



METU

## Northern Cyprus Campus



# ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2018



## Dear METU NCC Freshman,

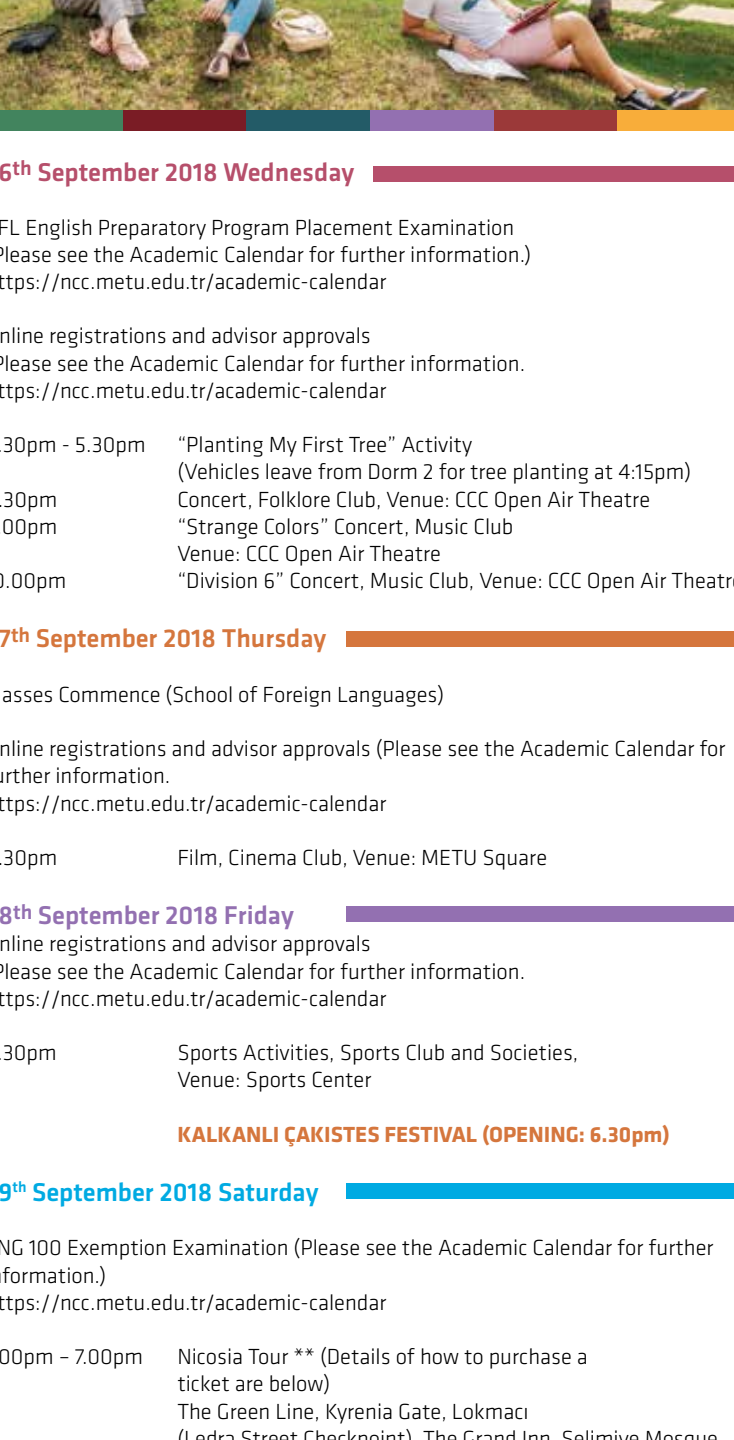
Welcome to the Middle East Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus. I would like to congratulate you for becoming a member of the great METU. Family consisting of students, staff and over 100.000 alumni all over the world.

Your affiliation with METU will surely be a source of pride and confidence in each and every phase of your life. This will also provide you with the strength and determination to overcome the toughest challenges in the future. Yet, attaining this privilege, as you might imagine, requires a great deal of hard work and self-sacrifice. We believe that we can accomplish this by working together. As the staff of the METU Northern Cyprus Campus, we are dedicated to provide you with the METU's education and training experience of more than sixty years in a very convenient university campus setting. To this end, METU Northern Cyprus Campus will welcome you with its state-of-the-art infrastructure, and degree programs and faculty members meeting the standards of the Ankara Campus. In return, you are expected to make the best of all those facilities and opportunities with a sense of responsibility towards yourself and your families.

