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General Information

Introduction

Kilis 7 Aralık University welcomes all international students. We are a modern university, which believes in the importance of international experience and education. We enable and encourage all of our home and international students to study abroad as part of our aim to increase student employability and create *global* graduates.

We would like to provide you with the least complicated application process possible and to ensure that you are able to make the right preparations before you come to Kilis, Turkey. We have therefore put together this information pack for incoming Mevlana students, which contain information about:

- ❖ Turkey,
- ❖ The city of Kilis,
- ❖ Kilis 7 Aralık University, and
- ❖ Application procedure for prospective Mevlana students.

As Kilis 7 Aralık University, we believe that your educational experience in Kilis and Turkey will be unforgettable.

***Kilis 7 Aralık University:
For a Bright Future...***

Turkey

A country of sun and history, Turkey is located where the three continents making up the old world, Asia, Africa and Europe are closest to each other and straddle the point where Europe and Asia meet.

Because of its geographical location, the mainland, Anatolia, has witnessed the mass migration of diverse peoples shaping the course of history. The home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet each linked to its predecessors through insoluble treads. As an ancient land and modern nation; Turkey today is both the inheritor and conservator of the common heritage of mankind.



Geography

Turkey is 814.578 sq. km in area. The European and Asian regions are separated by the İstanbul Boğazı (Bosphorus), the Sea of Marmara, and the Çanakkale Boğazı (Dardanelles). Anatolia is a high plateau rising progressively towards the east, broken up by the valleys of about 15 rivers, including the Dicle (Tigris) and the Fırat (Euphrates). There are numerous lakes and some, such as Lake Van, are as large as inland seas. In the south, the Taurus Mountains sweep down almost to the narrow, fertile coastal plain. Turkey enjoys a variety of ranging from the temperate climate of the Black Sea region, to the continental climate of the interior, then, to the Mediterranean climate of the Aegean and Mediterranean coastal regions. The coastline touching the four seas that total border length of Turkey is 8333 km.

History

Turkey has been called "the cradle of civilization" and by travelling through this historic land, tourists will discover exactly what is meant by this phrase. The world's first known settlement, a Neolithic city at Çatalhöyük, dates back to 6.500 BC. From the days of Çatalhöyük up to the present, Turkey boasts a rich culture that through the centuries has made a lasting impression on modern civilization. Being the heir to many centuries and cultures makes Turkey a paradise of information and cultural wealth. Hattis, Hittites, Phrygians, Urartians, Lycians, Ionians, Lydians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks, and Ottomans have all

made important contributions to the history of the area. Ancient sites and ruins scattered throughout the country give sufficient proof of each civilization's unique distinction.

Turkey also has a very fascinating recent history. Upon the decline of the Ottoman Empire, a young man named Mustafa Kemal, who was a soldier and a great visionary, took the defeat of World War I and turned it into a shining victory by liberating Turkey on October 29, 1923. He led his country towards peace and stability that brought about tremendous economic growth and increasing modernization. Through decades of change and growth, Turkey still boasts growing success, living by Ataturk's motto of "Peace at home, Peace in the World."

Population

On the general basis, the population in Turkey is characterized by youth and dynamism. According to a 1997 population census, Turkey has 62.6 million inhabitants. Although there has been a marked migration into town, approximately 47 percent of the population still lives in the rural areas. Although the official language is Turkish, English is widely spoken in Turkey. There are many high schools and universities where the curriculum is based on English, German and French are other commonly spoken foreign languages. Istanbul, which was the capital of three empires, is Turkey's largest city, with approximately 9.1 million inhabitants. Ankara, the capital city, has 3.69 million inhabitants. The next largest cities are Izmir, Bursa, Antalya, Konya, Gaziantep and Adana.

Language

The Turkish language belongs to the Ural - Altaic group and has an affinity with the Finno -Hungarian languages. Turkish is written in the Latin alphabet and is spoken by at least 150 million people around the world.

Political Structure

The republic of Turkey is based on a secular, democratic, pluralistic and parliamentary system. The Grand National Assembly is elected by popular vote, and the nation is governed by the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister. Turkey is a founding member of OECD, the Black Sea Economic Co-operation Organization, a member of NATO, the European Council, the Islamic Conference Association, and an associate member of the European Union.



Turkish Culture

The Anatolian culture bears the wisdom of one who has been molded by the peaceful exuberance that comes from living by the sea and also being close to the soil. Turkey, the inheritor of Anatolian culture, invites humanity to build a sustainable cultural partnership.

