Turkey

Marmara University Exchange

Sponsored by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Fall/Spring Semester
9-12 hours credit

TRAVEL IN TURKEY
This program is an academic exchange program. Exchange students should consult with the Program Director regarding opportunities to explore Turkey and the region with other students. The university reserves the right to alter the program arrangements if required by circumstances.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
August 1

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews may be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

CONTACT
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ACCOMMODATIONS
The staff at Marmara University may offer advice to exchange students regarding accommodations, but it is the responsibility of the students to find their own living arrangements in Istanbul. Georgia State University students will receive a monthly stipend of $200, which is sufficient to cover lodging with roommates.

Disability Accommodations
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY
Language of Instruction: English
Minimum Required Undergraduate GPA: 2.5
Minimum Required Graduate GPA: 3.0
Must be at least a second-year undergraduate student or second semester graduate student. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES
Students will enroll in economics and finance courses conducted in English. Students will take a normal load of classes appropriate to full-time status (12 US credits each semester for undergraduate students, 9 US credits for graduate students). Courses previously taken at Georgia State University cannot be repeated at Marmara University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

COST
Due to the reciprocal nature of the exchange, students pay regular Georgia State tuition and fees, and tuition and fees are waived at Marmara University. Housing and cost of living are comparable to that of Atlanta. Note: program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements.

Students are responsible for:
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Mandatory international medical insurance
- Airfare
- Accommodations and meals
- Personal expenses
- Passports and visa

Georgia State University tuition and fees are due at the normal times. Money for transportation and expenses should be available prior to departure. Be aware that student loans and Georgia State University scholarships will be disbursed according to the normal disbursement schedule, which is after the semester has begun. Funds to cover travel and dental expenses are needed. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadlines and refund dates.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships and Financial Aid tab or contact the Study Abroad Programs at 404-413-2529 for more information.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: Please see the Transient Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at 404-413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Contact Enrollment Services at 404-413-2600 for information on how financial aid might apply toward the program.

THE PROGRAM
Broaden your international perspective at one of the top-ranked universities in the Middle East and immerse yourself in Turkish language and culture. The Meylana Exchange Programme, which is funded by the Turkish Council of Higher Education, aims to encourage the exchange of students for the purpose of cross-cultural awareness and bilateral and regional understanding. Enhance your resume through one or two full semesters abroad in a dynamic world economy!