a course is calculated by multiplying the ECTS credits of the relevant course with the coefficient of the end-of-semester grade received from the course. All calculated averages are rounded up to two decimal places.

Students with a GPA of 3.00-3.49 are deemed ‘Honor’ students and 3.50 and above are deemed ‘High Honor’; provided that they have not taken less than 24 ECTS credits and receive no fail grade.

At the end of any given semester, students with a GPA of 3.00-3.49 are deemed ‘Honor’ students and those with a minimum GPA of 3.50 are deemed ‘High Honor’ provided that they have taken a minimum of 24 ECTS credits, they have not received a Fail grade and they have achieved a minimum CGPA of 2.00.

We use the ECTS credit system but our grading system is standard American letter grade.
2014-2015 Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are determined by the Board of Trustees each academic year. For the 2014-2015 academic year the full tuition is 33,700 TL (approximately $15,000) for faculties and 22,600 TL (approximately $9,900) for applied sciences programs. Annual tuition covers both the Fall and Spring semesters. Summer session is optional and those who wish to attend the summer school will pay the tuition determined annually by the Board of Trustees. Students who fail to pay the tuition fee and any other required fees to use the University facilities within the announced dates are not registered and lose their student privileges.

Exchange students are exempt from paying tuition fees. Free-mover, visiting, and special students are subject to tuition of the relevant program.

English Language Requirement

At OzU, the medium of instruction and interaction is English. All students admitted to the university need to submit proof of English language proficiency or demonstrate the required level of proficiency in OzU’s English Proficiency Examination before they can study in their programs. Exchange students from partner institutions teaching fully in English or providing a certification of proficiency signed by their home institution are admitted directly to their study programs.

Documentation of English Proficiency for Undergraduate Students:

Holding a valid international or national examination result

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<td>6.5</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>C</td>
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Turkish Language Courses

English is the medium of instruction at OzU and Turkish is Turkey's national language. Through practical, daily-life oriented classes, you will gain practical knowledge in Turkish, whether it is your first contact with the language or you have studied it previously. Various levels of Turkish Language credit courses are offered to interested exchange and visiting students.
After being nominated by the home institution, students need to visit http://apps.ozyegin.edu.tr/applications/Incoming-Exchange-Student/ and submit their online application. Students, then, need to print out the application form and the Learning Agreement, and mail the following documents to the IRO.

1. Application Form
2. Learning Agreement
3. ECTS Transcript
4. Copy of Passport (pages that have the passport number, personal information and validity/expiration date)
5. Two Passport Size Photos

Exchange Programs

Özgeführt University was awarded a charter EUCX (Extended Erasmus University Charter by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission in the 2009 round which qualifies us for Erasmus mobility as part of the LLP 2007-2013. Our application for the new 2014-20 Erasmus+ term was approved and OzU was awarded the European Charter for Higher Education in 2013. By receiving the ECHE, OzU became eligible to participate in the Erasmus+ activities. OzU also has active exchange agreements with non-Erasmus partners from all over the world, allowing both way exchanges between institutions.

Course Registration and Add-Drops

The Online Application includes course selection and automatically generates the Learning Agreement. Students are automatically registered to these courses. They can make changes to their selected courses during the add-drop period with the consent of their academic advisers in the first two weeks of classes. In such a case, for Erasmus students, the relevant page of the Learning Agreement needs to be approved by home and host institutions. Students will be registered to courses manually by the IO.

At the time of departure, all exchange students are issued official transcripts. Erasmus students receive ECTS transcripts and Certificate of Attendance in line with the Erasmus rules.
Visas

Since the beginning of the fall 2014 semester, there has been a significant change in the students visas. Many of our exchange students in the fall semester travelled on tourist visas with the advice of the Turkish Consulate/Embassies in their home countries. Thus, we ask you to get in touch with the Turkish Consulate/Embassies in your home country and find out the visa process that you need to follow up. Meantime, we will be assisting you with any information/paperwork that you may need from us.

Residence Permit

A Residence Permit is an official document declaring registration at the Bureau of Foreign Residence. All foreign nationals must register with the Bureau within one month of entering Turkey in order to obtain a residence permit. The International Office will be hands on to assist you with the necessary procedures. Please note that due to the high number of the first time applications, your appointment might not be scheduled for within one month from the day of entry. Don't worry, because it is sufficient to obtain an appointment within 30 days upon arrival to Turkey. Due to the high number of applications beginning of each semester appointments may be given for 4-6 weeks after the beginning of each semester. Please forward your residence permit application forms to the International Office as soon as you finalize your itinerary so that we can make your appointment.
Here is how the procedure works:

- It is first needed to get an electronic appointment via the Bureau of Foreign Residence’s website. ÖzÜ International Office makes an appointment as soon as students fill out the residence permit application form with their arrival information and send it to the IO.

- On the appointment date, students will be asked to apply to the Bureau in person with the following documents:
  - Original Passport
  - Photocopy of Passport, including the pages with identification, student visa and most recent entry stamp
  - Application for Residence Permit (sent to nominated student)
  - Certificate of Student Enrolment (will be provided by the University)
  - 4 Passport Size Photos
  - REQUIRED FEE for the Residence Permit Booklet
  - Travel Health Insurance required by the Foreigners’ Bureau standards. Please consult the IO for details.

