

Dear Students,

According to the unanimous decision taken at the University Senate meeting held on September 2, 2021, face-to-face education for the Fall Semester of 2021-2022 Academic Year will begin at our university on October 18, 2021, excluding the English Preparatory School. However, this decision is subject to change depending on the course of the Pandemic and the decisions to be taken by the official authorities. The English Preparatory School will start classes online on October 11.

We wish all our students a healthy and successful Academic Year, and we welcome all of you to our University, with the exception of the Prep School students, having taken the necessary health precautions. Students who will travel to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus can follow the detailed and up-to-date information about the admission requirements to the island at <https://saglik.gov.ct.tr/>.

In this article, we would like to inform you in detail about the arrival criteria, entry, and quarantine processes in the TRNC. Our expectation from you is to act in a way that protects yourself and your environment, and also to constantly follow the ongoing developments regarding the Covid-19 outbreak through our announcements that we will share with you actively.

It is important for our students to determine the date they will reach the TRNC, taking into account the isolation period.

Things to do before arriving at the Island

- Students newly admitted to METU Northern Cyprus Campus should read the new student webpage (<https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/new-students>) carefully. This webpage provides easy access to resources, links and other important information related to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The criteria for entering the country outside the island by the TRNC Ministry of Health are coded according to the country colors. Color codes by country are updated weekly with evaluations according to the Covid-19 situation (<https://saglik.gov.ct.tr/COVID-19/%C3%9CLKELERE-G%C3%96RE-RENK-KODLARI>). Before your journey, you can follow the current situation on the TRNC Ministry of Health website. All people entering the TRNC must present proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR test carried out no more than 72 hours before departure and a QR code that can be obtained by filling out the form available at <https://adapass.gov.ct.tr/> taking into account the entry rules for travelers to the TRNC. Individuals who are unable to present a negative PCR result and a QR code will still be able to enter the Island with the required documents up until 27/09/2021. Those who enter the country by obtaining a QR code will benefit from the opportunity for fast-track passage. The QR coded documents obtained by logging in the web address <https://adapass.gov.ct.tr/> , that is to say ADAPASS of TRNC citizens, HEALTHPASS of Turkish citizens, GREENPASS of EU citizens and NHS of

UK citizens, will be checked upon entry to the TRNC. Citizens of other countries are required to attach their valid vaccination certificates and/or PCR test results to the specified section of the app and to present them upon entry to the country. Travelers should therefore carry their documents with them.

- The COVID-19 vaccines currently approved for use in the TRNC are:
 - SINOVAC: 2 DOSES
 - BIONTECH: 2 DOSES
 - SINOPHARM: 2 DOSES
 - COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech): 2 DOSES
 - VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford): 2 DOSES
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson: 1 DOSE
 - SPUTNIK V: 2 DOSES
 - MODERNA: 2 DOSES

On your arrival on the island, you are required to have the official document showing that you have been vaccinated.

According to the decision taken by the TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture and the TRNC Ministry of Interior Affairs, the vaccination status must be submitted by our students 72 hours before their arrival date on the island. For this reason, it is important that all our students fill in the 'Vaccination and Arrival Information' form available on the Student Information System (https://intranet.ncc.metu.edu.tr/asi_bilgisi.php) with complete and correct information, taking account of working days, in order to avoid problems entering into the island.

* A person is considered vaccinated if s/he has performed a complete vaccination with one of the vaccines recognised by the TRNC and if 14 days have passed since a second dose of vaccine has been received.

* People who have received 2 doses of different vaccines will be considered as vaccinated.

* People who have previously been infected with Covid-19 and have submitted a positive PCR test result taken within the 30-180 days prior to their travel to the TRNC will be considered fully vaccinated.

* People who have had Covid-19 and six months have passed since they first felt ill will be considered fully vaccinated after receiving a single dose of any of the Covid-19 vaccines listed.