The civilizations and cultures that have existed in Anatolia over the centuries, the Byzantines, the Seljuks and the Ottomans, have combined to form a rich synthesis. The creativity that ranges from gastronomy to music, from philosophy to literature and fine arts, from legends to modern art, is the unique characteristic of Anatolia and Turkey.

The cultural wealth of Anatolia is a peaceful friendly song, rising towards the sky as it calls humanity to tolerance and harmony.

Turkish Cuisine

Regarded as one of the three most favorable cuisines of the world, Turkish cuisine has superiority when compared to the cuisine of France and China. Exceptional richness of the various meals, methods of cooking, arrangement of the table, service and equipment used bring the richness in a way that never fails to delight.



Did you know?

- Over two thirds of the Turkish Population is under the age of 30.
- The oldest known human settlement in Turkey is Göbekli Tepe (Southeast Anatolia) (10000 BC) (250 km from Kilis).
- St. Paul was born in Tarsus in the in South Turkey and Christianity was first bloomed in Anatolia with the first Christian Church dedicated to St. Peter. The Greek Orthodox Church is still located in Istanbul.
- Ağrı Mountain Ararat, with a height of 5,166 meters is said to be the place where Noah's Ark landed.
- The seven churches of the Book of Revelation are all located in West Anatolia- Ephesus, Smyrna (modern Izmir), Pergamum , Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea .
- St. Nicholas, in other words Santa Claus, was born in Patara and lived in Myra in South Turkey.
- Only in Istanbul , over 100 churches of Christianity are still active today.
- The oldest known shipwreck in the world was excavated in Kas.
- Many city names are actually originated in Anatolia such as Philadelphia, Paris, Antioch, Troy and the continental name "Europe".
- Two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was located in Anatolia, Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus at Bodrum.
- The famous words "Veni, vidi, vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered) were said by Roman Emperor Caesar when he came to Anatolia in 47 BC.
- The Lycian Union's (in South Anatolia) federal system for governance with proportional representation was actually used as a model by the authors of the United States constitution in the 18th century.
- The famous Trojan War (Troy of Brad Pitt) took place in West Anatolia.
- The famous Dutch Tulip actually is originated from Turkey and was taken to Netherlands in the 16th century.
- The color of Turquoise comes from the clean see color on the Aegean Cost in Turkey.
- Kasikci diamond, one of the greatest piece of diamond in the world, is displayed in Topkapi Palace in İstanbul.
- Virgin Mary's House , near Ephesus , where she spent her last years and died in, was visited by Pope the 6th Paul and Pope Jean Paul.
- The first known University in history is in Harran, Southeast Turkey (250 km from Kilis).

Source: http://www.rorschach2014.org/?p=About_Turkey



The City of Kilis



History

There is evidence of human occupation from 4,000 years ago, in the Middle Bronze Age. The region has been ruled by the Hurrians, the Assyrian Empire, the Hittite Empire, the Persian Empire, the Macedonian Empire, the Roman Empire (including the Byzantine Empire), the Armenian Kingdom and finally by Ottoman Empire. Places of historical interest include a number of burial mounds, castles and mosques.

The name of Kilis is thought to be originating from two possible sources. First one the Arabic word for lime which is "Kil'seh", was shortened and became Kilis. The reason is that the soil of Kilis contains high levels of lime. Second possible source is Turkish word for church, which is "Kilise." Around 16th century Armenian pilgrims who traveled to St. Hovhannes Monastery in Kilis, caught the attention of nearby Turkish villagers. When Turks asked Armenians where they were traveling, they replied "Kiliseye gidiyoruz, Kiliseden dönüyoruz"; translates " We are traveling back and forth to church".

Geography

Kilis is located in the southern foothills of the Taurus Mountains west of the Euphrates River on the northern edge of the Syria Plain. The district contains areas of good agricultural land, watered by small rivers and 68% of the land area of Kilis is planted. Almost 4% of Turkey's grape production comes from Kilis. Other important agricultural products are olives, fruit, wheat, barley and tobacco.

Places to Visit

Ravanda Castle is near to the Ravanda Village of Polateli province, 24 km far from city center, and located on the north of Kilis. Its environment is clear and constructed on a steep hill of a mountain, which is reigning to the horizon. Remaining current part of the castle, constructed via engraving of the peak of the mountain, is the internal castle.

Oylum Tumulus is one of the biggest tumuli in Anatolia, Syria, and Mesopotamia. Strategic position holding tumulus is settled during nearly all ages. As a result of excavations performed on Oylum Tumulus shows definite settlement dated back to Chalcolithic Age. There are lots of tumuli other than Oylum that are waiting to be excavated.