The Foreigners Department notifies students of the date their residence permits are to be issued. You will have to personally visit and claim your residence permit on the given date. It usually takes about a month for the Bureau to process applications but it is always advised to go few days after the notified date.

Please note that you must keep the original copy of your residence permit with you at all times. Students who do not hold a valid residence permit may be subject to legal proceedings by the police department and those who cannot prove their student status can be subject to deportation.
Arrival Information

The International Office provides all incoming international, exchange and summer program students with airport pick-up services on the official arrival dates, which are announced with the issued acceptance letters. Reservations need to be made in advance. Please email your flight itinerary along with the number of passengers who will need transfer to international.relations@ozyegin.edu.tr accordingly.

If you will be arriving on a different date than the official arrival date, you may take into consideration the following options:

Arrival by Plane:
Most international flights arrive into Atatürk International Airport (IST) at Yeşilköy located on the European side of Istanbul, approximately 20 kilometers away from the city center. From Atatürk Airport, you can take HAVATAŞ, the airport shuttle service (costs about 10 Turkish Lira) to TAKSİM, a major district on the European side. You would then need to continue with taxi or public transportation.

If you are flying into Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW) located on the Asian side of Istanbul at Pendik/Kurtköy, you can take a HAVATAŞ bus to KADIKÖY, a taxi or the public bus.

Please check the following website for HAVATAŞ shuttle hours, stops, and prices:
http://www.havas.net/en/

Arrival by Land:
If you are travelling by an intercity bus, you will arrive into Esenler Otogar (main bus terminal on the European side) or Harem Otogar (main bus terminal on the Asian side). Most bus companies provide free of charge transportation for their passengers to major points of the city, or you can use taxi or public transportation.

Friendly Reminder…

OzU Çekmeköy Campus is situated on the Asian side, half an hour ride away from Sabiha Gökçen Airport.
Orientation Program

Moving to another country can be a stressful process; luckily, you won’t be on your own. Before the start of each semester, OzU coordinates an International Student Orientation for incoming full-time international students and exchange students to provide a fun-filled introduction to the university and country. The orientation includes details about the university-city, cultural tips, basic language skills and various social outings around the city.

Social and Cultural Programs

OzU strives to ensure that every international student has the opportunity to succeed in the classroom as well as experience the social and cultural highlights of Istanbul and Turkey. Organized excursions, walking tours, and outdoor events are offered to allow you to mingle and develop new friendships amongst OzU’s international and local students. You will also have the chance to share your own culture and traditions with others through various events.

International Student Club

The International OzU Club strives to facilitate cultural exchange among Özyeğin University students.
Student Development and Support
Through Ozu’s student development support services, we are here to help you adapt to university life, facilitate your academic, professional and personal development, clarify your academic ambitions with your interests and skills, and contribute to your academic and career plans.

Academic Advising System
Erasmus/Exchange departmental coordinators act as the academic advisers of exchange students.

Peer Advisor Programs
Peer Support programs provide opportunities both to students who are the target group and to students who take part in running such programs to know themselves better, socialize, be independent, take responsibilities and grow mature.

- International Office Buddy Support System aims to provide support to international students in adjusting to a new city and campus environment.
Guidance and Psychological Counseling

Psychological counseling services at Özyeğin University aim to support students by facilitating their adaption to the university life, contributing to their personal development by raising awareness, assisting them in overcoming potential academic, personal and social challenges and have them acquire new skills to cope with the daily life problems. In this context, individual and group counseling sessions are held within the University. Confidentiality is the key principle of the psychological counseling services. Private information and session contents are kept confidential between the counselor and the student. However if the student poses severe risk of harm to himself or herself or to others, the principle of confidentiality is overruled and certain information can be shared with relevant authorities.

All students can benefit from the individual counseling sessions free of charge. Except for the urgent situations students must have an appointment to have a one-on-one session with the counselor. To make an appointment please contact counseling@ozyegin.edu.tr. For urgent matters please call 0 216 564 9155.

Disabled Student Support

The disabled student support activities are conducted based on the principle of equal opportunity in education. The main objectives of the disabled student activities include making the campus life more convenient for disabled students, planning necessary administrative arrangements to foster the education of disabled students, organizing curriculum in a way not to obstruct the academic, physical, psychological and social lives of disabled students, contributing to their social and cultural life, encouraging them to benefit from and take part in social activities organized on campus for the purpose of helping them develop themselves and ensuring that they are subject to fair and right assessment and evaluation.

