

## HOW to COME to METU (ODTU)

Ankara International Airport (Esenboğa) is about 35 km away from METU campus. Getting to campus is easy but takes some time. Depending on your flight, you may have to go through PASSPORT CONTROL and CUSTOMS INSPECTION in Istanbul or Ankara. Bear in mind that personnel may not be able to speak English well but you can still be helpful as they are accustomed to people who do not speak Turkish. If you go through customs in Istanbul, you will need to transfer from International Flights Terminal to Domestic Flights Terminal. Responsible personnel will direct you to the domestic flights terminal; check the direction signs as well.

You may need to exchange some of your foreign currency for Turkish Lira as soon as you arrive in Turkey. Bank windows are available in both airports immediately before or after passport control. Exchanging money also can be done at the PTT, open 24 hours, at both airports. It is advisable to have at least US\$ 200-300 in cash for your first few days in Ankara.

From Ankara airport to city center, you may want to take a taxi or use shuttle buses (called HAVAS). If you wish to take a taxi, metered taxis are also available from the airport to the city. Taxi fares to central locations within city are approximately US\$ 50-70 depending on your arrival time (arrivals after 11:30 p.m. means you pay night fare to the taxi you take, so the taxi fare increases). By law, all taxis in Turkey are metered. You pay what is on the meter; tipping is not customary. Taxi fare from HAVAS City Terminal (Ulus area) to METU (ODTU in Turkish) campus or to most hotels will be US\$ 10-15. As drivers usually do not speak English, you should have your destination address on a paper to show the driver.

### Airport Shuttle-Buses (HAVAS Buses)

Services between airport and the city terminal will be scheduled according to the arrival times of domestic and international flights.

**Route:** Ankara Esenboğa Airport, Çubuk, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Keçiören, Etlik, Havaş City Terminal, ASTI (Ankara Intercity Bus Terminal-Coach Station)

**Note:** Even if there is one passenger going to the coach station, the coaches set off to ASTI just afterwards the other passengers are dropped in HAVAS City Terminal.

**Passenger Dropping Spots:** HAVAS shuttles drop passengers at Çubuk intersection, Pursaklar, Hasköy, Aydınlıkevler, Keçiören Bridge and Etlik Intersection on the way to city center.

**Arrival time:** Approximately 30 minutes to HAVAS City Terminal and 45 minutes to ASTI Coach Station

**Ticket fee:** 10,00 YTL (VAT incl.), around US\$8

If you want to take HAVAS shuttle buses to the city center, we suggest you to drop in ASTI Coach Station if you are coming to METU directly since ASTI is just 5 km to our campus. If you arrive after midnight and/or want to stay in a hotel for one night, you may also get off at HAVAS City Terminal in Ulus area which is just adjacent to Ankara's main football stadium (19 Mayıs Stadyumu) where there are many cheap hotels.

If you get off at ASTI Coach Station, you may want to take a taxi to METU campus. Our campus is about 5 km away from ASTI towards west-side of the city. Each time you enter METU campus, you will be asked to show your METU ID card. Since you will not have your card with you for the first time you enter the campus, please have your letter of acceptance ready to show the guards when entering the campus.

### **Getting to Campus from the City Center**

METU is located about 7 kilometers from the center of the city at Kizilay. Transportation to and from METU campus is frequent and convenient. City buses (EGO buses), HALK buses, double-decker buses and private minibuses (Dolmuş) have regular services from Kizilay (Güvenpark), Ulus (opposite the Radisson SAS Hotel and across from Gençlik Park) and Ayrancı (Portakalçiçeği Sokak) to the METU campus.

Bus cards are required for EGO city buses and must be purchased before boarding the bus. City bus cards are in unit format. You can buy one, ten or twenty unit cards. Each unit is around US \$1.5. There are EGO booths at Kizilay and Ulus near the bus stops and on the main boulevard (Atatürk Boulevard) and at the Magazine Shop around dormitories area where you can purchase bus cards. You have to buy a ticket on the buses for HALK and double-decker buses and pay the driver on the Dolmuş.

### **Getting to Campus from the Train Station**

Ankara train station is located around Ulus area and about 10 kilometers away from the campus. The most convenient way to come to METU is to take a taxi from the train station. Taxi fare from the station is approximately US\$ 15.