Akpınar is a promenade in which clear waters are flowing in the middle of a land with limestone. It is surrounded by olive groves, vineyards, and orchards, and this unique nature beauty covered by grass land, which is full of picnickers during spring and summer months.

Söğütlüdere, where streams coming from north slopes, is another place used for entertainment and picnicking by the people of Kilis during spring and summer time.



What to Eat

Traditional culture reflecting regional meals are highly impressive with their tastes and appearances. Kebab sorts, unique to Kilis, are served freshly with special spices. Kilis Karası (Kilis Grapes), Kilis Tava, and Kilis Katmeri (A kind of dessert) are the foods that you should definitely taste before leaving Kilis.



Kilis Katmeri



Grapes (Kilis Karası)



Kilis Tava

What to Buy

Shopping centers contain lots of souvenirs, reflecting cultural texture of Kilis. Liquid and solid grape molasses exclusive to Kilis can be bought. Handmade quilts and Yemeni (A kind of Shoe) are another important souvenir and they reflect multicultural and social atmosphere of the region.



Handmade Quilts



Handmade Yemeni

Don't Leave Without

- ✓ Tasting Kilis grape molasses, Kilis Katmeri, and Kilis Tava,
- ✓ Visiting ruins of old Kilis,
- ✓ Walking around the historical streets, and
- ✓ Visiting Oylum tumulus and Ravanda castle.

Climate

Kilis has a Mediterranean Climate in general. Summers are hot and dry, and winters are cold and rainy.

Average **T**emperature and **R**ain amount for Kilis (C°, Kg/m2)

	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
T	5.6	6.9	10.5	15.3	20.6	25.3	28.1	27.9	24.8	19.5	12.5	7.4
R	84.8	73.7	69.2	49.9	25.5	7.4	1.2	2.8	5.0	33.8	58.4	88.1



Electricity

220 volts AC, all over Turkey. The voltage is clearly marked on all hotel outlets.

Tap Water

It is being chlorinated but we recommend you to prefer bottled water for drinking which is sold in markets and shops.

Local Time

GMT + 2 hrs. (Summer)

Time differences between Turkey and some other countries:

Germany	-1
France	-1
England	-2
Italy	-1
Netherlands	-1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	-1
Azerbaijan	+2
Pakistan	+3
Kazakhstan	+4



Please note: Turkey observes daylight saving time.

Weights and Measures

Metric system is used in Turkey (km, kg, etc.)



Kilis 7 Aralık University

Kilis 7 Aralık University was founded as a public university in 2007. As a young and dynamic institution, Kilis 7 Aralık University serves more than 9000 undergraduate and graduate students from all around the world in six faculties, two vocational schools, and three institutes with 283 native and international teaching staff.



Kilis 7 Aralık University has had the Erasmus University Charter since 2009 and became the member of Erasmus Program. Accordingly, the ECTS program was implemented for all faculties. Our strategy focuses on extending and improving of cooperation with foreign partners. The University recognizes a continued close involvement in lifelong learning programs as essential to underpin and further develop its European strategy in a dynamic way. The introduction of ECTS in all programs has facilitated accreditation and the goals under curriculum development have been achieved. The University now plans to consolidate its existing exchange programs, and to ensure that they meet the Quality Assurance Agency's guidelines on placements. The University actively encourages our students to participate in all student exchange programs and tries to remove barriers.

