

TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMODATION AND REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Dear students,

Congratulations for attaining the right to enroll at Ondokuz Mayıs University (OMU). This guide will help you for reach OMU, get settled down in Samsun, complete your registration process and provide some useful information to facilitate your stay in Türkiye and Samsun and your student life in general.

TRANSPORTATION

İSTANBUL AIRPORT

Welcome to Türkiye and Istanbul. Once you arrive at the airport, please proceed to the Domestic Terminal following the signs and screens to reach the gate for your Samsun flight. You can enjoy the facilities at the airport if you have time. However, if you are short on time, you should better proceed to the gates as soon as possible as the İstanbul Airport is quite big. Also, don't forget to claim your luggage, if your flight is not connected.

TRANSPORT TO THE ESENLER BUS STATION

If you are going to continue your trip to Samsun via an intercity bus, you have more than one transportation option to reach Esenler Bus Station, but the easiest and most preferred ones are shuttle services and taxis.

(Shuttle): You can reach Esenler Bus Station by going to the bus stops at the exit of the terminal and taking the HAVAİST IST-3 line.

IST-3 Fare: 40 TL (≈2-3 €) as of 2022.

(<https://www.hava.ist/en>)

Taxi: You can always take a taxi. Taxi fare is **about 310 TL** as of 2022 (this can be a reasonable alternative, especially if you are more than one passengers).



Samsun arşamba Airport

Samsun arşamba Airport has a single terminal building for both domestic and international flights. It houses kiosks, restaurants, cafes-bars, car rental offices, fixed telephone machines and cash machines.

Transport Information to Destination in Samsun from the Airport

When you land to Samsun arşamba Airport, as you disembark the plane you will see two different gates (“domestic” or “international” flights) for entry to the airport building. Please choose the correct exit gate for your luggage pick-up according to your flight. After taking your luggage and exiting the airport from the door right in front of the luggage claim, you will notice the airport shuttles called “BAFAŞ”. Irrespective of the flight company you have used, you may use this shuttle. The shuttle is normally available for departure 30-45 minutes from the landing time. It costs approximately 2 Euros.

Please specify to the driver the name of the dormitory or address of the place you are staying. The driver will leave you at the nearest bus stop.

Taxis will cost about 150 TL to the campus.

For the hours of “BAFAŞ” please visit [here](#).

Local Transport:

After you have been issued a student ID from OMU you may apply for a student discount for the local travel ticket “SAMKART” which is used on all public transport (tram and city busses) in Samsun. Public transport in Samsun is very convenient, frequent and reasonable in price. You can also pay cash on many public (“Belediye Otobüsü”) and private (“Halk Otobüsü”) busses.

Campus Transport: You can take the tram from the place you are staying to the campus and use it within the campus. There are also various busses within the campus, but the tram offers a more enjoyable ride. You can also use the “dolmuş (minibus)” to get from one Faculty to the other. Any “dolmuş” ride within the campus is about only 5-10 TL.

REGISTRATION

You have to register at the Registrar's Office (Student Affairs). International students have to visit the International Student Office on the top floor of **the OMÜ-TÜRKÇE/OMU-TURKISH (TURKISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION CENTER) building** for registration.

Please click the following link to the Registrar's Office Guide for application and registration:

<https://oidb.omu.edu.tr/uluslararasi-ogrenci-isleri/>

Placed students are required to prove their Turkish proficiency levels with an OMU-Turkish Education Application and Research Centre diploma or with a Certificate in Turkish Proficiency obtained from other accepted institutions. Those who cannot provide the stated document are allotted a duration of maximum 2 years to provide the required document. Those who cannot certify their Turkish proficiencies at the end of this period are discharged from the University.

Placed students who have certified that they know the Turkish Language until the course registration date must create their passwords and complete their course registration. Students who have not completed their course registrations cannot start their education. (You can reach the Password Creation and Course Registration Guidelines through here.)

Placed students can obtain a student certificate after the exact registration on the condition that they make their tuition fee payments. Students can obtain the Foreign National Information Form which is required to receive a residence permit on the condition that they complete their course registration formalities.

Students who do not have a Republic of Türkiye ID number or Foreign National Number or students who do not submit their numbers are given a new number that starts with 98. If the student then immediately proceeds to obtain his/her student id card, this number will be printed in the card. For this reason, the students who obtain their student id cards before their residence permits are required to pay a card fee to receive a new card with their correct id numbers printed.

Students who have a registration in another university at the same program level cannot be registered.