Social Responsibility Projects

As one of its core values, social responsibility is integrated into the very fabric of OzU's educational program, with the university seeking to increase awareness of social problems and involving both faculty and students in developing real, sustainable solutions. Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to participate in various university-sponsored social projects around the country, working hand-in-hand with the local community to increase the overall standard of living in disadvantaged areas.
A Brand New, Green Campus

OzU Çekmeköy Campus is a serene and peaceful university campus, away from the chaos of the metropolis, where you get the feeling that you live in nature. Created by a leading architecture firm, the designer of the Cambridge and Princeton buildings, OzU Çekmeköy Campus takes pride in having Turkey’s first LEED Gold Certificate. Situated on a 220 thousand square meters land, our campus houses 5 faculties and 3 schools. Through our 13,000 square meters Athletic Center, 2600 square meters library, 350-person auditorium, modern classrooms and high-tech laboratories, and quiet and comfortable study rooms, here on OzU Çekmeköy Campus, we offer all necessary amenities and facilities to foster our students’ academic, social, athletic and cultural development in a quest to prepare them for life.
Özyeğin University Library is a center for living and learning with its spacious and comfortable atmosphere, rich collection of books and movies, and high level technologies that spans across three floors with an area of 2270 m². The library boasts of its exemplary modern design, catering to the needs of the new generation. The library strives to support academic and research activities of the university through its vast, user-friendly, and innovative information resources and services. To this end, the library builds its collections and expands its services in collaboration with the academic staff and students. ÖzU library heavily make use of educational technologies in the pursuit of serving its patrons 24/7 with its 300,000 printed books, over 90,000 e-books, and more than 70,000 e-journals. Constantly developing its technological facilities and e-collections, the library endeavors to present top notch electronic information resources to its users. The library adopts a non-traditional service approach, offering not only information resources but also a vast array of information technology equipment and board games. To this end, the library strives to capitalize on mobile technologies when offering access to its information resources in a quest to support students academic and research needs independently from time and location. In addition to information literacy trainings, general library introductions, and research techniques seminars offered by the library staff to support the students’ lifelong learning, the faculty librarians, each specialized in a specific academic program, also provide personal or subject-specific guidance to help its patrons be prepared for their classes. Aside from its enriched collection of print and electronic academic resources, the Central Library also boasts of its vast DVD collection, daily national and international newspapers, personal development resources and popular magazines placed at the disposal of students. The library webpage has also two search engines “oZooGle+” and “Journal Portal”, which can be used to search for online resources, or access online journals, articles and other online resources. Furthermore, students can also borrow educational technology equipment (including laptops, chargers, projectors, document cameras etc) from the library. As a center for living and learning, the library houses a large number of group study rooms furnished with LCD televisions and whiteboards, offering a truly learning-conducive environment, promoting group studies, and providing a warm and home-like atmosphere where students can watch movies and play board games. The study floor is open for students’ use 24/7, even if the library is closed, with its copying/printing equipment and computers.

http://library.ozyegin.edu.tr/?lang=en-US
Computer Facilities

Within the Özyeğin University campus you can reach the University's wireless network and internet with your laptops. You will be given an OzU e-mail account that you can use during your study life at OzU. Students are notified via this e-mail address and only the notifications sent to this address are considered valid. You can reach your e-mail account via the interface located on http://owa.ozyegin.edu.tr address from your laptops or any other computer.

Scattered throughout the university are private study rooms available to you for individual or group work, some of which are equipped with LCD screens and computer hook-ups to facilitate group collaboration. Additionally, our library is equipped with a series of desktops available for general use. If you have trouble with your computer or another IT-related issue, our friendly help-desk and computer support team are available on campus to help solve any computer problem you may encounter. For your queries regarding technical problems, please contact Solution Center: https://solutioncenter.ozyegin.edu.tr/

SOLUTION CENTER

Solution Center is operational as of September 2014 offering you support in a large array of fields including technology, transportation, cleaning, dining, on-campus cafeterias and businesses, security, dormitories, buildings and furniture at http://solutioncenter.ozyegin.edu.tr/. The new system is designed to offer you faster and more efficient solutions for your requests as well as comments and complaints through its different screens tailored specifically for different categories.
On our campus, a Healthcare Center is available which provides outpatient treatment. If deemed necessary, students and employees are referred to hospitals near the University for further examination and tests.

Students experiencing problems with their studies or having the emotional difficulties can schedule appointments with our in-house counselors, trained psychologists who are equipped to help with the emotional and mental health of students in the university environment.

Çekmeköy Campus: An infirmary is located at the Student Center. A physician is available from 08:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 17:00 on weekdays. A medical team of two paramedics and an ambulance will be available on the Çekmeköy campus 24/7. In case of emergencies when the physician or the medical team are not available, you can also contact Acıbadem Mobile Medical Services by telephone at 444 9 724.

Health Services

On our campus, a Healthcare Center is available which provides outpatient treatment. If deemed necessary, students and employees are referred to hospitals near the University for further examination and tests.

The categories offered by the Solution Center system:
- IT Support
- Maintenance & Repair
- Correspondence (Only for staff)
- On-campus cafes and businesses
- Dining Hall
- OzU Card
- Transportation
- Cleaning & Handling
- Organization/Events (Only for staff)
- Dorms (cleaning, maintenance and repairs, security etc)
- Safe Living and Environment
- Lost & Stolen Items
- Comments and Feedbacks

Solution Center will serve as a single point of contact to submit all your requests, comments and recommendations to the relevant departments. By simply choosing the relevant category for your request, you will be able to directly get in touch with the relevant department. With our new system, we hope to offer you faster and more efficient solutions.
LOGGING INTO CAMPUS LIFE

Dormitories

Özyeğin University residence halls offer a modern, comfortable living environment as well as facilities and services to ensure an efficient study atmosphere. International students are given priority in housing assignments. School shuttle buses provide transportation from Çekmeköy campus to several destinations throughout the city.