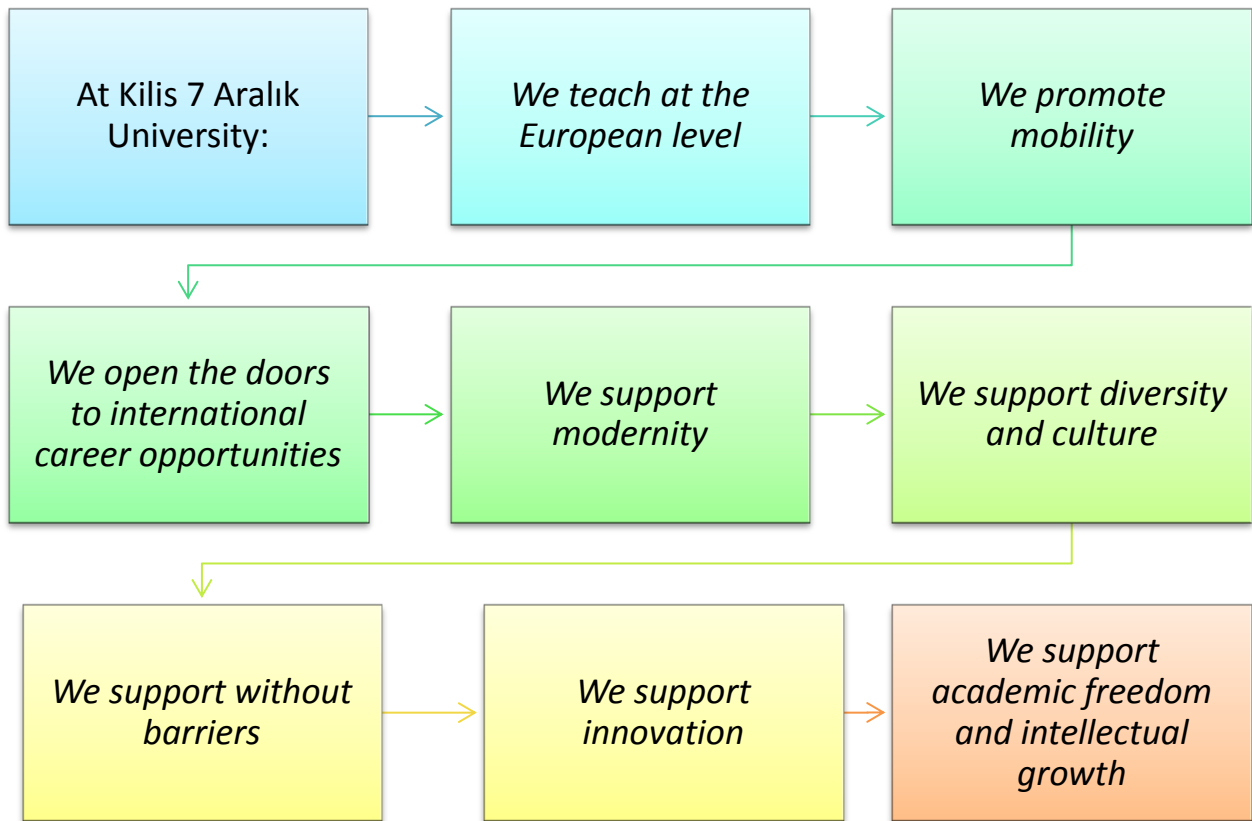
The University provides a high level of support to incoming exchange students as for all students registered at Kilis 7 Aralık University. This means that orientation programs are provided both by the University and the individual departments, the incoming students have access to personal tutors and have the same teaching contract as their peers. The University recognizes the special needs of disabled students who can access for all facilities.



At Kilis 7 Aralık University, we believe that knowledge, innovation, creativity, and transferable skills are necessary factors for employment and our objective is to equip students with these qualifications and we are committed to providing you with a high quality, internationally focused education in Kilis, where the diversity of people and culture is the central. As a border city, Kilis is located in a position that opens the doors of multicultural atmosphere of Southern Anatolia and Middle East.

With its highly qualified and internationally recognized faculty, you will have an education that expands your visions for life and career. Because Kilis 7 Aralık University participates in Bologna process, you will get a diploma and diploma supplement (DS) that are valid *throughout* the world.





Research and Education Centers at Kilis 7 Aralık University

- ➔ Continuing Education Center (KÜSEM)
- ➔ Distance Education Center (KUZEM)
- ➔ Agricultural Research and Application Center (TUAM)
- ➔ Language Teaching Application and Research Center (DÖMER)
- ➔ Research Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- ➔ Application and Research Center

Number of Academic Staff

Academic Staff	Total
Professor	14
Assistant Prof.	18
Associate Prof.	79
Instructor	72
Lecturer	15
Research Associate	134
Specialist	3
International Academic Staff	7
Total (January 2018)	342

Student Enrollment

Academic Year	Total
2011-2012	6000
2012-2013	7000
2013-2014	8000
2014-2015	8500
2015-2016	8700
2016-2017	9000
2017-2018	9100

Total Administrative Staff	201
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Kilis 7 Aralık University has six Faculties and one School which provide 4 year undergraduate, 2 Vocational schools for Associate degree, and 3 graduate schools (institutes) for master's degree, as well as PhD studies.