- If you determine that you will be subject to the quarantine (isolation) process according to the color code of your country, you should download the mobile application called "Güvende Kal" to your mobile devices before coming to the TRNC. You must complete your 'Stay Safe' app registration and payment. The "Quarantine Tracking System" is a paid application and costs a total of 750 TL, 350 TL of which is a refundable deposit. You can access all kinds of information about the Quarantine Tracking System at <https://kktckarantina.com/en>
- For the "Güvende Kal" application, you must have an accessible/networked SIM card with you when you arrive at the TRNC or you must obtain it from the airport as soon

as possible (People with mobile devices that cannot be connected to the application will not be able to enter the country).

- Students admitted to our campus through central placement held by the Student Selection and Placement Centre (ÖSYM) must initiate their registration processes via e-Devlet platform between September 4 and September 8, 2021 or through the YKS Registration link: <https://ykskayit.metu.edu.tr/> between September 6 and September 10, 2021. Students must have paid their tuition fees for the first semester by September 10, 2021 at the latest.
- First payments of tuition fees and registration should be made using online payment methods as mentioned at the link <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> .
- Students who have initiated their registration processes must have submitted their preferences for the English exams, and their dorm preferences if they wish to reside on-campus, between September 6 and September 13, 2021 as detailed at the link <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> .
- SFL (School of Foreign Languages) students do not need to apply for on-campus accommodation since SFL classes will be held online during the Fall Semester of the Academic Year 2021-2022.
- Newly admitted students who registered for classes through the YKS and who will start their undergraduate programs must have completed their dormitory applications by September 12, 2021. Those students should carefully follow the dormitory-related announcements made by the METU Northern Cyprus Campus Dormitory Administration. For any queries, students can contact Dormitory Managers at nccdorms@metu.edu.tr.
- Undergraduate students who will start the first year of their studies depending on the results of the English Proficiency Exam held on 21 September 2021 are required to contact the dormitory management for their dorm preferences. Announcements pertaining to dormitory applications are also made at <https://intranet.ncc.metu.edu.tr/index.php>.
- All students living in the Campus Dormitories must be fully vaccinated.
- Students who need to spend their coronavirus quarantine on our campus will be tracked by “Güvende Kal”, the quarantine tracking system used in the TRNC. For more information on quarantine arrangements that are put in place, in line with the decisions taken by the TRNC Council of Ministers, visit the webpage <https://kktckarantina.com/en/sss> .

- In accordance with the notification made by the TRNC Ministry of National Education and Culture, Department of Higher Education and Foreign Affairs, our students who have paid their on-campus accommodation fees will be able to spend their coronavirus quarantine in our guesthouse without paying an additional fee. (Please fill the form on the following link (<https://forms.ncc.metu.edu.tr/misafirhane/index.php>). If available a room will be booked for you. A document will be sent to you stating that you will be isolated at the guesthouse of our University. During your entry into the TRNC, you will be asked to show this document.)
- Students who will reside outside the university must show a residence address in the TRNC for "Stay Safe" isolation. You can go to your residence addresses, where you will spend the quarantine periods, either alone or accompanied by a driver, or by public transportation, taxi, touristic minibus and licensed vehicles determined by the Ministry of Finance (Transfer fees belong to the relevant person). Persons who do not comply with the home quarantine rules will be sent to the central quarantine service places by the TRNC authorities, they will have to meet the central quarantine fee and penal action will be initiated against them in accordance with the relevant legislation.
- Students wishing to be exempt from the English Preparatory Program and start directly to their undergraduate studies must sit the English Proficiency Exam, held on **September 21, 2021**. Detailed information about the exam can be found at <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/2021-yks-kayit-islemleri> and on page 10 of the Registration Guide that is available at <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> .
- All students who come to the Campus for face-to-face education must complete their passport procedures. Students under the age of 18 must carry a notarized consent letter from their parents with their passport, to be able to enter the country.
- In accordance with the laws of the TRNC, students who are not TRNC citizens must obtain a "Residence Permit" in order to reside in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Students must have a passport to complete the residence permit procedures.
- You must obtain a "Student Residence Permit" within two months after you come to the TRNC. Link to learn the details and apply: <https://permissions.gov.ct.tr/>
- Students under the age of 24 must have a student certificate to complete their passport procedures. Upon completing the first steps of their registration process, students who are Turkish citizens can obtain their student certificates via e-Devlet. To get a student certificate, visit: <https://www.turkiye.gov.tr/yok-ogrenci-belgesi-sorgulama> .
- Students who cannot obtain their certificates via e-Devlet due to technical reasons can alternatively request an online certificate using the "Online Application Student Certificate" at <https://student.metu.edu.tr> and download it as a PDF document.

