Founded in 1999, Okan University is one of Turkey’s most dynamic universities, with nearly 7000 students. It offers 52 undergraduate, 27 graduate programs and 3 Ph.D. programs under 5 Faculties, 2 Graduate Institutes, Schools of Applied Sciences and Health Sciences. The language of instruction in many of the undergraduate and graduate academic programs is English.

Okan University emphasizes university-business cooperation and attaches particular importance to the “internationalization” of its programs, student body and campuses.

The main campus is in Tuzla, on the Asian part of Istanbul. It houses modern faculty buildings, Residence Halls and social facilities.

Istanbul

Istanbul is a unique city that spans the two continents, Europe and Asia. In its rich history, Istanbul has served as the capital city of the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman Empire. Today, Istanbul is the center for business, finance, arts, culture and entertainment in Turkey. While there are many historical monuments such as palaces, mosques, churches and bazaars to discover, Istanbul also offers a vibrant and hip cultural life, with year-round music and film festivals, modern art galleries, a varied night-life, exciting dining and shopping experiences.

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A secular democracy and a candidate country for the EU with a predominantly Muslim population, Turkey is attracting all the attention in the age of clash/dialogue of civilizations. Turkey is also getting the spotlight as the 17th largest and 4th fastest growing economy in the world, while the center of gravity of the global economy is shifting to Asia. Turkey’s new-found activism in its foreign policy, its increasing importance as a regional actor are raising fears that it is drifting away from the West. Turkey is flexing its muscles but also grappling with fundamental questions about its national identity and secular regime. This is a time for exciting opportunities and great challenges for Turkey.

Come, discover rising Turkey, its recent history, current political, economic and social issues, in a 1–week international program. There will be interdisciplinary seminars, guided city tours related to seminar topics and a chance to explore Istanbul, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Language

Language of instruction is English.

Participants

Students from Erasmus partner universities in Europe, from exchange partners in USA, and other undergraduate students in social sciences, humanities, economics and business studies are welcome.

Credits

36 contact hours during the program, 40 hours of student workload for reading and writing assignments before and after the program.

Students, who submit a satisfactory written assignment a week after the end of the program, will be awarded 3 ECTS credits.

Seminars and city tours

Turkish Politics: Ottoman Past, Turkish Future
Dolmabahçe Palace and Bosphorus tour

Turkish Foreign Policy: New dynamics
Topkapi Palace and Santa Sophia

History of Turkish Economic Development
Rahmi Koç Museum and Golden Horn tour

Turkish Business Environment
Istanbul Chamber of Commerce/Industry and Covered Bazaar

Secularism in Turkey: The head-scarf debate
Eyüp Sultan Mosque and Pierre Loti hill

Istanbul: In-Between East/ West
Pera Museum and Galata district

Program fees

800 USD

Included in the fees

Seminars and city tours
Digital reading packet
Accommodation at Okan University Residence Halls
Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Airport transfers
Transportation during city tours
Orientation seminar
Movie showings
Use of computer labs and wi-fi

Optional out of town trip

4-day guided tour to Troy, Assos, Pergamon and Ephesus ancient cities at the end of the program.
Fee: 400 USD

Application

Applications will be made to the International Office of Okan University.
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