Muallim Rifat Faculty of Education

- ★ Science Education
- ★ Pre-School Education
- ★ Elementary Education
- ★ Social Studies Education
- ★ Turkish Language Education

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

- ★ Arabic Language and Literature
- ★ Geography
- ★ Philosophy
- ★ Molecular Biology and Genetics
- ★ History
- ★ Turkish Language and Literature

Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

- ★ Economics
- ★ Business Administration
- ★ Political Science and Public Administration
- ★ International Trade and Logistics

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

- ★ Civil Engineering
- ★ Food Engineering
- ★ Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Faculty of Theology

- ★ Theology

Faculty of Agriculture

Yusuf Şerefoğlu School of Health

- ★ Nursing

College of Physical Education and Sports (BESYO)

Please visit

<http://disiliskiler.kilis.edu.tr/sayfa/4283/about-kilis-7-aralik-university/programs> for more information about departments and courses offered for students.

Vocational School of Health

- ★ Paramedics
- ★ Medical Documentation and Secretary
- ★ Care of the Elderly
- ★ Opticianry

Vocational School of Technical Sciences

- ★ Marketing and Foreign Trade
- ★ Business Management
- ★ Occupational Health and Safety
- ★ Accounting and Taxation Applications

Vocational School of Sciences

- ★ Computer Programming
- ★ Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
- ★ Gardening
- ★ Electricity
- ★ Gas and Installation Technology
- ★ Construction Technology
- ★ Construction Inspector Training
- ★ Machine Design
- ★ Landscape and Ornamental Plants
- ★ Textile Technology

Vocational School of Tourism and Hotel Management

- ★ Tourism and Hotel Management
- ★ Cookery

Institute of Science (Graduate School of Science)

- ★ Biology
- ★ Physics
- ★ Civil Engineering
- ★ Chemistry
- ★ Mathematics
- ★ Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Institute of Social Sciences (Graduate School of Social Science)

Master's Program

- ★ Elementary School Religious Culture and Moral Knowledge Education
- ★ Business Administration (MBA)
- ★ History

Doctoral Program

- ★ Business Administration

Institute of Health (Graduate School of Health)

Academic Calendar (Provisional)

(Full Year, 1st Semester (Fall) & 2nd Semester (Spring) students)

Orientation Session: We highly recommend that Mevlana students are present for this session. Detailed information will be sent to students with their Mevlana acceptance letter.

Examinations: Students should not leave Turkey before they have taken all their examinations and submitted all their assignments. Special arrangements/concessions cannot be made unless in extraordinary circumstances.

Fall (1. Semester)

September 2-6	New student orientation
September 10-23	Registrations
September 23-January 3	Fall (1. Semester)
January 6-17	Finals
January 25-31	Makeup Exams

Spring (2. Semester)

February 2-7	New student orientation
February 11-24	Registrations
February 24-May 30	Spring (2. Semester)
June 2-13	Finals
June 21-27	Make-up Exams



Courses for Mevlana Students

Available departments and courses can be accessed at:

<http://disiliskiler.kilis.edu.tr/sayfa/4283/about-kilis-7-aralik-university/programs>

Important Days and Holidays in Turkey*

- ❖ Feast of the Sacrifice
- ❖ Republic Day (October 29)
- ❖ Atatürk Memorial Day (November 10)
- ❖ National Sovereignty and Children's Day (April 23)
- ❖ Hıdırellez (May 5 – 6)
- ❖ Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day (May 19)

*For more info, please visit

<http://erasmus.yasar.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/info-sheet-about-Important-Days-Festivals-Holidays-in-Turkey.pdf>

Methods of Assessment

The academic year at Kilis 7 Aralık University is made up of two semesters, each with a duration of 14 weeks of teaching period followed by two weeks of final exam period. The eighth week of each semester is spared for mid-term exams. Attendance to courses and laboratories is compulsory. However, students have the right to miss 30% of theoretical courses and 20% of laboratory- and practical works. Students are required to attend a mid-term and a final exam. They are also required to complete the semester work made up of quizzes, practical, and take-home-works, which are announced within the first week of each semester.

Grading System

Associate's Degree

Students who complete 120 ECTS credits and have minimum 2.00 out of 4.00 grade point average (GPA) will have Associate's degree.

Bachelor's Degree (B.A.)

Students who complete 240 ECTS credits and have minimum 2.00 out of 4.00 grade point average (GPA) will have Bachelor's degree (B.A.).

Ph.D. Degree

The degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed all courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 out of 4.00, and prepared and defended a thesis.