2014-2015 academic year, semester room fees per person including VAT are shown in the tables below.


Çekmeköy Dormitories

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*There may be slight changes in amounts due to exchange rate fluctuations

Incoming exchange students will be able to transfer their housing fees once they arrive on campus. The IO will assist them closely.

Residence hall fees are paid in the beginning of each semester. You may pay your housing fees online at http://ozyegin.edu.tr/Ogrenci-Hizmetleri/Ucretler-ve-Odemeer/WebPos-ile-Odeme

In order for you to make your payment, your debt account must be created in our system which will be completed after the on campus housing application deadline. You will also need to acquire a Turkish tax number.

All exchange students will be sent a notification about on-campus housing confirmations and will be asked to forward the indicated amount to the information stated above.

General Principles of Özyeğin University Student Housing Facilities:

- Rooms include a bed, with mattress and under sheet, a cushion, a blanket, a lockable desk with lamp, a chair and a closet for each student as well as internet connection.
- Rooms are cleaned weekly and common spaces (restrooms, showers etc) are cleaned everyday by the cleaning staff.
- Students are responsible for the order of their beds and desks as well as their own personal care and hygiene materials.
- The buildings have security, surveillance system and hot water available 24/7.
OzU hosts a rich variety of sports activities on its indoor and outdoor sports facilities situated on campus.

The fitness center offers a full line of cardiovascular training equipment including treadmills, stationary bicycles, rowers, arc trainers as well as strength and weight training equipment and functional trainers. Sports areas also include recreation rooms with table tennis tables as well as aerobics studios where a wide range of group fitness classes are held.

OzU Campus accommodates an Athletic Center that blends academic life with sports activities through its 1500 m2 indoor gym with a total capacity of 1200 persons (on a 13.000 m2 estate) offering 3 court alternatives, a 25-meter semi-Olympic swimming pool, as well as a 450 m2 fitness center and studios for aerobics, pilates, squash, kinesis, spinning and dance classes. In addition to all these, Özyeğin University enjoys a large number of student clubs and sports teams.

You may visit the following webpage for detailed information:

Transportation

Shuttles for the students and staff are available in order to facilitate access. We also provide weekend shuttle bus service to Taksim area. Shuttle hours and routes are announced by the Administrative Services in the beginning of semester.


Copying and Printing

Copy Center is located in the Engineering Building. It is open from 8:30 - 17:00 weekdays. Students may also use copy machines in the campus with their student ID cards after depositing money.

Food and Drink

There are various dining alternatives in Çekmeköy Campus. For more details refer to the table below:

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Bookstore at the Özyeğin University provides textbooks for the University diploma programs, Turkish and English books, popular Turkish publications and books about Turkish history, art and culture as well as stationary. It is also possible to order books from bookstores. The opening hours of the OzU bookstore are 8:00 to 17:00 on weekdays.

**Extracurricular Activities**

We believe that student clubs help form the backbone of a lively, colorful university environment while serving to cultivate individuals with multiple interests. Students at OzU are encouraged to start and participate in such clubs with the organizational and financial support of the university, so if you don't find something that interests you, gather some friends and start your own student club! Some of the student clubs already established at OzU include: Dance Club, Industrial Engineering Club, Photography Club, Business and Economy Club, Debate and Idea Club, Cinema Club, Social Responsibility Club, Technology and Production Club, Theater Club, International Hotel Management and Tourism Club, Media and Communications Club, International Student Club, Cinema Club, Music Club.

**Student Initiatives and Entrepreneurship**

Özyeğin University aspires to encourage entrepreneurial spirit in our students, and in order to cultivate individuals who can make a difference, it is of vital importance to foster an environment supporting creative ideas. Acquiring all the necessary information in entrepreneurship through the large spectrum of courses offered, our students are bestowed with the unique opportunity to develop their own business ideas. These ideas cover a wide spectrum from development of the campus or services and facilities offered to students to efficient use of alternative energy sources.

The projects developed by our students are evaluated by the relevant academic and administrative divisions of the university and those deemed useful are put in action. Furthermore in the tenders held for the university's procurements, student bids are also taken into account. As a result several businesses are run by our students on campus, including coffee machines, residence halls laundries, and billboards.

**Student Union**

Özyeğin University's Student Union is a democratic, transparent, fast and efficient organization where all our students are natural members represented equally. The Student Union allows students to support the development and management of our University by providing new insights to the University community.

The President of the Student Union and the members of the Executive Board and Audit Board are selected individually with the votes of students. The Student Union consists of the Student Council, the Executive and Audit Boards, student representatives and work groups.

The Student Council, a student organization that represents the entire student body to the university administration, generates proposals and participates in governance of student-related issues. Got some great ideas on how to improve the university? Interested in helping your fellow students to be heard? Elections for Student Council positions are held on a yearly basis.
Health Insurance

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their exchange term. All exchange and visiting students are advised to purchase a health insurance plan before departing for Turkey. This plan must be accepted by the Foreigners Bureau. For this reason, please contact the IO to get information on the insurance scheme.
Opening a Bank Account

There is a wide variety of banks in Turkey where you can open checking and saving accounts in Turkish Lira or in foreign currency. Most banks operate between 9:00 and 17:00, and during these hours you will have full access to all bank services. Turkish banks remain open during lunch hours.