IMPORTANT: Candidates who do not fulfill the application requirements (you can find the requirements [here](#)) announced by The Council of Higher Education (YÖK) are going to be disenrolled even if they have made their exact registrations. Applications of those who are Republic of Türkiye citizens and have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in Türkiye or Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) are not accepted. Applications of those who have been expelled from a higher education institution in Türkiye are also not accepted. Exam results of blue card holders who have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in Türkiye or Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) are regarded invalid if the student was not a blue card holder on the day of the YÖS examination, and students who have been placed with such a result are not going to be registered.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR EXACT REGISTRATION

1. [Preregistration Form \(Please click to download\)](#)

2. Original high school diploma and a Turkish translation of the diploma which is certified by a notary or by the Turkish Foreign Missions, and a “Certificate of Equivalence” stating that a secondary education equal to Turkish high schools has been completed. The “Certificate of Equivalence” can be obtained either from a Turkish Foreign Mission or from a Provincial Directorate of Turkish Ministry of National Education (A commitment letter in the case that a Certificate of Equivalence cannot be provided in time)
3. Original transcript and its certified Turkish translation
4. GCE AL result certificate and it’s Turkish translation certified by notary or Turkish Foreign Mission from those who are Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus citizens residing in TRNC and have finished their secondary education in TRNC and holding GCE AL test scores; and those who enrolled in a college or a high school in other countries between 2005 – 2010 and received education there and possess or will possess GCE AL test scores.
5. Original YÖS examination result document of other universities/institutions (You are not required to submit your OMÜ-YÖS result document)
6. Certified copy of the official identity document and passport
7. Certificate of identity register copy from those who have dual citizenships, who have a blue card, and who have Republic of Türkiye citizenships (those who have dual citizenships and have received their education in Türkiye are required to provide a document which proves that their main citizenship is not Republic of Türkiye)
8. Students who have been accepted to Yaşar Doğu Faculty of Sports Sciences departments/programs are required to submit a Health Board Report (issued by a medical committee of doctors)
9. Receipt which shows that the Tuition Fee has been paid
10. Certified copy of Turkish proficiency certificate (Students who will stay in Türkiye but do not have a Turkish proficiency certificate must prove within one month that they have registered in a Turkish Language course).
11. 2 passport size photos
12. Financial situation certificate stating that the student’s financial status provides the financial opportunity for the student to carry out higher education in Türkiye (Signed Subsistence Assurance Certificate)
13. Students are obliged to meet the necessary conditions of their departments as described in the Quota Guideline and are obliged to provide the required documents

ACCOMMODATION

Samsun offers a wide variety of private dormitories, hotels or rent flats for approximately 80-100 Euros. The easiest way to find a flat is to do some research on the internet or knock the door of a real estate agency in your neighbourhood.

If you have extra time, it is also possible to find an apartment by wandering around and looking for a flat for rent. When you rent a flat via agency, you should be prepared to pay one-month rental as an agency cut. Besides, you should take into consideration paying a deposit whether you are renting the flat directly or through an agency. The amount of deposit is equal to approximately one-month rent. However, at the end of the tenancy contract, if you hand in the flat in good condition, the deposit you paid will be given back to you.

HOST COUNTRY FORMALITIES

STUDENT VISAS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS

Visa

International students wishing to study in Türkiye need to have a valid passport. Before travel you will need to obtain a student visa from a Turkish Embassy/Consulate in your home country. As visa regulations may change quite frequently, please contact the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate in your country for the most up-to-date and detailed information. Student visas cannot be obtained within Türkiye.

For more visa information, please visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs' official website:
<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/sub.en.mfa?cc4e437c-6769-4d79-9017-10b63c651224>

Residence Permit

To stay in Türkiye, you will need a Residence Permit. You will need to apply at the International Student Office next to the Registrar's Office where you completed your registration to acquire the residence permit.

Health and Insurance

Before applying for a residence permit all students must have a valid health insurance. Therefore, we recommend that you obtain this before your departure from your home country or you may also have the opportunity to obtain one from Türkiye. You can benefit from "general health insurance" coverage in Türkiye. If you have the "general health insurance", you can use all state hospitals without a fee and also private hospitals paying a moderate fee.

For benefiting from the General Health Insurance System in Türkiye, you should firstly visit the Registrar's Office for a required student certificate. Then you will need to go to the Turkish State Social Security Institution (SGK) with the necessary documents to apply in person. When you complete your application, you will need to pay your general health insurance fee which is determined on an annual basis within 1 month from the date of Social Security records.

If you don't apply for general health insurance system within the given time period (in 3 months), you cannot benefit from the general health insurance services of the Turkish State. However, you can use

your international health insurance if you have one or you can get private health insurance in Türkiye by any insurance company you wish.

Please also bear in mind that Türkiye is well-known for its high-quality doctors and health facilities with relatively low service prices.

