



Dear Students,

Welcome to the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), where you will receive education at the highest quality standards in the world.

With its over 1,000 academic staff members from 35 countries, EMU is the most important project of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as a state university that provides quality education to more than 16 thousand students from 105 different countries. Commencing its educational journey back in 1979 with total of 105 students as an Advanced Technology Institute, our institution transformed into a university titled "Eastern Mediterranean University" with the 1986 Statute. In a very short time, it has become a prominent institution, consistently ranking at the top of various international independent world university rankings. Accredited by prestigious accreditation bodies that set the standards for education quality worldwide, our university has established itself as a major institution among the few universities globally in terms of internationalization.

In the latest global university rankings announced by Times Higher Education, based in the United Kingdom, where 1,904 universities from 108 countries were assessed, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) positioned itself in the 601-800 band, being recognized as the best university in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Additionally, within the universities of the Republic of Turkey, EMU ranks in the top three bands. The international nature of EMU has been validated by various independent international university ranking organizations, and in September 2023, it took the 8th place globally in the field of International Student Diversity with a score of 99,417 points, according to the Round University Ranking (RUR). In the same ranking, EMU also secured the 116th position worldwide in the field of International Academic Staff Diversity with a score of 90,500 points.

Until 30 March 2024, EMU has been awarded a highly commendable 4-star rating by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). QS has attributed the maximum 5-star rating to EMU for the education it provides, the working environment it offers to its staff, its international outlook, and openness. In the 2023 Times Higher Education Young University Rankings, which assess the world's best young universities established in the last 50 years, EMU is ranked among the top 101-150 young universities globally. According to the RUR 2023 World University Rankings, EMU holds the 872nd position worldwide, and in the world university rankings announced by the US News organization for the 2022-2023 academic year, it is ranked 782nd globally and 196th in the Asia region.

With its score of 77.1, EMU is ranked in 201-300 band of Times Higher Education Impact Rankings which evaluate the contributions of universities to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In the pursuit of eliminating

poverty, preserving our planet, and combating inequality and injustice by the year 2030, the endeavor encompasses 17 goals. These include poverty, hunger, health, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, reduced inequalities, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water and on land, peace, justice, and strong institutions, as well as partnerships for the goals. EMU achieved a milestone in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus by being the first to be ranked in all 17 areas and has successfully secured a position among the top 300 universities globally actively contributing to these goals.

The highest scores of EMU in the said rankings are in the categories of "No Poverty", "Quality Education" and "Reduced Inequalities". Being the top institution in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as well as all around the Cyprus, EMU shares the 3rd place in the Republic of Turkey. Moreover, according to the China-based ShanghaiRanking's Academic Ranking of World Universities, EMU is ranked 44th globally in the Tourism Management and Hospitality category and, the 1st both in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Republic of Turkey.

Total of 55 education programs of EMU are accredited by 13 different international accreditation organizations. Furthermore, 5 more education programs have actively commenced accreditation processes. Being a vigilant follower and enforcer of the national standards and regulations, EMU considers international equivalence and scrutiny as the cornerstone of progress. EMU is a full member of the International Universities Association, European Universities Association, Mediterranean Universities Union, and the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World.

EMU has many collaborations and student exchange agreements with significant universities all around the world, including University of Montreal in Canada, ESTIA Institute of Technology in France, University of Bologna in Italy, University College London in England, University of Arizona as well as Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the USA, University of Technology and Education in Korea, Zhejiaang Normal University in China and, University of Bern in Switzerland. Beyond these universities, there are more than 240 cooperation agreements with universities worldwide and over 130 student exchange agreements with universities.

Taking pride in having over 75,000 graduates from different cultures and countries, EMU is proud with its alumni who have achieved success around the world. It is not a coincidence that our graduates get accomplishments. With its green vast campus, Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex, Yasin Düşüner Stadium, tennis, football and basketball courts, dormitories, restaurants, stores, cafes and numerous other facilities, EMU provides a wealth of opportunities for its students. Our institution creates an environment where you can spend your time comfortably and securely, allowing you to not only academically but also socially develop in an international and multicultural setting. Moreover, you can explore your hobbies and interests by joining various student clubs, including Astronomy and Space Sciences, Mountaineering and Nature Sports, Dance, Theater, Search and Rescue, Photography, Archery, E-sports, Anime, and approximately 50 other diverse clubs within our university.

Holding the 8th place worldwide in the field of International Student Diversity, our university has societies of students from 105 different countries. With the support of the Rector's Office, these societies organize events introducing their countries and cultures. By joining your country's student society, you will have the opportunity to not only participate in these events and promote your country but also learn about different cultures by attending events organized by students from various countries.

My advice to you is to make sure to actively participate in social, cultural, sports, and artistic activities without neglecting your studies during your time here. These activities will accelerate your adaptation to campus life, provide you with significant social benefits, and facilitate the formation of lifelong friendships. In addition, do not forget to explore the gem of the Mediterranean, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Our island, inhabited by various civilizations for thousands of years, boasts numerous museums and historical sites. Enjoy the beauty of our country, which is a favorite among tourists due to its warm climate, clean air, and tranquil atmosphere. Throughout your educational journey, make an effort to create beautiful memories here.

I sincerely wish that your time here at EMU would be the most beautiful years of your lives.

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Rector