



Afyon Kocatepe University
International Relations Office

INFO PACK

FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Dear Students;

Welcome to Afyon Kocatepe University (AKU)!

This guide has been prepared for incoming **Erasmus+ KA131** and **KA171** exchange students to provide essential information about academic procedures, administrative processes, and daily life in **Afyonkarahisar**.

Please read this guide carefully and follow the e-mails sent by our **International Relations Office**. If you have any questions or need assistance, we will be happy to help.

We wish you an **enjoyable** and **successful** Erasmus+ experience at AKU!



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BEFORE THE MOBILITY

Acceptance Letter	It is the official document which indicates that the student is admitted by the institution. A Letter of Acceptance is sent to the students & university via e-mail. You should not make travel arrangements (such as non-refundable plane tickets) or financial commitments (rent - flat) unless your acceptance has been confirmed by AKU. After the applications are evaluated by the departments: a Letter of Acceptance is sent to the student & university via e-mail.
Visa/Passport	Incoming students can enter Turkey with a tourist visa- student visa, or e-visa/ visa exemption. All applicants are highly recommended to examine the visa procedures specific to their country before entering Turkey. The necessary information can be found in the following link: https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa For more accurate information, it is recommended that all Erasmus+ incoming students consult nearest Turkish Republic Consulates and Embassies. All students will need a valid passport to study abroad (don't use your ID card to enter the Country). If you don't have a valid passport that extends through at least 6 months beyond the end of your study abroad program, please plan to apply for or renew your passport immediately. The Turkish government advises that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from the date you enter Turkey and that there is a full blank page for the entry and exit stamps. Passport is required to apply for residence permit. Students must obtain their visas prior to their arrival (if required). Students are responsible for searching and learning country-specific information for their visas, Students with Turkish citizenship are not required to obtain visa or residence permit.
Insurance	The European Health Insurance card (EHIC) is not valid in Turkey. Students must take care of an appropriate health and accident insurance that covers the total duration of their stay. Students in the scope of exchange programs will not be required to submit an additional health insurance if they are registered to the social security Institution (SGK), general health insurance within three months from the date of enrollment. However, they are required to take a private health insurance unless they are registered to SGK. Private health insurance is supposed to be arranged by an insurance company operating in Turkey or the responsible person must confirm on official headed paper of the company that the policy meets the minimum criteria. The insurance policy must be in Turkish. Otherwise, it will be rejected by the Migration Directorate. Some European countries have inter-governmental bilateral agreement with the Republic of Turkey. If you are coming from these countries, you can register with Social Security Institution (SGK) and receive full health insurance coverage for the duration of your studies in Turkey. *** You can obtain private health insurance in your home country, but it is important to make sure that it is written in Turkish and it is specifically mentioned that it is valid in Turkey.
Academic Calendar	Link: https://ogrenci.aku.edu.tr/2026-2027/
Course Selection / OLA	Please see the course catalogue at: and get contact the International Relations Office to obtain the course list before preparing your Online Learning Agreement (OLA).

DURING THE MOBILITY

Confirmation of Arrival	Being in your arrival certificate to IRO (International Office) for signature.
Course Registration Add/Drop	1. The departmental coordinator is responsible for paying the courses added through student affairs (in accordance with OLA) to the online registration system. Make sure that all courses are registered correctly. 2. You are supposed to inform your coordinator about the changes you want to make (add/ drop) within a week, so that you don't have problems at the end of the semester. 3. Registered courses and OLA must match. 4. After your coordination has registered the courses, log into the registration portal to ensure that you are successfully enrolled in all the courses. 5. If you notice any mistakes or issues with your courses registration, reach out to IRO immediately for assistance.
Student ID Card	This card is used to the campus obtain a student ID card, please contact the International Relations Office.
Residence Permit	All international students must apply for residence permit if they will stay in Türkiye longer than 90 days. Please make sure that you hold a valid passport and use it to enter the country (don't forget to get it stamped!). In accordance with the new regulations of Directorate of Migration Management, students will submit their residence permit application documents to the University. Erasmus students will hand in their application documents to the International Office/IRO. 1. You must apply online once you have found accommodation (proof of address will be required) and within 90 days' visa exemption. 2. Fill out the application form online: https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/ 3. For any problem that you contact to IRO 4. Print out the application form. 5. Hand in your documents to International Office.
Transportation	You can get to the city centre or public institutions from the campus by bus, minibus, or taxi. To find your preferred means of transportation, exit the campus and head to the waiting area on your right.



AFTER THE MOBILITY

Certificate	You must have your Certificate of Departure signed at IRO before leaving. It must be signed at the end of the semester. It won't be sent via e-mail or regular post after the student leaves.
Transcript of Records	Issued at the official end of the semester. Provided by Student Affairs Office/ <u>Öğrenci İşleri</u> .