Grading Scale

ECTS System		Kilis 7 Aralık University Grading System			
Best/Next	Grade	Grade	Score	Grading in 4.0	
10%	A	AA	90-100	4	Excellent
10%	B	BA	85-89	3.5	
15%		BB	80-84	3.0	
30%		CB	70-79	2.5	
25%	D	CC	60-69	2.0	
10%	E	DC	55-59	1.5	Conditional Pass
		DD	50-54	1.0	
Fail	FX	FD	40-49	0.5	Fail
Fail	F	FF	0-39	0	

Students who receive any of the grades CC or higher (CC, CB, BB, BA, and AA) are considered to have satisfactorily completed that course. Students who receive a grade of either DC or DD in one or more courses can only be considered successful if his/her Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is 2.00 or higher at the end of the semester. Student who receives FD or

FF are considered unsuccessful. N/A means that the student never attended to courses and failed. Non-credit courses and applications (stage) are evaluated by S (satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory). The grades S and U are not considered while calculating CGPA.

ECTS, European Credit Transfer System, was created by the European Commission in order to offer standard procedures for academic recognition of studies abroad. **A student can obtain 30 ECTS credits for a semester and 60 ECTS credits for an entire academic year.**

Teaching and Learning Methods

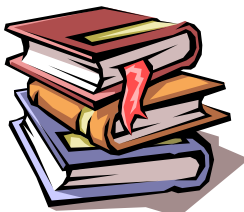
The Teaching methods used at Kilis 7 Aralık University vary with class size. The early years can be characterized by large groups. Almost all the modules require smaller laboratory size interactive groups. For Mevlana students, if there are not enough students registered for the courses, we usually use individual study.

Orientation

The volunteers from the student clubs of Kilis 7 Aralık University introduce the incoming Mevlana students to the various services and systems in Kilis, the local authorities and also help them to get familiar with the city. As part of the Orientation Program, the incoming students usually meet their departmental coordinators to discuss their course choices.

Library

The main library includes reading rooms and Internet access center equipped with scanners, copy-machines, printers. The library offers:



- 40.000 books in Open Shelf System and various periodicals
- Database for research
- Book reading system for visually impaired people
- YORDAM Automation System for resource scan and access
- KITS: Interlibrary book loan system
- Lounge with daily newspapers

University Library opening hours: *8:00 am to 20:00 pm.*



Information Technologies

The Communication and information Technologies Department provides computer facilities and information technologies for all staff and students. Each department has its own computer lab available for students and all classrooms have wireless Internet, a PC, and projector.

Health Care at Kilis 7 Aralık University

Center for Medico-Social Unit is on the ground floor of Sosyal-Kültürel Merkez building on main campus. In the unit, basic health services are provided for students such as Glucose and Blood pressure measurement. It also provides first aid services for all students at Kilis 7 Aralık University. Complicated issues are directed to Kilis Hospital close the campus.



Medical Insurance

All exchange students should possess current and up to date medical insurance before arrival. International students with a private medical insurance need to confirm that their insurance covers the expenses that may occur during their stay in Turkey.

Make sure you have emergency/hospital coverage by getting a health insurance policy valid in Turkey before coming. Kilis 7 Aralık University is not responsible from the students who arrive without a proper Health Insurance.

More info From

http://www.studyinturkey.com/content/sub/health_and_insurance.aspx

International students are responsible for costs of hospitalization or for any medical service or treatment not available at university health centers. The Health Insurance Policy should cover both Asiatic and European Turkey. Some of the international insurance services are as follows:

- AXA PPP Healthcare : www.axapphealthcare.co.uk
- BUPA : www.bupa-intl.com
- ExpaCare Insurance Services : www.expacare.net

All students holding a Turkish Residency Permit of more than 6 months will automatically be

registered at the Turkish Social Security Institution through the centralized system. At a national level however, the Turkish Government requires that all international students get a mandatory local health insurance policy with the Turkish Social Security Institution (SGK) to enable them to benefit health insurance while in Turkey. Students are responsible for their own monthly payments of health insurance contributions.

The insurance will be valid until the end of the academic year. In order to activate the medical insurance, students should go the local health authority with:

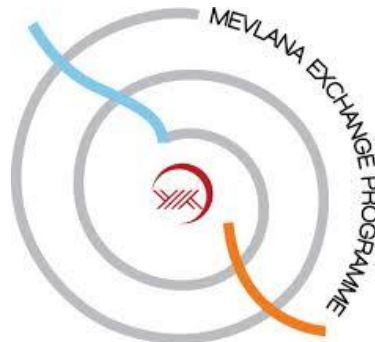
- Resident Permit
- Passport
- Student ID Students usually receive an SGK number upon the registration at the health authority.

Medical insurance allows you to buy your medicine by paying 20% of the total amount prescribed by the doctor. There are many state and private hospitals in Turkey. The cost that you are going to pay depends on the pricing policy of each hospital. Some of the hospitals work under complete agreements with SGK insurance and some of them require extra costs which are not covered by the SGK insurance.