In order to open an account you will first need to obtain your residence permit and a Foreigner’s ID number. You will generally be asked by the bank to provide the following documentation for opening a bank account: In order to open a bank account, you will need to obtain your tax number.

Accounts can be approved on the same day, and access to your telephone banking and online banking can be activated shortly afterwards.

Carrying large amounts of cash might not be a good idea for international students in Istanbul. Please note that Turkey has a wide network of ATMs, which allow you to withdraw money, make account balance enquiries, pay bills and make transfers. In addition, most ATM cards can be used at Common Point ATMs.

We recommend you to check which ATM services are free to use with your account, as fees can be charged for a range of ATM services, including balance enquiries and cash withdrawals. Using a credit card for a cash withdrawal from an ATM will also incur a charge, typically around 3% of the amount being withdrawn plus a fixed fee. For international students, in order to apply for a credit card in Turkey, you may be asked to have a co-signer, who has to be a citizen of Turkey.

Registering your Cell Phone

The recent changes in the Turkish Telecommunications regulation requires all mobile phones brought from abroad to be registered with the Turkish Information Technologies and Communications Authority’s database with their IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) numbers in order to use them with a Turkish sim card. Mobile phones (IMEI numbers) not registered are blocked for connection through a Turkish sim card within 1-2 weeks.

If you wish to continue to use a cell phone brought from your home country, please register it as soon as possible. You will need to visit the nearest bank and pay approximately 100 TL, showing your passport and IMEI number. Then you may visit the respective SIM card operator’s store and buy a SIM card. They may also ask you to pay a small amount of registration fee worth of approximately 40 TL.
Mass Transit and Discounted Bus Passes

Public transport in Istanbul comprises of a bus network, various rail systems, funiculars, and maritime services. Busses, minibuses and metro buses are the most used means of transportations in Istanbul. Subway system is still limited, even though the system develops very fast, with new subway lines being added to the current system every year.

Sea transportation is another important way of commuting in Istanbul, since the city is divided on two continents. There are regular passenger ferries and also fast ferries operating between the shores of the Bosphorus.

Özyeğin University students are entitled to discounted travel cards. In order to obtain your card, you will have to fill out online application form available at: http://skart.iett.gov.tr:81/Eng/Reduced-Fare-Cards.aspx?id=2#

To use the travel card, it is sufficient to hold the card within 0-8 cm to the card readers located in railway stations, sea transportation docks or on buses. You can see the current charge fee and the remaining balance on the card reader screen after each transaction. To give an example, for a regular fare of 2TL, the student fare is 1,5 TL. The card can be loaded at both İETT loading points and authorized private loading points.

Student Services makes an announcement to students in November in order to make a collective application in the name of interested students. Please note that this may take some time in terms of receiving the bus passes.

Climate & Clothes

You can enjoy all four seasons in Istanbul. The autumn and spring are cool and mild, the winter is wet and cold with much rain and some snowfall in recent years, and the summer is quite warm. Therefore, Istanbul's residents may need a sizable wardrobe with various clothes for indoor and outdoor use. Fortunately, many clothing items are available in Istanbul at a reasonable price and quality. In addition, Turkey exports many clothing items to other countries.

Istanbul is a four season city. In spring (April-May) and autumn (October-November) you may encounter rain, and the air may be cool or even chilly at night, but comfortable during the day. A warm jacket or a sweater and windbreaker will be enough for this time of a year. Summer (June-September) is usually hot and humid so cool cotton clothing, a hat, and sunscreen lotion is the everyday attributes. Don’t forget to have a light sweater for cool evenings. In winter (December-March) you'll need warm woolen clothing and rain gear, even though many days will be sunny.

Mailing

Various mailing services are available on campus. There is a national courier mail- MNG Cargo- that carries mail within Turkey in 1-2 days from one province to another. There is also international courier mail service- DHL. Students need to contact the “Communications Office” situated on Floor -4 of the Engineering Building. If students receive any mail then they are notified via email to pick it up from the Communications Office.

Postal services in Turkey are carried out by the Post and Telecommunications General Directorate (PTT). Its local offices can be recognized easily by their yellow PTT signs and they are open between 9-12 am and 1-5 pm in weekdays. You may have the option of sending your posts either with regular mail or courier one. In Turkey, it is also possible to receive national and international courier mail services. Some of the national companies are Aras Kargo, Yurtiçi Kargo, and MNG, and international courier mail companies TNT, FedEx and UPS. You may visit these companies' websites to locate their offices and contact information.

Electrical devices

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points. Check your appliances before leaving home to see what you'll need to plug in when you arrive to Turkey. Many appliances with their own power adapters (such as laptop computers and digital cameras)—can be plugged into either 110-120-volt or 220-240-volt sockets/points and will adapt to the voltage automatically (but you will need a plug adapter that can fit into the recessed wall socket/point.)