Dear students,

You are at a crucial turning-point in your lives. Most probably, until today you have lived with your families who have catered for most of your daily needs. You will now be shouldering your responsibilities on your own, and this will probably mark a passage into the "real life". Here, you will begin to learn to live as self-sufficient individuals, which, we believe, is one of the assets of university education. Throughout your campus life, extracurricular activities will have a great impact on your social development. We suggest that you devote time, in a balanced combination, both to the academic work and social, cultural and sports activities, and integrate with the reach cultural environment around you. We, as the staff of METU Northern Cyprus Campus, will be right beside you in all difficulties you might face.

I look forward to seeing you as METU graduates after a joyful and fruitful student life here on our Campus.



## What is the Orientation Program?

This orientation program has been prepared to familiarize you with the campus and its facilities, and support you during your adaptation process. The program will be carried out by Student Services Units and orientation leaders, and offer you an opportunity.

- To take part in numerous social, cultural and sports events
- To get to know campus and Cyprus
- To meet staff members and new friends

We are looking forward to your involvement in all the activities!

## Orientation Leadership Project

Orientation Leadership Project (OLP) has been carried out at METU NCC since 2008-2009 Academic Year to run the orientation program effectively. The project is coordinated by Student Development and Counseling Center (SDCC) and run by "orientation leaders". Orientation Leaders are senior METU NCC students who volunteered to assist you during the orientation program and in your first year at METU NCC. These reliable senior-students will help to find answers to your questions about campus life. As soon as you are accepted to METU NCC, an orientation leader will be assigned to you and you will receive a welcome mail from your leader. Before your arrival you can direct your questions via e-mail to your orientation leader. Orientation leaders will welcome you at airport and help you in dorm registration, registration to university and courses, and getting to know campus. When you arrive on campus please also get in touch with the Orientation Office\*, situated in the shopping center on campus, via telephone or by directly going to the office to get into contact with your orientation leader (if you have not met him/her till then) and to be informed about all the details of the orientation program.

## Orientation Leaders

Ahmed Darwish, Aleyna Nur Üste, Alkın Gölpinar, Andaç Yılmaz, Anıl Bayındır, Ayşe Aktaş, Barışcan Biçer, Başsam Abdulwahab, Begüm Hırka, Bensu Koroğlu, Berke Bayrı, Berrenur Kavas, Burak Işık, Burcu Kavsara, Büşra Tepe, Büşra Tosun, Buğranur Falay, Ceren Nazım Öztürk, Damla Dirik, Deha Karahan, Egemen Gümüş, Elif Şirin, Fatma Elif Balota, Fuat Ayranicioğlu, Furkan Soyer, Gamze Akbaş, Gamze Korulacak, Gaye Seval Çetin, Gizem Demirtaş, Gökçe Korkmaz, Göktaş Uysal, Gözde Tüter, Güneş Aytaz, Hazal Kocaer, Hazel Demirel, İbrahim Sönmez, İbey Evcil, Kerem Çağkan Çelik, Kübra Koparan, Melike Celasun, Melis Aytekin, Merve Durmuş, Miraç Bilgin, Mutlu Türk, Muzaffer Ertürk, Nagehan Gökler, Nas Mina Çalgin, Neslihan Arslan, Oğuzhan Eker, Oğuzhan Yılmaz, Orbey Parsak, Orçun Kırpık, Özlem Korkmaz, Patience Rebecca Mutonyi, Şerife Sultan Yüksel, Selen Ece Akman, Sena Beste Ercan, Sina Mirzaei, Simon Barinç, Talha Aydemir, Tuğrulhan Gazioğlu, Utku Asena Unlukuş, Veyisel Can Şahin, Volkan Karaman, Yavuz Ertuğrul, Zeynep İrem Bakır, Zeynep Ünal.

\*The orientation office will be opened on September, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Phone: (0392) 661 1927 / 1928



## Orientation Program

### 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 Saturday

Registration (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)  
<https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/academic-calendar>

### 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 Sunday

MAT English Proficiency Exam  
(Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)  
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### 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Monday

Mathematics Proficiency Exam  
(Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)  
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1.30pm - 2.00pm	Welcome Speech by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shikakhwa (Assistant to the President), Venue: Culture and Convention Center Amfi 3
2.00pm - 2.30pm	"Let's Get to Know Cyprus" by Mehmet Durmaz (School of Foreign Languages) Venue: CCC Amfi 3
2.30pm - 2.45pm	Coffee Break
2.45pm - 3.15pm	"Information Meeting: Life in Campus I" by Habibe Muhtaroglu (Director of Institutional Relations and Communication), Venue: CCC Amfi 3
4.00pm - 5.30pm	Campus Tour with Orientation Leaders
8.30pm	Dance Performance, Dance Society, and Folk Dance Performance, Folklore Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
9.30pm	Sketch Shows by Theater Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
10.00pm	Musical Performance, Musical Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

Note: METU NCC Students' Clubs' information desks will be open at METU Square.