Medical Facilities on Campus

Ondokuz Mayıs University gives great importance to the health care of students, staff and the community. The Faculty of Medicine (University Hospital <http://hastane.omu.edu.tr/>) and the Faculty of Dentistry (Dental Hospital <http://dis.omu.edu.tr/>) provides all kinds of dental and medical treatment in the Day-Time Clinics and the Emergency Clinic. Both Faculties are fully equipped with modern medical equipment and with its clinical laboratories, radiology and emergency units; they have all the requirements for diagnosis and treatment in all areas of health. We also have a Children's Hospital and Animal Hospital (<http://veteriner.omu.edu.tr>) if you wish to travel with your children and pets.

If you have a slight health problem you may also visit our practitioner, psychologists, social worker and nurses who serve students and staff on the campus from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm weekdays.

Food

In Türkiye

Turkish cuisine is one of the most elegant cuisines in the world.

The variety of products offered by the lands of Asia and Anatolia, interaction with numerous different cultures over a long historical process, the new tastes developed in the palace kitchens of the Seljuk and the Ottoman empires have all played a part in shaping the new character of our culinary culture.

Turkish Cuisine, which in general consists of sauced dishes prepared with cereals, various vegetables and some meat, soups, cold dishes cooked with olive oil, pastry dishes and dishes made from wild vegetation has also produced a series of health foods.

Turkish Cuisine, while rich in variety and taste-bud friendly, also contains examples which could provide a source for healthy and balanced diets and vegetarian cuisines. It has some similarities with the ancient cultural cuisines of Anatolia, Mesopotamia, Central Asia, Mediterranean and the Balkans.

For more information about traditional Turkish and Ottoman cuisine please visit <http://www.kultur.gov.tr/EN,35306/culinary-culture.html>

In Samsun

Pide is one of Samsun's delicious 'events' and has four different types available *Kapalı*, *peynirliyumurtalı* (cheese&egg), *pastırmalı-yumurtalı* (spicy Turkish salami & egg) and *sucukluyumurtalı* (Turkish sausage&egg) although there are some further varieties, such as spinach, *kavurmalı* etc.

The local people eat *pide* every Sunday morning almost ritualistically.

These *pides* are totally unique to the city, and even though you can find “pide” in different cities it will never taste like the ones in Samsun.

Food on Campus

In almost all schools there are dining halls called “Yemekhane” where students and staff are served lunch and dinner at a very reasonable price (2 TL \approx 0,70 €).

When you complete your course enrolments at OMU, you will be given a personal student ID Card. You may eat your meals at the student dining halls by loading credits on your ID card. You can obtain these credits in front of the dining halls.

The “yemekhane” open hours on weekdays:

-For lunch: 11.30-13.00

-For dinner: 17.30-19.00

The “yemekhane” is closed on weekends. To enhance the variety of meals, there are also many canteens, cafeterias and restaurants in “Yaşam Merkezi” on the campus.

Library

Ondokuz Mayıs University Library aims to support Ondokuz Mayıs University's education programs, meets the information needs of its academic and administrative staff and students, and cooperates with the other institutions at the national and international level.

Ondokuz Mayıs University Library offers an extensive system to support university degree programs, research and teaching. An impressive collection of books, periodicals, e-books, e-journals, academic Internet resources and other printed material are available in the library. Extensive audio-visual and sound recording collections are also available.

The library offers essential and supplementary resources for students in all academic disciplines. In addition, the library has a comprehensive range of cultural resources.

Classes and workshops are available at all levels and focus on general orientation, research tools, electronic resources and academic uses of the Internet or a combination of these.

These workshops are offered several times each semester.

Special Needs

The “Ondokuz Mayıs University Disabled Students Unit” was established in order to; prepare the academic environment required to facilitate the educational life of our disabled students and; take the required steps and make arrangements to enable their full participation in the educational processes.

The disabled students unit continues its undertakings in parallel with a rights based approach and with the principle that all our students benefit from the educational process equally.

Major tasks of the unit

- To identify during registration the disabled students who were admitted to the university
- To identify the educational, scholarship, administrative, physical, accommodation, social and so forth needs of the disabled students enrolled at our university throughout their educational life; to specify the measures to be taken to address and to propose solutions to meet such needs; to make due arrangements in coordination with other units or directorates of the university.
- To update the educational environment in order to arrange the educational programs of disabled students not to hinder their academic, physical and social lives; to conduct works to allocate vehicles for disabled students, prepare special educational materials and arrange educational, research and accommodation environments suitable for disabled students.
- To conduct works to provide disabled students with financial difficulties with auxiliary equipment for free.
- In relation to examinations; to meet the needs of disabled students in terms of time, place, material, reader and marker and to take necessary measures and make arrangements in accordance with the differences stemming from the nature of the disability
- To make sure that the university campus, buildings within the campus and open spaces are reachable for disabled students.