You will need to have following documents ready before you begin to fill out the online application form:

- A scanned copy of your ID picture
- A scanned copy of proof of payment. The cost of discounted student travel card is 10 TL. Please visit the nearest branch of T.C.Vakf Bank and make 10 TL payment to the following bank account:
  Branch Code: 345
  Account Number: TR280001500158007282473579
  Account Description: İETT Paso
Student Documentation

Student Identification Card

The student identification card proves that you are an OzU student and is used for entry into the University campus. Please be sure to carry your OzU ID card with you at all times, especially at examinations. Your student identification card is valid through your academic stay at OzU. If you lose the card, you need to contact the Student Services Enrollment unit.

Certificate of Student Enrollment

The Certificate of Student Enrollment is an official document proving that you are an enrolled student at OzU. It includes your identification and enrollment information as of the day that it is prepared. This certificate is prepared both in English and Turkish upon request. In order to obtain a certificate of student enrollment, you need to apply on-line, using the relevant menu on Student Information System (SIS). A certificate of student enrollment can only be handed out to the student it is prepared for. If you apply to Student Services between 09:00-12:30, you can receive your certificate on the same day between 13:30-17:30. If your application falls between 12:30-17:30, you can receive your certificate the next business day starting from 09:00. You will need this document for your residence permit application and discounted bus pass application.
E-Mail Accounts & IT Related

Your E-mail Account

You will be given an OzU email account that you can use during your study life at OzU. You can reach your email account via the interface located on http://sis.ozyegin.edu.tr/saml/owa/owa.html address from your laptops or any other computer.

If you need to use your own laptop you may need to handle extra procedures to be able to use it on campus. You would need to contact servicedesk@ozyegin.edu.tr for this technical support.

Student Information System (SIS)

Students need to visit Student Information System (SIS) at http://sis.ozyegin.edu.tr for course registration, see their course schedules, and online transcripts.

Course Management System (CMS)

Course Management System allows students to access course content, assignments and resources online. CMS is available at http://cms.ozyegin.edu.tr. CMS aims to provide an interactive learning environment and support.

Wireless Network Access

Students can access the Internet and electronic resources by using the wireless network within the campus.

Supporting Learning Technologies

Equipments such as video cameras, cameras, microphones can be borrowed for short periods from the library to use in lectures and for assignments.

Solution Center

Solution Center will be operational as of September 22, 2014, Monday, offering you support in a large array of fields including technology, transportation, cleaning, dining, on-campus cafeterias and businesses, security, dormitories, buildings and furniture at http://solutioncenter.ozyegin.edu.tr/. The new system is designed to offer you faster and more efficient solutions for your requests as well as comments and complaints through its different screens tailored specifically for different categories. Solution Center will serve as a single point of contact to submit all your requests, comments and recommendations to the relevant departments. By simply choosing the relevant category for your request, you will be able to directly get in touch with the relevant department. With our new system, we hope to offer you faster and more efficient solutions.

The categories offered by the Solution Center system:

- IT Support
- Correspondence (Only for staff)
- Dining Hall
- Transportation
- Organization/Events (Only for staff)
- Safe Living and Environment
- Comments and Feedbacks

- Maintenance & Repair
- On-campus cafes and businesses
- OzU Card
- Cleaning & Handling
- Dorms (cleaning, maintenance and repairs, security etc)
- Lost & Stolen Items
Altunizade - Çekmeköy Campus Shuttle Busses

There are frequent shuttle buses (almost every hour) between Altunizade and Çekmeköy campus, including weekends. For the detailed schedule please check: http://www.dneyegin.edu.tr/OzUDE-YAZAM/Kampuslere-Ulasim/Altunizade-Cekmekoy-Altunizade-Shuttle-Hours. The shuttle ticket costs about 5 TL one way depending on the commute. You may buy travel cards and load them at the transportation office located on campus. Travel cards provide a discounted rate.

Çekmeköy Campus - Taksim Shuttle Buses

There are shuttle buses operating between Çekmeköy dorms and Taksim Square on Friday/Saturday nights. http://www.dneyegin.edu.tr/OzUDE-YAZAM/Kampuslere-Ulasim/Taksim-Shuttle-Saatleri.

Important Notes:

Please visit the following link to make search about bus routes and stops.

You may visit the following link to see an overview of the railway system:

IETT also has a smart phone application.

Below is the metrobus lines that you may take to commute to Altunizade from where you can take the OzU shuttles and/or buses.

How to Get to Çekmeköy by IETT Bus Lines:

You can also take any of the following IETT buses to get to Nişantepe where the Özyeğin University Çekmeköy Campus is located.

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Living in Istanbul

In Istanbul, you can explore the city once known as the capital of capital cities, having served as the axis upon which the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires revolved. It has been the home to more than 120 emperors and sultans over a span of 1600 years, and there are still remnants of their former wealth and glory scattered throughout the city: palaces and villas, churches and mosques, fountains and theaters, private schools and bathhouses.

Today, from the depths of this historical Istanbul, a new, modern, dynamic Istanbul has been born. Alongside ancient minarets and Roman city walls have emerged shiny shopping malls, skyscrapers, and residences; integrated amongst the narrow streets and cobbled walkways are bars and nightclubs ringing out the latest music sensations and featuring the newest fashion trends. With a population of over 13 million spread across two continents, it is a city that never stops evolving.