### 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Tuesday

1.30pm - 2.00pm	"Being a METUan" by Ambassador (R.) Dr. Rafet Akgünay (Assistant to the President) Venue: CCC Amfi 3
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Academic Orientation by Dr. Özcan Kasal (Registrar) Venue: CCC Amfi 3
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Coffee Break
3.15pm - 4.00pm	"Information about Student Development and Counseling Center" by Dr. Eda Sun Şelişik (Director of Student Development and Counseling Center), Venue: CCC Amfi 3
4.00pm - 4.45pm	Information Meeting: Life in Campus II, IEEE Society Venue: CCC Amfi 3
5.00pm	Güzelyurt Tour* (Bus Stop - in front of Dormitory 2)

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### 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Wednesday

SFL English Preparatory Program Placement Examination  
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Online registrations and advisor approvals  
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4.30pm - 5.30pm	"Planting My First Tree" Activity (Vehicles leave from Dorm 2 for tree planting at 4:15pm) Concert, Folklore Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
8.30pm	"Strange Colors" Concert, Music Club Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
9.00pm	"Division 6" Concert, Music Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
10.00pm	"Division 6" Concert, Music Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

### 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Thursday

Classes Commence (School of Foreign Languages)

Online registrations and advisor approvals (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)  
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8.30pm	Film, Cinema Club, Venue: METU Square
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### 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Friday

Online registrations and advisor approvals  
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4.30pm	Sports Activities, Sports Club and Societies, Venue: Sports Center
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KALKANLI ÇAKISTES FESTİVALİ (OPENING: 6.30pm)

### 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Saturday

CNG 100 Exemption Examination (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)  
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1.00pm - 7.00pm	Nicosia Tour ** (Details of how to purchase a ticket are below) The Green Line, Kyrenia Gate, Lokmacı (Ledra Street Checkpoint), The Grand Inn, Selimiye Mosque
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### 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Sunday

10.00am - 7.00pm	Kyrenia Tour ** (Details of how to purchase a ticket are below) Mavi Köşk (Blue Mansion), Bellapais Monastery, Harbour Tour
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### 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 Monday

Classes commence (Undergraduate and graduate programs)

### 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Friday

You are all kindly invited to the 2018 - 2019 Academic Year Opening Ceremony that will be held on 5 October 2018 at 6.00pm, in the CCC Rauf Raif Denktaş Hall.

\*Please inform the Orientation Office by 24 September 2018 Monday, 12.00 pm at the latest if you wish to attend the Güzelyurt Tour.

\*\*If you would like to go on the Kyrenia and Nicosia Tour, you should purchase a ticket from the Orientation Office by 27 September 2018 Thursday, 12.00pm at the latest. It will be a guided tour and lunch will be provided. Buses will depart from Dormitory 2. Kyrenia Tour Price: 50TL, Nicosia Tour Price: 50TL.

Attendance to all of the Orientation program Seminars is strongly advised. The more seminars attended, the quicker you will settle in and adapt to campus life. Additionally, in every seminar you will learn helpful tips to get you off to a great start.

## Student Societies and Clubs:

The Social and Cultural Affairs Office accommodates 47, the Sports and Recreation Office accommodates 10 organized student groups. Since we assume that the accomplishments of our students in social, cultural and sports activities as well as their academic performance will influence their lives positively in the future; our Office supports the foundation of student societies and their activities. In the 2017-2018 academic year, approximately 400 organizations including concerts, exhibitions, festivals, conferences, conventions, seminars, plays and excursions were held by the student associations.

Furthermore, in the 2017-2018 Academic Year, many activities such as the 12th METU NCC Theater Festival, 11th International Food Festival, 11th METU NCC Horror Night, 8th Performing Arts Festival, Alumni on Campus 5, mART Fest, 5th Traditional Folklore Festival, 2nd Traditional Turkish Art Music Choir Concert, 2nd Color Fest, 2nd Career Day were performed successfully by the student associations.

Students Societies

1. A Capella Society
2. ACM (Association of Computer Machinery) Society
3. Aerospace Society
4. AİCHE METU NCC Student Branch Society
5. Animal Welfare Association
6. Atatürk's Thought Club
7. Astronomy Society
8. Career and Management Club
9. Change and Social Awareness Society
10. Cinema Club
11. Civil and Construction Society
12. Community Volunteers Club
13. Culture, Literature and Thought Club
14. Cyprus Culture Club
15. Debate Club
16. Economics and Finance Society
17. Energy Society
18. Fantastic Fiction Society
19. Fine Arts Club
20. Folklore Club
21. Humor Society
22. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Student Society
23. International Students Association
24. Kitchen Club
25. METU Go Society
26. Mockup Club
27. Model United Nations Society
28. Music Club
29. Musical Club
30. Philosophy Society
31. Photography Club
32. Political Science and International Relations Society
33. Problem Solving Society
34. Psychology Club
35. Radio Society
36. Society of Guidance and Psychological Counseling
37. Society of Mechanical Engineers
38. Society of Modern Thought
39. Society of Petroleum Engineers
40. Socialist Thought Club
41. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Society
42. TEDx METU NCC Society
43. Theater Club
44. Turkic Languages and History Society
45. Turkish Classical Music Society
46. Turkish - German Communication Club
47. Women in Business Club