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

International Office	Students Affairs	Migration Office
• Acceptance Letter • Student Number / Pre-registration • e-mail address through Department of Information Technologies/ Bilgi İşlem Daire Başkanlığı • Confirmation of Arrival • Student Cards (cards are printed by the relevant department. IRO applies on behalf of the student after course registration/provides the list of students. • Certificate	• Yösis number • Transcript of Records	• Residence Permit



WHY AFYONKARAHİSAR?



Afyonkarahisar offers international students a unique experience with its rich history, cultural heritage, local cuisine, and natural beauty. As a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the field of gastronomy, the city is well known for its local delicacies, including Afyon sausage, clotted cream, and Turkish delight. Historical landmarks such as Afyon Castle, Karahisar, Ottoman houses, and the Phrygian Valley offer opportunities to explore the city's history and cultural heritage.

Known for its thermal springs, Afyonkarahisar is also one of Türkiye's prominent thermal tourism destinations. Located at the crossroads of the Aegean and Central Anatolian regions, the city provides a convenient starting point for students wishing to explore destinations in the Aegean and Mediterranean regions. Away from the busy atmosphere of major metropolitan areas, students can experience Turkish culture in their daily lives, interact with local people, and enjoy an unforgettable Erasmus+ experience.



AFYON CASTLE



THERMAL SPRINGS



GASTRONOMY



OTTOMAN HOUSES



PHRYGIAN VALLEY



Transportation to Afyonkarahisar



HOW TO GET TO AFYONKARAHISAR?

Afyonkarahisar can be reached by intercity bus or by plane via Zafer Airport. International students arriving in Türkiye can travel to Afyonkarahisar from Istanbul, Ankara, or Izmir.

1 From Istanbul



By Bus: After arriving at Istanbul Airport or Sabiha Gökçen Airport, you can travel to an intercity bus terminal, such as Esenler or Alibeyköy, and take a direct bus to Afyonkarahisar. Booking your ticket in advance is recommended.



By Plane: You can check flight availability from Istanbul to Zafer Airport. From Zafer Airport, which is approximately 55 km from Afyonkarahisar city centre, you can continue by airport shuttle or taxi.

2 From Ankara



By Bus: After arriving at Ankara Esenboğa Airport, you can travel to AŞTİ Intercity Bus Terminal and take a direct bus to Afyonkarahisar.

3 From Izmir



By Bus: After arriving at İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport, you can travel to İzmir Intercity Bus Terminal and take a direct bus to Afyonkarahisar.



Important: Please check the latest bus and flight schedules before travelling, as services and availability may vary depending on your travel date. We recommend booking your tickets in advance.



HOW TO GET TO AFYON KOCATEPE UNIVERSITY

Afyon Kocatepe University's Ahmet Necdet Sezer (ANS) Campus is located on the Afyonkarahisar–Eskişehir road, approximately 6 km from the intercity bus terminal and 7–8 km from the city centre.

1 From Zafer Airport



Zafer Airport is located outside Afyonkarahisar, in the Kütahya region. You can travel to Afyonkarahisar city centre by airport shuttle, if available, or by taxi or pre-arranged transfer. From the city centre, you can take a public bus or minibus service the ANS Campus route.

2 From the Intercity Bus Terminal



After arriving at Afyonkarahisar Intercity Bus Terminal, you can take a public bus or minibus towards the city centre and transfer to a vehicle serving the ANS Campus route. Some services may provide access to the campus area directly. Please check the route before boarding.





3. FROM THE CITY CENTRE

Public buses and minibuses travelling along the ANS Campus route pass by the university campus. Look for vehicles marked “ANS” or ask the driver whether the vehicle goes to Afyon Kocatepe University.



4. BY TAXI

Taxis are available at the airport and in Afyonkarahisar. You can ask the driver to take you to **Afyon Kocatepe University, Ahmet Necdet Sezer Campus.**



Important: Public transport routes and airport shuttle schedules may change. Please check the latest information before travelling. If you arrive late, a night or have heavy luggage, arranging a taxi or transfer in advance may be more convenient.



ACCOMMODATION



Afyon Kocatepe University does not have its own student dormitory. Students can rent an apartment or stay in one of the nearby private student dormitories. We strongly recommend that incoming students do not make any payments or other commitments to landlords before arriving in Afyonkarahisar and viewing the accommodation in person. To avoid potential problems or misunderstandings, we recommend booking a hotel for a few days and looking for a suitable place to stay after arriving in Afyonkarahisar and viewing the accommodation in person.



There are several private student dormitories and rental apartments near the campus. If you prefer to stay in a student dormitory, you can explore the available options on the following website: <https://uniyurt.com.tr/afyon-ogrenci-yurdu/>

Since this website is only available in Turkish, you can use your browser's translation feature to view it in English. Alternatively, you can consider student dormitories or rental apartments in this city centre, as there are public transportation options connecting the city centre to the university campus.



COURSES AVAILABLE FOR THE INCOMING STUDENTS



Please check the Course List for the Incoming Students if the department you are studying at is not included in this list; please contact us through uib@aku.edu.tr to see the additional courses.





AFYON KOCATEPE ÜNİVERSİTESİ

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