Istanbul is also the financial and industrial center of the country, generating 25% of the GNP and playing a significant role in regional trade and cross-border relations. As the export and import gate of Turkey, the city originates 46% of the country’s total exports; imports from Istanbul make up 40%. Listed 34th on the list of the world’s largest city economies and home to 35 of the world’s billionaires, Istanbul is truly the city where people come to

Living Expenses

Istanbul is a city that offers opportunities for different budgets. This part is prepared to give an idea about estimated costs.

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Friendly Reminder...

Despite the other attractions of Istanbul, traffic is heavy at certain times of the day. Therefore making arrangements and scheduling appointments you, always need to bear this fact in mind. Rush hours are between 7-10 am and 5-8 pm, so try to avoid crossing the bridges during these hours and use sea transportation instead.
There is no requirement for students to stay in the residence halls. Students can opt to benefit from suitable rental options available in the surrounding areas of Ozu’s Çekmeköy campus. However, students need to do their own research and carry out their own negotiations with the real estate agencies and landlords. The University does not take responsibility for the private rental arrangements of the students.

The district of Çekmeköy, where Ozu’s campus is located, is a booming neighborhood on the Anatolian side of Istanbul in terms of modern residential building complexes springing up on almost daily basis. The region is an attraction zone for especially young people looking for cheap rentals of newly constructed houses offering a large array of facilities, such as swimming pools, fitness centers and 24/7 security services.

If you wish to take on the off-campus housing search, you may want to get started by visiting the links below:

- [http://www.sahibinden.com/](http://www.sahibinden.com/)

You may also wish to check out the following links:


Erasmus Student Network Housing: [http://www.esnturkiye.org/content/erasmus-housing-istanbul](http://www.esnturkiye.org/content/erasmus-housing-istanbul)

Erasmus Student Housing Organization: [http://www.erasmushouses.com](http://www.erasmushouses.com)


Some useful tips while looking for off-campus accommodation:

- If you are here for limited period of time and want to live at the heart of the city you are suggested to look at the following neighborhoods: Beşiktaş, Taksim (Beyoğlu), Harbiye, Osmanbey on the European side, and Üsküdar, Kadıköy, Acibadem on the Asian side.

- There are numerous real estate agencies in Istanbul. If you are looking for a place in one neighborhood then you need to go to agencies in that neighborhood. It is important to find people who speak English. The following points may be open to negotiation: Price of monthly rent, number of months of advance payment required, currency that the rent will be paid in, method of payment, amount of deposit required and whether it is in Turkish Lira or foreign currency. Condition of the home – if it is new home for example, appliances (included or not); Cleaning; any repairs such as water damage or cracks in walls. Try to get it all in writing before you move.

- It is always suggested to try to be in touch with current and/or incoming students who are looking for flat mates.

- Utilities such as heating, electricity and water are not typically included in the rent.
Night Life

Most inhabitants of Istanbul would readily confess to the fact that Istanbul is a city that never sleeps. It is undoubtedly the most lively city in Turkey for nightlife, running continuously in all seasons of the year, on all days of the week, with its myriad offerings of bars, dance clubs, pubs and meyhanes (taverns) and more. Their prices range from reasonable to very expensive.

Most frequented nightlife centers on the Asian side can be listed as Kadikoy and Bağdat Street, and on the European side, Taksim/Beyoğlu, Levent, Etiler, Nisantasi, areas along the Bosphorus and Sultanahmet. International and exchange students typically take advantage of the diverse forms of night-time entertainment at their disposal. However, a word of friendly warning - always carry your passport, residence permit, or some equivalent ID when you go out. Police ID controls are pretty common in the city, especially at night time. To keep yourself up-to-date on the diverse list of upcoming events and going out trends of the city, you may find it useful to visit http://www.timeout.com/istanbul/ every now and then...

Museums and Attractions

The following list includes some of the many museums worth visiting: Aya Sofia (St. Sophia), Kariye Camii (St. Saviour in Chora), the Hippodrome, the city walls and cisterns (Yerebatan Sarnıcı), Topkapı Palace, the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art (Ibrahim Paşa Sarayı), the Naval and Military Museums, Dolmabahçe Palace, the Archaeological Museum. Istanbul also has the Istanbul Modern Art Museum Santral İstanbul, Sakıp Sabancı Museum, and special interest museums like the Sadberk Hanım Museum and the Rahmi Koç Museum of Transport, Industry and Communications.

