KOÇ UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW

In 1993, the Vehbi Koç Foundation established Koç University as a non-profit private university in Istanbul, Turkey committed to the pursuit of excellence in both teaching and research.

The mission of Koç University is to be a center of excellence, one that strives to provide a world-class education to its students, create new knowledge via the research of its faculty, apply the acquired knowledge for the benefit of society, and equip its students with the highest sense of ethics, social responsibility and good citizenship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 96% of our classes are taught in English
- Leader in research and innovation (with the highest number of National Awards in 2010)
- Low student-faculty ratio (10 to 1)
- State-of-the-art resources and beautiful campus
- Incoming exchange students' satisfaction: students have access to all resources and opportunities provided for domestic students, plus guaranteed housing and programs specifically designed for exchange students- Koç University is one of the few Turkish institutions that continually hosts more students than it sends abroad
- Parallels the Liberal Arts approach found in US programs, providing a comprehensive, well-rounded education in tandem with specialization.
- Awarded Diploma Supplement Label by the European Commission for Education and Training

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

- 4,990 Students (4240 Undergraduate, 521 Master, 229 PhD students)
- 464 faculty
- 22 undergraduate, 30 masters’ and 15 doctoral programs
- 72% of students receiving the equivalent of 42% full scholarship
- 8,014
- 2,345 student dormitory capacity
- 250 international student exchange partners
- 77 laboratories

FACULTY

- Internationally renowned faculty working to contribute to the universal body of science
- 464 faculty members enable a consistently low student/faculty ratio
- 95% of our Faculty have advanced degrees from top-tier US and European institutions and have implemented parallel pedagogical paradigms at Koç University
- 16 of the 90 members of the Turkish Academy of Sciences are from Koç University
- We are one of the top three institutions in Turkey in terms of publication rate for the past five consecutive years
- For 2010 and for the last five years in total, Koç University has won the largest number of awards of any university in Turkey from both the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA)
RESEARCH CENTERS

Our research is eclectic and on the cutting edge of many scientific advances, ranging from the development of new analysis techniques within archeology, gender equality and economic research. Our wealth of research and policy centers offers avenues for thematic research and student specialization at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Our research centers include:

- Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC)
- Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM)
- Koç University Research and Application Center for Gender and Women’s Studies (KOÇ-KAM)
- Migration Research Program at Koç University (MiReKoç)
- Dr. Nüsret-Semahat Arsel International Trade Law Application and Research Center
- Social Policy Application and Research Center
- Surface Technologies Research Center
- Energy Research Center (funded by TUPRAS)

Our research forums are;

- Koç University - TUSIAD Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- Koç University Migros Retailing Education Forum- KUMPEM
- Koç University Social Impact Forum - KUSIF

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

- College of Administrative Sciences and Economics
- College of Social Sciences and Humanities
- College of Sciences
- College of Engineering
- School of Law
- School of Nursing
- School of Medicine
- Graduate School of Sciences and Engineering
- Graduate School of Business
- Graduate School of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Graduate School of Health Sciences

STUDENT LIFE AT KU

Located in what was once the picnicking ground of the Sultans, Koç University’s centralized campus creates a retreat-type setting for students, where a plethora of extra-curricular opportunities are available for growth and discovery beyond the classroom.

Main Campus Facilities

- Consists of sixty buildings—academic colleges, administrative offices, laboratories, library, student dorms, faculty residences, social and sports facilities—all located on a sprawling 62-acre estate
- Library spanning over 8,000 square meters circulates approximately 5,500 items per month and houses over 300,000 resources total
- Indoor sports facilities include a multi-purpose center used for basketball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, handball, squash and racquetball, a two-floor fitness center, an aerobics step studio and a 156-meter jogging track
Outdoor sports facilities include an Olympic-size soccer field, swimming pool, ice-skating rink, tennis courts and a basketball court.

The 370-seat Sevgi Gönül Auditorium and 310-seat Engineering Auditorium are used for cultural activities and art events throughout the year.

Other facilities include cafeterias, canteens, cafes, health center, hairdresser, full service bank, ATM machines, supermarket, dry cleaning, bookstore, post office and 24-hour computer labs.

Other Campus Sites

- West Campus, Sariyer- İstanbul
- Nursing Education and Research Center, Nisantası- İstanbul
- İstinye Campus, İstinye – İstanbul
- Anatolian Civilizations Research Center, Beyoğlu- İstanbul

Student Clubs

Koç University is committed to supporting social and cultural activities that contribute to student enrichment. There are more than 80 active student clubs and groups at campus as well as team and individual sports. The complete list can be found on the following link: www.ku.edu.tr >campus life>student clubs and groups.

International students are welcome to join all clubs and sport activities.

INTERNationalization At Koç University

Koc University is an international university focused on creating globally competitive leaders who contribute to society and succeed professionally. More and more so, Koç University is considered to be among the elite institutions of Turkey and beyond.

