ORIENTATION PROGRAM
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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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.

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 (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 in touch 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.

*The orientation office will be opened on September, 22nd.

#### 25th September 2017 Monday

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Campus Tour with Orientation Leaders

#### 26th September 2017 Tuesday

Registration (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm Reception, Venue: Culture and Convention Center (CCC) Foyer

5.00 pm - 5.30 pm Welcome Speech by Prof. Dr. Nazife Baykal (Campus President), Venue: Culture and Convention Center Amfı 3

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Dinner,* Venue: Cafeteria

9.00 pm Dance Performance, Dance Society, Folklore Club and Fosiller Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

9.30 pm Concert, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

10.30 pm “Welcome Party” Radio METU NCS, Venue: METU Square

#### 27th September 2017 Wednesday

METU English Proficiency Exam (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

5.00 pm - 5.30 pm “Let’s get to know Cyprus” by Seyhan Özmenek (School of Foreign Languages) Venue: CCC Amfı 3

5.45 pm Güzelyurt Tour** (Bus Stop - in front of Dormitory 2)

7.30 pm - 8.30 pm Dinner,* Venue: Cafeteria

METU NCC Students’ Clubs’ Information

9.00 pm Musical Performance “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change!” Musical Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

9.30 pm Radio METU NCS Broadcast Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

#### 28th September 2017 Thursday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Academic Orientation by Dr. Özcan Kasal (Registrar), Venue: CCC Amfı 3

4.15 pm - 5.00 pm “Information about Student Development and Counseling Center” by Dr. Eda Sun Selışık (Director of Student Development and Counseling Center), Venue: CCC Amfı 3

5.15 pm - 6.00 pm Information Meeting: Life in Campus I, IEEE Society, Venue: CCC Amfı 3

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Dinner,* Venue: Cafeteria

METU NCC Students’ Clubs’ Information Desks and Radio METU NCS Broadcast

8.00 pm - 9.00 pm “A Grad Story” International Student Office, Venue: CCC Amfı 3

9.30 pm Concert, Music Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

10.45 pm Concert, Music Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre
Mathematics Proficiency Exam (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

4.30pm - 5.30pm Green Campus Tour
(Vehicles leave from Dorm 2 for tree planting at 4:30)

5.30pm - 6.30pm "Planting My First Tree" Activity

6.30pm - 8.00pm Dinner,* Venue: METU Square - Food Stalls
METU NCC Students’ Clubs’ Information Desks and Radio METU NCS Broadcast

9.00pm Film, Cinema Club, Venue: CCC Open Air Theatre

CNG 100 Exemption Examination (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

4.30pm Sports Activities, Sports Club and Societies, Venue: Sports Center

1ST OCTOBER 2017 SATURDAY

CNG 100 Exemption Examination (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

2ND OCTOBER 2017 MONDAY

Classes Commence (School of Foreign Languages, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs)

Online registrations and advisor approvals (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

SFL English Preparatory Program Placement Examination (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

5.30pm - 6.00pm Information Meeting: Life in Campus II
(Directorate of Institutional Relations and Communication), Venue: CCC Amfi 3

3RD OCTOBER 2017 TUESDAY

Online registrations and advisor approvals. (Please see the Academic Calendar for further information.)

6TH OCTOBER 2017 FRIDAY

You are all kindly invited to the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year Opening Ceremony that will be held on 6 October 2017, in the CCC Rauf Raif Denktaş Hall.

7TH OCTOBER 2017 SATURDAY

10.00am - 7.00pm Kyrenia Tour ***(Details of how to purchase a ticket are below)
Mavi Köşk (Blue Mansion), Bellapais Monastery, Harbour Tour

8TH OCTOBER 2017 SUNDAY

10.00am - 6.00pm Nicosia Tour ***(Details of how to purchase a ticket are below)
Panoramic Lefke Tour, The Green Line, Kyrenia Gate, Lokmacı (Ledra Street Checkpoint), The Grand Inn, Selimiye Mosque

14TH OCTOBER 2017 SATURDAY

10.00am - 7.00pm Famagusta Tour ***(Details of how to purchase a ticket are below)
Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque, Othello Castle, Famagusta Ramparts, Namık Kemal Dungeon, Venetian Palace, Salamis Ruins, St. Barnabas Church

My Checklist

- Bath set (Hand towel, bath towel, bathroom footwear)
- Beach set (Beach towel, swimming suit, sunscreen, beach footwear)
- Alarm clock
- Table lamp
- Converters (On our campus, three-pin plugs and sockets are in use. You are advised to purchase English-Europe converters so as to be able to use the sockets. These are available at the shopping center on campus.)
- Charger (230 V, 50 Hz)
- Sewing box
- Laundry bag
- Extra duvet cover set (if you wish)
- Medicines used regularly
- Hair dryer
- TV tuner card (to watch TV on the computer)
- Personal ornaments to make yourself at home

Items Provided By the University

- Pillow, quilt
- Duvet cover set
- Telephone (for in-campus calls and incoming calls)
- Internet cable
- Tables, chairs
- Cupboard
- TV antenna plug lead
- Iron and ironing board
(provided by the directorate of the dormitory on request)

** You can purchase a meal ticket on the 1st floor of the cafeteria if you prefer eating in the cafeteria.

** If you would like to go on the Kyrenia, Nicosia and Famagusta Tour, you should purchase a ticket from the Orientation Office by 5 October 2017. Thursday, 12.00 pm at the latest. However, if you wish to attend the Güzelyurt Tour, please inform the Orientation Office by 26 September 2017 Thursday, 12.00 pm at the latest.