The entrance fees of the various museums range between 5 and 20 TL, per person. You may get discounted entrance with your official student ID. With the introduction of the Müzekart, you pay an annual fee of 30 TL and obtain unlimited free access to over 300 museum nationwide. Some private museums are not included in the Müze Card system. With Museum Pass İstanbul, you pay 72 TL and have access for 72 hours to museums of Istanbul. For detailed information please visit: http://www.muze.gov.tr/museum_pass

Shopping

There are a variety of options in Istanbul for shopping, serving for different tastes, needs, and budgets. You may find big malls, traditional bazaars, neighborhood bazaars as well as streets/neighborhoods famous with its shops. The following is just some to name:

- Kadıköy Çarşısı (Asian side), Beşiktaş Çarşısı (European side)
- Bağdat Street (Asian side), Istiklal Street (European side)
- Malls: Asian side - Ike, Meydan, Tepe Nautilius, Capitol, Paladium
  European side - Akmerkez, İstinye Park, Metro City, Kanyon
- Some famous neighborhood bazaars: Kadıköy on the Asian side (on Tuesdays), Beşiktaş on the European side (on Saturdays)
- Supermarkets: There are a number of supermarket chains all over the city. Migros, Carrefour, Dia5a, Bim, are just some to name.
- “Bakkal”: These are very small corner shops in a given locale, selling vegetables- fruits, drinks, dairy products, various junk food, newspapers etc. There are big ones as well as small ones. Some of these shops tend to be cheaper than the supermarkets whereas some big and famous ones are more expensive.
- In most of the shops and supermarkets you may use credit cards/ atm cards but at local bazaars these options may not be possible.
You can have a wide variety of local dishes as Turkish cuisine is famous for its range of delicious foods. Meat, vegetables, fruit and seafood are plentiful and vary with the seasons. You may want to eat something quick or sit down at a nice restaurant with the Bosphorus view or try to curb your appetite after a night out or taste the delicious food at a lokanta (traditional Turkish restaurant, offering home-style food). All is available in Istanbul. There are also a small number of restaurants where you can enjoy the tastes of Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Italian, Indian, German and Korean cuisines. Moreover, there are abundant choices of fast food restaurants like McDonald’s, Burger King, KFC, Pizza Hut, Subway, Schlotzsky’s Deli and more.

Coffee and tea have an important role in the culture and they become important tools for sociocultural exchange. After your meal, you can enjoy yourselves in various cafés including Starbucks, Gloria Jean’s, Nero or at small coffee shops and teahouses.

Some tips for dining

- We highly recommend that you do not drink tap water.
- If you are going to a restaurant as a big group, you may need to reserve a place for Friday-Saturday evenings beforehand. Some restaurants offer fixed priced meals including appetizers, main dish, drinks, dessert, etc.
- Always ask for the price before you order.
- Tip is usually 10% but in some places they include it on the bill.
- There have been incidences of boot-legged alcohol being inconspicuously served especially to foreigners. Make sure that you know the source of what you are drinking.

Some useful links:

- [www.sanalistanbul.com/virtualistanbul/Restaurants.htm](http://www.sanalistanbul.com/virtualistanbul/Restaurants.htm) (Restaurant Guide)
- [www.lokanta.com](http://www.lokanta.com) (restaurant search engine searchable by location, cuisine, and other)
- [www.yemekseperti.com](http://www.yemekseperti.com) (online delivery service for all areas of Istanbul)

Music, Arts, Festivals & Events

The following places are popular music and culture venues: Cemil Reşit Rey Hall in Nişantaşı, Cemil Topuzlu Open Air Amphitheater in Nişantaşı, Rumeli Hisarı Open Air Amphitheater, jazz clubs in Ortaköy, and Babylon, which is famous for rock and alternative music performances, Kurucemse Turkcell Arena, which is walking distance away from Ortaköy square. Istanbul has a very dynamic socio-cultural life with numerous festivals and concerts throughout the year. Below is a list of some of these events:

- Istanbul Book Fair
- Istanbul Biennial
- AFM International Independent Film Festival
- Transcontinental Istanbul Marathon
- Fall Film Festival
- Open Air Amphitheater Jazz Festival
- International Blues Festival
- International Istanbul Film Festival
- International Women’s Film Festival
- International Theater Festival
- International Music Festival

For a detailed description of events, dates, venues and tickets please visit the following links:


Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts: [http://www.iksv.org](http://www.iksv.org)
Cinema & Theatres

You will have no difficulty in finding a nearby cinema or theatre where you can watch the latest movies or plays. The following website gives a full listing of cinemas and their current offerings in Istanbul.

www.istanbulcityguide.com/sinema/Filmler.aspx?TurId=2

Religious Institutions

As Istanbul embraces different religions, there are several working churches and synagogues as well as countless mosques. The Patriarchate of the Greek Orthodox Church is in Balat and there are many other Greek Orthodox and Armenian churches. St. Antoine and St. Esprit are the two main Roman Catholic churches. The Anglican (Episcopal) community has services at Christ Church (the Crimean Memorial Church). The Union Church of Istanbul holds non-denominational Protestant services in the Dutch chapel. Three of the main synagogues of the city are Neve Shalom and the Şişli and Ortaköy synagogues.

For information about public transportation please see the links stated below:

www.iett.gov.tr – inner-city bus transportation
www.ido.com.tr – sea transportation
www.tcdd.gov.tr/tcdding/index.htm railroad transportation

More information about living in Istanbul, Turkey can be found at:

www.exploreistanbul.com
www.istanbulcityguide.com
www.turkeytravelplanner.com
www.mymerhaba.com
www.kultur.gov.tr
http://www.timeout.com/istanbul/
http://www.mymerhaba.com
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Phone number: 0 216 564 90 00/ 9112.

In case of emergencies when the physician or the medical team are not available, you can contact Acıbadem Mobile Medical Services by telephone at 444 9 724.