The International Relations Office can help you in setting up the process.

Besides, private policies can be bought from banks or from specialized insurance offices. You may arrange your private health insurance through the following insurance companies. The main insurance companies have branches in all the big towns.

- ⌘ Ak Sigorta : <http://www.aksigorta.com.tr/en/>
- ⌘ Anadolu Sigorta : <http://www.anadolusigorta.com.tr/en/>
- ⌘ Axa : <http://en.axasigorta.com.tr/>
- ⌘ Groupama : <http://www.groupama.com/>
- ⌘ Ergo Sigorta : <http://www.ergoturkiye.com/insurance>
- ⌘ Yapi Kredi Sigorta : <http://www.yksigorta.com.tr/EN/default.aspx>
- ⌘ Garanti Sigorta : <http://www.garanti.com.tr/en/>



Student Visa

All international students must obtain a Student Visa in order to be able to register at Kilis 7 Aralık University. Student visas cannot be obtained in Turkey. Students, who are eligible to apply at Kilis 7 Aralık University and whose application is accepted, should apply for a visa to the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their home country. For more information about visas, please visit [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) web site.

Students are recommended to apply for a visa at least 2 months before the targeted academic semester begins. For electronic visa applications, please visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs' related web site at <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

Please kindly note that all international students should obtain their Student Visa before coming to Turkey. Otherwise you need to go back to your home country to obtain the visa, as Student Visa is not given in Turkey.

Residence Permit

All exchange students must apply for a **residence permit** at Kilis **YABANCILAR ŞUBE MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ**(Police Department for Foreigners) within a month after their arrival.

Students **cannot leave Turkey without having a residence permit**. If this happens, they cannot come back to Turkey in 3 months.

In order to apply, first you need to get an official letter (Student Certificate) from Kilis 7 Aralık University International Office.

Required documents for Residence Permit

1. Student Certificate (Given by Kilis 7 Aralık University)
2. Your passport containing a STUDENT VISA
3. A copy of the following pages in your passport containing your photo, information concerning identification duration of your passport, the last entry date to Turkey and Student Visa (Please note that "the last entry date to Turkey" is your last entry to Turkey for the exchange program in that year).
4. 6 passport size photos



Accommodation

A 100-student dormitory for international students is available in Karatas campus.

There are also private student dorms around the campus that provide affordable accommodation to students.

Application form can be accessed at

<http://erasmus.kilis.edu.tr/sayfa/4402/incoming-students/accommodation>

Please note that due to the large number of applications, your preferred place/room of living cannot be guaranteed.

Average Living Expenses in Kilis

	State-Owned Dorm	University-Owned Dorm	Private Apartment 1+1/1+2
Rent	70\$	50-75\$	200-300\$
Gas/electricity/water	Included in rent	Included in rent	50-100\$
Internet	Included in rent	Included in rent	10-40\$
Food	100-200\$	100-200\$	100-200\$
Mobile Phones	10-40\$	10-40\$	10-40\$
Transportation	---	20-25\$	20-25\$
Entertainment	30-80\$	30-80\$	30-80\$
Total per month	210-410\$	210-420\$	520-785\$

Disability Support Unit

This unit at the campus supports handicapped students to minimize challenges encountered during their education and campus life and improve the environment around them. The lifts, ramps, toilets, sidewalks, and road at the campus were improved for disabled students. The book reading system for visually impaired students is available at main library. The ring service is available for students with physically disabled.

More info: <http://engelsiz.kilis.edu.tr/EN>

Disability and the Year Abroad:

<http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/advice-and-tips/year-abroad-with-a-disability.html>



Social Life at Kilis 7 Aralık University



Social Facilities

- ✚ 2 Basketball Courts
- ✚ Tennis Court
- ✚ 2 Football Fields
- ✚ Outdoor Sports Park
- ✚ Fitness Saloon
- ✚ Conference Halls
- ✚ Cinema Hall
- ✚ Theatre Hall
- ✚ Kilis House
- ✚ Music Room
- ✚ Exhibition Hall
- ✚ Semi-Olympic Swimming Pool
- ✚ Indoor Sports Facility
- ✚ Ebru (Turkish Water Painting/Paper Marbling) Art Room



Ebru Art (Turkish Water Painting/Paper Marbling)



Pictures from Social Activities at Kilis 7 Aralık University



Student Clubs

The clubs help students develop their social sensitivity and team spirit. There are 47 student clubs focusing on arts, culture, science, and sports at Kilis 7 Aralık University.