International Prestige

- Koç University is now ranked among the World's top 250 universities by the prestigious THE (Times Higher Education) rankings.
- One of 229 academic institutions worldwide to adopt the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), as determined by a group of scholars at the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit in July 2007.
- College of Administrative Sciences and Economics and Graduate School of Business accredited by the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), making Koç University the first and only Turkish university with EQUIS accreditation and one of the select group of 115 EQUIS accredited institutions in 33 countries worldwide.
- First Turkish university to be recognized in the Financial Times ranking of top international universities; Executive MBA program ranked 57th in the world.
- Koç has taken the top spot in the newest (2011) Eduniversal ranking of MSc's in International Management in "Eurasia and Middle East" - and especially for adding the explicit notion of CEMS.
- Executive MBA program listed as one of Europe’s best 20 programs in Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper rankings, 2004.
- Koç University selected as the CFA Institute’s first program partner in Turkey and one of only 24 CFA program partners in Europe, affirming that the university curriculum adheres to professional practice standards and successfully prepares students for the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) exams.
Koç University School of Law became a member of European Law Faculties Association and The Law Schools Global League

International Programs at Koç University

The driving vision of Koç University’s Office of International Programs (OIP) is to create innovative, high quality, mutually beneficial and socially aware programming that gives students and their institutions pathways towards high-level, effective and horizon-expanding opportunities. Our activities concurrently strengthen exchange activity and introduce new dimensions to existing and prospective collaborations.

OIP actualizes programming and multi-dimensional partnerships that bring the international community and local community together.

Among many other possibilities, we have proven success in:

- Student exchange
- Faculty and staff exchange
- Joint project work and joint research
- Specialized summer programs
- Study trips
- Social responsibility projects
- Student-led initiatives
- Joint club and sport activity
- Jointly sponsored seminars/conferences/events.

Student Exchange at Koç University

The exchange students we host at KU are consistently satisfied with their experiences. In fact, we are one of the few Turkish institutions that welcome more students to our campus than we send abroad, which speaks to the caliber of our academic and non-academic offerings. Our incoming numbers are growing rapidly each year, due mainly to the word-of-mouth support we get from international students who have come to Koc for exchange and the growing reputation of KU’s excellence. Though we are a smaller-scale liberal arts school, we are nonetheless planning to welcome at least 300 exchange students to campus this year.

Incoming exchange students are guided through the semester, not only by our office, but also by our supplementary Mentorship Program, which gives each student a key contact point to secure their successful adjustment to life in Istanbul. We guarantee housing to all our incoming exchange students. We have designed Turkish language/culture classes specifically with exchange students in mind, even allowing prospective students to test into “Intermediate Turkish.” Our incoming exchange students can maximize their stay on our lively campus with participation in our active student clubs and international environment. Professors are always available for consultation, and all the offices within the Dean of Students have an open-door policy.

Job opportunities for exchange students, developed through the OIP, encourage student immersion both at KU and in the community—jobs include Research Assistant positions, English tutoring, interning at the OIP and even babysitting, internships and volunteer opportunities in variety of organizations throughout İstanbul.

To further exchange students’ social and cultural immersion, the International Students’ Society works in tandem with the OIP to create programming geared specifically toward expanding the horizons of exchange students.

These qualities speak to one of the key defining features of KU: the personalized care and attention, which, when combined with the wide availability of English taught courses, exceptionally low student-
faculty ratio, excellent academics, and plethora of non-academic opportunities, means providing your students with a uniquely high-quality exchange experience in Turkey.

Beyond strong partnership and exchange program development, we are at the helm of over twenty projects this year alone.

The OIP has played a central role in the manifestation of specialized study trips exploring such themes as social change and migration; conferences on conflict resolution, sustainability and innovation; summer programs of various shapes and sizes; cultural immersion programs for our exchange students; social responsibility projects and more.

Koc University is truly a pillar of excellence, success and strength in Turkey, perfectly positioned for international collaboration.

KEY LINKS AND RESOURCES

- The Koç University website (http://ku.edu.tr)
- The Koç University Presentation video (http://www.ku.edu.tr/en/navigation/media/video_archive)
- The Academic Programs link (http://vpaa.ku.edu.tr/academic/units)
- The Research link (http://vprd.ku.edu.tr/research/home)
- The Exchange Programs website (http://oip.ku.edu.tr) includes:
  - Soft copies of our Incoming Student Handbook
  - The latest edition of our Exchange Newsletter
  - Fact sheet
  - PowerPoint presentation on KU (“KU Presentation”)
  - Current list of international partners
- For information about student visa, please visit (http://www.mfa.gov.tr)
- KU’s Event Calendar (http://events.ku.edu.tr/)
- Detailed information about our Dormitory Services can be found at (http://dorm.ku.edu.tr)
- For more information about Koç Holding and the Koç Foundation, go to (www.koc.com.tr)