## How Can I Join a Student Association?

In order to attend associations' activities superintended by the academic advisor and supervised via the decisions made by the executive board of member students, one should apply to the societies or Social and Cultural Affairs and Sports and Recreation Directorates and fill out a membership form.

## Radio METU Northern Cyprus Studios:

Radio ODTÜ Northern Cyprus Studios, the extension of Radio ODTÜ Ankara, broadcasts on 103.1 and over the internet at [www.radyoodtukibris.net](http://www.radyoodtukibris.net).



## Sports Teams:

Participate in competitions against other Cyprus Universities, and organize friendly competitions in cooperation with teams of private associations and universities. Students who succeed in competitions and tournaments organized within the university are invited to join the sport teams by the coaches.

1. Badminton
2. Basketball
3. Chess
4. Futsal
5. Handball
6. Swimming
7. Table Tennis
8. Tennis
9. Volleyball

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1. American Football
2. Climbing Society
3. Cricket Society
4. Dance Society
5. E-sport Society
6. Horse Riding Society
7. Mini Golf Society
8. Outdoor Recreation Sports Society
9. Search And Rescue Society
10. Sub-aqua Society



**Important Notice 1:** Remember to activate your phone line to make international calls. It is suggested that you use one of the GSM operators of TRNC in order to communicate more economically with your country. These are available on our campus as well.

**Important Notice 2:** You can drive in TRNC with your driving license until you get your Student Residence Permit. As it is illegal to drive with your driving license when you get your residence permit, you should apply to TRNC Driving License Department to get your TRNC driving license.

### Important Notice 3:

For Opening a New Bank Account

- Passport
- Student Certificate (to be obtained from the Registrar's Office)
- Proof of Residence (For those staying in the dorm; the proof of residence can be obtained from your dorm manager.)
- 31.50 TL for Stamp Fee
- 30 TL for Account Opening Fee

## International Student's Checklist

"What should I do after arriving at METU NCC?"

- ☐ Complete your registration on Saturday, **22 September 2018 at 09:00am** on the ground floor of the Administrative Building, where you will have a chance to meet the International Students Office staff. Complimentary breakfast will be served. Please have all your relevant documents ready - original high school diploma and transcript, original exam result documents, original IELTS/TOEFL/PTE reports (if available), equivalence letter (if available), photocopies of your passport pages containing identification information & expiry date, 12 Passport size (4.5 x 6 cm) photos taken within past 6 months.

- ☐ If you are yet to complete your English Proficiency requirement, take the English Proficiency Exam (EPE) on **Sunday, 23 September 2018 at 10.00 am. Second stage starts at 02:00pm.**

**Note: All test takers must be present in class 30 minutes prior to the test.**

- ☐ Participate in the Orientation Program (**22 September - 2 October 2018**).

- ☐ Complete your dorm registration. You need your passport copy, 4 passport size photos and your temporary student ID (which will be issued during the registration). If you are placed in a room type other than 4-bed (quad), please talk to the dorm manager regarding the **outstanding balance payment**.
- ☐ Please activate your university e-mail address according to the instructions given during on-campus registration. Check your university e-mail address daily, since it is the primary communication channel between METU NCC and students.

- ☐ Take MAT 100 Proficiency Exam on Monday, **24 September 2018 at 09:30** (except English Prep. School students). The Registrar's office will notify you via e-mail about online registration.
- ☐ If you satisfy English Proficiency requirement (submitted valid TOEFL/IELTS/PTE report): Complete interactive registration and get approval by visiting your academic advisor's office on **26-28 September 2018**.

- ☐ Take CNG 100 Exemption Exam on **29 September 2018** (except English Prep. School students). The Registrar's Office will notify you via e-mail about online registration.
- ☐ Apply for residence permit in Northern Cyprus: International Students Office (Ms. Linda) will guide you throughout the process via e-mail.

- ☐ Obtain a health report for residence permit and dormitories: International Students Office (Ms. Linda) will guide you throughout the process; please check your e-mail for instructions.

**International Students Office: Tel: 0392 661 2105; E-mail: [linda@metu.edu.tr](mailto:linda@metu.edu.tr); Health Center Side Entrance**