** You may also purchase a ticket for the Kyrenia Tour. However, if you wish to attend the Güzelyurt Tour, please inform the Orientation Office by 26 September 2017 Thursday, 12.00 pm at the latest. You should purchase a ticket from the Orientation Office by 5 October 2017. Thursday, 12.00 pm at the latest. It will be a guided tour and lunch will be provided. Buses will depart from Dormitory 2, Kyrenia Tour Price: 40TL, Nicosia Tour Price: 40TL, and Famagusta Tour Price: 50TL. Tours are among the elective activities of GPC 100 First Year on Campus Seminar.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- English – Europe converters?
The Social and Cultural Affairs Office accommodates 51 organized student groups. In the 2016 - 2017 academic year, approximately 450 organizations including concerts, exhibitions, festivals, conferences, conventions, seminars, plays and excursions were held by the student associations.

Furthermore, in the 2016 - 2017 Academic Year, many activities such as the 11th METU NCC Theatre Festival, 10th International Food Festival, 11th METU NCC Horror Night, 7th Performing Arts Festival, 10th Spring Festival, Color Fest, Alumni on Campus 5, 1st mARTfest and METU NCC 5th Short Movie Festival were performed successfully by the student associations.

**Students Societies**
The Social and Cultural Affairs Office accommodates 51 organized student groups.

1. Animal Welfare Association
2. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
3. Atatürk’s Thought Club
4. Aviation and Aerospace Society
5. Career and Business Club
6. Change and Social Awareness Society
7. Cinema Club
8. Civil and Construction Society
9. Community Volunteers Club
10. Critical Thinking Club
11. Culture, Literature and Thought Club
12. Cyprus Culture Club
13. Debate Club
14. Economics and Finance Society
15. Energy Society
16. Fantastic Fiction Society
17. Fine Arts Club
18. Folklore Club
19. Humour Society
20. IEEE METU NCC Society
21. International Students Association
22. METU GO Society
23. METU NCC Kitchen Club
24. Mockup Club
25. Model United Nations Society
26. Music Club
27. Musical Club
28. Neuroscience Society
29. Philosophy Society
30. Photography Club
31. Political Science and International Relations Society
32. Problem Solving Society
33. Process Society
34. Psychology Club
35. Radio Society
36. Science and Education Society
37. Socialist Thought Club
38. Society of Guidance and Psychological Counseling
39. Society of Computer Education and Instruction Technology
40. Society of Mechanical Engineers
41. Society of Mediterranean Researches
42. Society of Modern Thought
43. Society of Petroleum Engineers
44. STEM Society
45. Theatre Club
46. Turkic Languages and History Society
47. Turkish Classical Music Society
48. Turkish - German Communication Club
49. Turkish - Japanese Communication Club
50. Women in Business Club
51. TEDX METU NCC Society

In order to attend associations’ activities, applications are processed by the executive board of member students, with the decisions made by the executive board of members. Students can access the society rooms located on the upper floor of the CCC. All members of association can use the studio under the supervision of an experienced member.

**2. Art Studio:** The art studio was established in the spring of 2007 to provide METU NCC students with the opportunity to express their creativity and skills and to contribute to their social development. The art studio allows participants to express themselves through art by using all kinds of visual materials in a workshop environment.

**3. Photo Studio:** Photography Club has designed their society room like a photo studio and has been offering various services for eight years on campus. All members of association can use the studio under the supervision of an experienced member.

**4. Music Studio:** The music studio was established for the students who are members of the Music Club. There are many types of equipments in the studio. All members of association can use the studio under the supervision of an experienced member.

**5. Society Rooms:** The society rooms are located on the upper floor of the shopping center.

**6. Sport Center:** The Sports Center is architecturally of a very high standard and is fitted out with the latest technological equipment. All kinds of sports, tournaments, organizations and show can be carried out in this excellent facility.

**RADIO METU NORTHERN CYPRUS STUDIOS:**
Radio METU Northern Cyprus Studios, the extension of Radio METU Ankara, broadcasts on 103.1 and over the internet at http://adyooutukibris.net/index.php/en

**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.
Recreational activities are organized within the sport communities, inside and outside the university; sports communities doing work under the supervision of instructors involve in the activities, tournaments and provide students with courses to acquire the branches they are interested in. Also at the end of these courses they receive certificates.

1. American Football Society
2. Climbing Society
3. Dance Society
4. E-sport Society
5. Golf Society
6. Horse Riding Society
7. Kriket Society
8. Min.Golf Society
9. Search and Rescue Society
10. Sub-Aqua Society

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.)
- 28 TL for Stamp Fee
- 25 TL for Account Opening Fee