Some of the clubs at Kilis 7 Aralık University are:

- 1-Community Volunteers Club
- 2-Culture, Arts and Literature Club
- 3-Travel and Organizing Club
- 4-Youth and the Red Crescent Club
- 5-Photography Club
- 6-Student Assistance and Solidarity Club
- 7-Career Club
- 8-Attraction Club
- 9-Turkish Culture Club
- 10-Health Club
- 11-Fit Youth Club
- 12-Textile Club
- 13-Scientific and Technical Club
- 14-Aviation Club
- 15-Music Club





Food & Drinks

Student Dining Hall: There is on-campus dining hall with a capacity of 1000 students at the university. . Lunch and dinner, also including traditional Turkish food, are served daily.

Kilis House Social Facility: Breakfast and lunch are served in a renovated authentic Kilis House.

Cafeterias: Student cafeterias serve hot and cold drinks. They also offer various food options in every faculty building.



Transportation

By Coach/Bus

There are intercity coaches in Kilis and Gaziantep to travel to any city in Turkey. Kilis bus station is in the city center and easily accessible by the students.

Bus Station Phone : +90 348 813 28 33

[Cayiragasi Turizm](#) From Istanbul/Ankara/Izmir to Kilis

[Metro Turizm](#) From Istanbul/Ankara to Gaziantep and Kilis

If you are travelling by Coach/Bus, please take Özgür Dolmuş (Midi Bus) at Gaziantep Otogar (Central Station for Coaches) to go to Kilis. It costs 7 TL (3€).

Özgür Dolmuş: +90 342 221 2493

+90 342 328 9929

By Air

The Distance from Kilis 7 Aralık University to the nearest Airport (Gaziantep) is 40 km.

Gaziantep Airport Phone : +90 342 582 10 21

Turkish Airlines Phone : +90 342 582 11 02-03

At Gaziantep Airport, please use [HAVAS](http://www.havas.com.tr) (www.havas.com.tr) Bus Service to go to Kilis Garaji (Sub Station for Kilis Özgür Dolmuş and it is on the city center of Gaziantep) and then take Özgür Dolmuş (Midi Bus) for Kilis. The fare for Havas is 20 TL (7€) and for Özgür Dolmuş 7 TL (3€)

Özgür Dolmuş: +90 342 221 2493

Recommended Airline Companies

Turkish Airlines From anywhere in the world to Gaziantep Airport. Web:

<http://www.turkishairlines.com/en-tr>

Pegasus Airlines From Most of the European Countries to Istanbul Atatürk and Sabiha Gökçen Airport and to Gaziantep. Web:

<http://www.flypgs.com/en/default.aspx>

Onur Air From Istanbul Atatürk Airport to Gaziantep Airport. Web:

http://www.onurair.com/default_eng.aspx

SunExpress From Izmir/Antalya/Germany/Holland/Austria to Gaziantep. Web:

<http://www.sunexpress.com/en>

Local Transportation

Local public transportation consists of midi buses (Dolmus) operating from 6.00 am to 23.00 pm. The price of a ticket (bilet) is 1.75 TL for students (0.50 EUR).

Taxis you take in town are equipped with a meter. One kilometer by a taxi costs around 2.00 TL (0.60 EUR).

Practical Information for International Students

Important phone numbers

If you have serious illness and you cannot get to a doctor yourself and when urgent assistance is required to prevent a dangerous deterioration of health or threat to life, call free of charge

(Landline or mobile telephone) **112**.

In case of fire call free of charge **110**.

When you need Police call **155** or Turkish Gendermarie **156** (in rural areas).

Banking

If you decide to open a bank account in Turkey or if you need banking services you can benefit from national and international banks in the city such as *Halkbank, İş Bankası, Ziraat Bankası, Vakıfbank, Garantibank, and Akbank*.

At the campus of Kilis 7 Aralık University, you will find 4 ATMs of different national and international banks. Bank working hours are generally from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. All banks have ATMs (cash dispensers) and foreign exchange desks where you can exchange your money.

Mobile Phone Services

In Turkey are main three mobile telephone networks. If you wish to have more information, please click their website below

Avea <http://www.avea.com.tr/>

Turkcell <http://www.turkcell.com.tr>

Vodafone <http://www.vodafone.com.tr/>

Some Ideas What to / What Not to Bring

- All papers related to your exchange program
- Passport
- Visa
- Insurance documents
- Pocket money
- Medicine
- Alarm Clock
- Driving License (if you have one)
- Camera
- Some snacks and drinks typical for your country
- A good sense of humour!...:)



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