- Students who are 24 years old or older need to have a “Tax-free Passport Document” to complete their passport procedures. You can follow the announcements made by the METU Northern Cyprus Campus Registrar's Office and present the relevant document to apply.
- Students who come to the Campus for face-to-face education must prepare 2 passport size photographs required for dormitory registration.
- Students who come to the Campus for face-to-face education must complete the health report procedures. Relevant health reports are required to get a residence permit in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. It is necessary to follow the announcements of the TRNC Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Internal Affairs for up-to-date information on the subject.
- Blood tests (HBS, AG, HIV, HCV, RPR, PPD) and a bronchoscopy report are also required. These tests and procedures should be carried out at a full-fledged specialized hospitals or university hospitals affiliated with the Ministry of Health in Turkey. For detailed information, page 8 of the Registration Guide must be checked.
- In compliance with the procedures required by the TRNC Ministry of Health, all non-TRNC students who will study at TRNC Universities must submit a health report. It includes the results of the bronchoscopy or chest X-ray, which is required by the TRNC authorities within the scope of this health report, revealing that the student has not been diagnosed with tuberculosis (blood tests: Hbs Ag,HIV,HCV,RPR,PPD). The necessary health reports can also be obtained in Turkey before coming to the TRNC from a full-fledged specialized hospital or university hospitals affiliated with the Turkish Ministry of Health. It is also possible to apply for health reports in the TRNC. Any changes relating to documents that health reports include can be seen on the website of the TRNC Ministry of Health .
- To get information about the Orientation Program and to see the latest updates, the address <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> must be visited.
- Students who completed the first steps of their registration processes via e-Devlet platform between September 4 and September 8, 2021 or, if this is not possible, through the METU 2021 YKS Registration Program between September 6 and September 10, 2021 must have created a user account between September 4 and September 13, 2021 by logging into the system at <https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/index.php?lang=TR> and they should check their user accounts on a regular basis.

- Do not forget to bring the document showing that you have been accepted as a METU NCC Student and the original of your high school diploma along with other necessary documents.
- Students who are entitled to start the first year of their undergraduate studies will be able to take the MAT 100 exemption exam, which will be held online on **October 11, 2021**.
- Program coordinators work on the selection of courses that will be offered online and in-person. An announcement will be made when the lists are finalized.
- All our students, including the ones who are eligible to start the first year of their undergraduate studies must complete the interactive course registration and advisor approval processes between **October 13 and October 15, 2021**. If the student owes a tuition fee debt to the University, the registration system is not opened. Course registration and advisor approval procedures will be done online. Videos related to this subject will be shared at <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> and orientation leaders will assist students who face problems.
- Students who are entitled to start the first year of their undergraduate studies can take the CNG 100 Exemption Exam if they wish. The **CNG 100 Exemption Exam** for the Fall Semester of the 2021-2022 Academic Year will be held online **on Saturday, October 16, 2021**. It is not compulsory to take the exam. All announcements regarding the exam will be made by the Registrar's Office via e-mail. Students who want to take the exam should follow the relevant announcements and latest updates.

