

INITIATIVES AIMED AT SUPPORTING REFUGEE STUDENTS AND STAFF MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

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REFUGEES IN TURKEY

- More than 3,5 million refugees in Turkey
- Nearly 2,5 milion Syrian refugees





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ELEMENTARY – SECONDARY LEVEL REFUGEE STUDENTS



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HIGHER EDUCATION REFUGEE STUDENTS

Being degree seeking student

- High school diploma and some other documents are needed

Just taking courses (being special students – not for diploma)

- Just declaration is accepted for seven selected universities



REFUGEE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- Most of the refugee students study in the universities in East Turkey
- 7 universities in south-eastern part of Turkey accepted Syrian university without any exam to take courses



REFUGEE STUDENTS AT METU

- For the fall semester of 2016-2017 academic year, the number of registered students:

88 from Syria

60 from Palestine

52 from Afghanistan

15 from Iraq

- This year 40 refugee Syrian students were accepted to study at METU
- Every year, a huge amount of students apply from these countries but their high school diplomas are not trustworthy



SERVICES FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

- Syrian students don't pay any tuition fee to our university since 2014-2015 academic year
- The students who did not have sufficient language level, can study one year in Basic English department to learn English
- Transferring from these countries' universities is possible in every year of study (special case for Syria, Yemen and Egypt)
- Special admission documents for undergraduate programs:

For Syria and Iraq, applications are made with:

General Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum exam score of 95% in the stream related to the program applied for



SERVICES FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

- Orientation programs organized for their adaptation
- Priority is given in dormitories
- Scholarship offered by METU, Turkish Government, United Nations and some other NGOs
- Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching: help students for their academic adaptation problems
- Center for Psychological Counseling and Guidance: help for their psychological problems
- Health center: help them for their health problems (in campus)





ADVANTAGES OF METU CAMPUS



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ADVANTAGES OF METU CAMPUS FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS

- Refugee students stay in campus dormitories and they can go to their classes by walking, by bike or by free buses
- All students and academic staff have sufficient level of English; so the students did not feel themselves isolated
- The number of international students community is high, so they may be integrated with other international students



REFUGEE ACADEMIC STAFF

- METU is an affiliated organization of Institute of International Education (IIE)
- They have a “scholar rescue fund”, example sentence from their motto:

“the dangerous environment in Syria shouldn’t stop a scholar from maintaining her studies and the unstable environment in Iraq shouldn’t silence the work of a professor”



REFUGEE ACADEMIC STAFF

- METU accepted three academicians from “scholar rescue fund”
- One from Syria and two from Iraq
- IEE supply travel expenses and scholarship, and
- METU provided for accommodation and office in the department, they can reach all electronic and physical library sources of METU for their research



Thank you😊