Things to do after you arrive at the Island

- Students who need to spend their coronavirus quarantine on our campus will be tracked by “Güvende Kal”, the quarantine tracking system used in the TRNC.
- If you determine that you will be subject to the quarantine (isolation) process according to the color code of your country, you should download the mobile application called "Güvende Kal" to your mobile devices **before coming to** the TRNC. You must complete your 'Stay Safe' app registration and payment. The "Quarantine Tracking System" is a paid application and costs a total of 750 TL, 350 TL of which is a refundable deposit. You can access all kinds of information about the Quarantine Tracking System at <https://kktckarantina.com/en>
- For the “Güvende Kal” application, you must have an accessible/networked SIM card with you when you arrive at the TRNC or you must obtain it from Ercan Airport as

soon as possible (People with mobile devices that cannot be connected to the application will not be able to enter the country).

- Visit the webpage <https://kktckarantina.com/en/sss> for more information on the official quarantine rules that are put in place in line with the decisions taken by the TRNC Council of Ministers.
 - Before entering quarantine (isolation), you need to download the app “Güvende Kal” to your mobile phone from Apple Store or Android Market.
 - After downloading, you must follow the necessary steps to enable pairing with the electronic wristband using the QR code generated.
 - Your contact number must be reachable throughout the quarantine period and data communication must be activated on your cellular device.
 - Payment should be made online by debit card or credit card in order to start the quarantine (isolation) process.
 - The QR code step must be reached in order to enable pairing with the electronic wristband.
 - Quarantine tracking will start after the pairing and activation process of the electronic wristband and the app Guvende Kal has been carried out by the staff in charge.
 - You must go directly to your place of quarantine and mark your exact location on your phone using the app within the given time period.

Things to pay attention to:

- The app Guvende Kal and the electronic wristband must be ready for pairing.
- Your smartphone should have enough battery.
- Throughout the quarantine period, you must not leave the location you have specified. If you leave the location, legal action will be initiated against you as this is a violation of the quarantine rules.
- You must not take the wristband off your wrist.
- You must not damage the wristband.
- Your smartphone's data communication must be activated at all times.
- The app Guvende Kal should be allowed to run, the application must not be turned off.
- Your quarantine period will reach an end upon receiving an SMS notification which will be sent to you after a PCR test has been carried out on the date determined by the Ministry of Health.
- You are required to upload your PCR result to the “Send PCR Result” field in the app Guvende Kal.
- Your deposit will be refunded to your debit card or credit card when you return the electronic wristband to [refund spots \(https://kktckarantina.com/iade-noktalari \)](https://kktckarantina.com/iade-noktalari)

- Students who will attend face-to-face classes should come to the Campus through their own means.
- To keep up-to-date with information from the University and with the latest progress, METU user accounts should be checked on a regular basis and all announcements posted on the website of METU Northern Cyprus Campus should be followed.
- English Preparatory Program classes will commence on October 11, 2021 and undergraduate classes will commence on October 19, 2021. Latest announcements posted on the website of METU Northern Cyprus Campus and sent to METU user accounts should be paid attention to.
- Since all the fall term English Preparatory Program classes will be held online, students who will attend prep classes do not need to come to the Campus. You can view the details on the subject at <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/oim/ydo-pandemi-ek-duyuru>.
- The document registration process will be completed online on October 5. The Registrar's Office will not accept documents by hand on this date. Please note that you will be asked to submit the original copies of the documents that you submitted during the online application process.
- It is important that students who come to the Campus for face-to-face education immediately enter their new mobile phone numbers, and also your WhatsApp number into the relevant field on the webpage that they can access using the link provided below: <https://forms.gle/21F6JVw84KGXBfzB7> . This will enable us to contact them easily.
- Students who come to the Campus for face-to-face education must register their electronic devices in order to use the internet provided by the University, Announcements providing information on how to register their devices will be made on the webpage <https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/tr/yeni-ogrenci> .
- Please activate your university e-mail address from the link below.
<https://useraccount.metu.edu.tr/newstudent/>
Please check your university e-mail address daily, because it is the primary communication channel between METU NCC and students. You may want to add your METU email account to your mobile devices. The instructions can be found at <http://faq.cc.metu.edu.tr/groups/e-mail-programs> .
- Dormitories will not provide accommodation for students who have not been fully vaccinated.
- The Guesthouse, which now serves as an isolation location for students on the Campus, will provide accommodation, without paying an additional residence fee, only for those students who have paid their dormitory fees.

- Students who have received a first dose of vaccine and will receive a second dose when they come to the Campus will be able to stay on our campus during their isolation period if they have already paid their dormitory fees and have received campus housing.
- Students who have received campus housing and who are awaiting a second dose of vaccine will receive it at the beginning of their isolation period. Second doses will be administered by the Health Center staff.
- In line with the decision made by the TRNC Ministry of Health, free antigen tests will be available at the Health Center (MEDICO), for ONLY those who have been fully vaccinated. You must present your ID card and ADAPASS code when applying for an antigen test by contacting the Health Center.
- In line with the decision taken by the TRNC Council of Ministers and published in the Official Gazette, fully vaccinated people (who have an ADAPASS code) will be able to receive a FREE rapid antigen test once a week. People who should get tested more often have to visit other places where PAID rapid antigen testing is provided. To take an antigen test at any of the off-campus centers, you can submit your application via the address <https://basvuru.lab.gov.ct.tr/?signup=true>.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated/not vaccinated at all/vaccinated but do not have an ADAPASS code will not be able to get tested at the Health Center.
- To register in the ADAPASS system, students and staff members who have been vaccinated abroad must apply to the IT Department of TRNC Ministry of Health in person and present their passports and vaccination certificates.
- People who have received vaccines at the TRNC health care institutions can create their vaccination certificate and get an ADAPASS code via the webpage of the TRNC Ministry of Health (<https://adapass.gov.ct.tr/>). Please contact the Call Centre (1111) if you encounter any problems.
- In line with the statement issued by the TRNC Ministry of Health, when incomplete or inaccurate data is entered into the ADAPASS system (a system that will electronically check the test and vaccination status of people) by accident, the following centers can be contacted between 08:00 - 17:00 on weekdays to correct the errors:
 - Nicosia: Near East University Hospital
 - Kyrenia: University of Kyrenia Dr. Suat Günsel Hospital
 - Güzelyurt: Near East University Hospital Güzelyurt Dispensary
 - Yenibogazici: Near East University Yenibogazici Campus
- Students not fully vaccinated will be allowed to attend classes by presenting a negative antigen / PCR test result twice a week. These students will be asked to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Fully vaccinated students and staff members must have an antigen / PCR test every 14 days.

- All students (except for TRNC nationals) who will study at universities in the TRNC, including our students who will attend face-to-face classes on our campus, must obtain a student permit within 90 days from the date of entry to the Island pursuant to the Law on Foreigners and Immigration, Chapter 105. Procedures are carried out by the TRNC Ministry of Internal Affairs. For details, you can visit the page <https://icisleri.gov.ct.tr/Online-%C4%B0%C5%9Flemler> .
- Students who have completed their registration procedures must apply for their ID cards through the page <https://cardinfo.metu.edu.tr/> after reading the explanations available at <http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/ogrenci-kimlik-kartlari> . ID cards that are prepared at the Ankara Campus and sent to the Northern Cyprus Campus afterwards, can be obtained from the Northern Cyprus Campus Registrar's Office.
- The list of courses offered in the Fall 2021 Semester and the details of the course sections and their schedules will be available at <https://cet.ncc.metu.edu.tr> one day before (October 12, 2021) the Online Course Registration & Advisor Approvals. To be able to log in to CET, you must use your METU NCC email login name and password.
- Check whether you have a tuition fee obligation or not. Visit <https://oibs.metu.edu.tr> and check the Student Information (61) program. You cannot register if you have an unpaid/underpaid tuition fee.
- You can check the tab “Semester Detail” on SAIS (<https://oibs.metu.edu.tr>) Program 61, named Student Information, to view the names of your academic advisors on October 12, 2021) You should meet your academic advisor online, and get his/her approval in order to complete your course registration. Students who do not take their advisor’s approvals cannot complete their course registrations. Your advisor will email you the scheduled meeting time with an online meeting link by October 12.
- The principles regarding how the administrative units of the Campus will function under pandemic conditions will be announced by the relevant units.