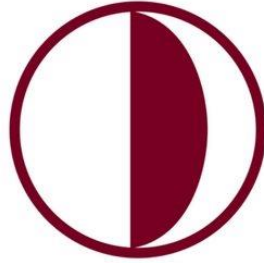


NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY



FACULTY OF TOURISM
GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2025-2026 Academic Year

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Dean's Message

Dear Students, Esteemed Academic and Administrative Staff,

Near East University, Faculty of Tourism, was established in 1994 under the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences as the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, and later continued its activities as the School of Tourism and Hotel Management. Today, the Faculty of Tourism offers education through 4 undergraduate, 3 associate degree, and 2 postgraduate programmes.

In line with its principles, Near East University's mission for the Faculty of Tourism is to train high-quality graduates equipped with fundamental knowledge, skills, and research techniques, ready to contribute to the tourism sector nationally and internationally. In light of this mission, our aim is to provide the sector with individuals who are highly competitive on national and international platforms and open to continuous learning. Our academic staff consists of young, dynamic experts who are at the forefront of current scientific publications in their fields, follow developments in the sector, and are competitive in a globalizing world, open to development and change. Our faculty has a dynamic structure where students and faculty members from different cultural and academic backgrounds come together. International students from various countries and our multidisciplinary academic staff contribute significantly to enriching our educational environment. This diversity provides our students with an integrated learning experience that enables them to interact on both a local and global scale.

In our faculty, where student-centered education is implemented, process-oriented education is adopted, and interactive methods such as case studies, field research, and group work are applied in our courses. Our undergraduate and associate degree programmes are equipped with practical applications as well as theoretical knowledge. In our Tourism and Hotel Management departments, our students have the opportunity to learn a second foreign language in addition to English. As the Faculty of Tourism, our curriculum is supported by computer programmes that are current and widely used in the sector, thanks to the technological capabilities offered by our university. In addition, our students have the opportunity to choose technical elective courses specific to their field in the areas they wish to specialize in. The ability of the programmes in our faculty to easily adapt to current developments and changes provides them with an advantage. Our students have the opportunity to undertake internships and part-time work at our university's hotel, restaurant, and travel agency. This allows our students to learn about the industry, gain professional experience, and enhance their competitiveness while also seeing their own personal development.

In order to contribute to our students' professional careers, events are organized in collaboration with the industry. Within the framework of industry-faculty cooperation, the aim is to guide our students towards their future careers. We would be delighted to welcome you as part of our faculty's qualified and inclusive structure, and we wish you a productive and successful new academic year.

Warm Regards,

Prof. Dr. Nesrin M. Bahçelerli

Dean of Faculty of Tourism

About Us

Near East University Faculty of Tourism was established in 1994 under the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences as Tourism and Hotel Management. Today, it offers associate degree, bachelor's degree and master's degree programmes in Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (Turkish, English), Tourism and Hotel Management (Turkish, English) and Culinary Arts.

The mission of the Faculty of Tourism is to equip graduates with fundamental knowledge, skills, and research techniques, enabling them to contribute to the tourism sector nationally and internationally. Our graduates are prepared to find employment in the constantly evolving tourism sector. Our graduates are equipped with fundamental knowledge, skills, and research techniques and can find employment in the constantly evolving and growing tourism sector.

Near East University, with its educational opportunities and strong teaching staff, has an international identity and a long-standing educational tradition. Since 1988, it has been a centre of education, science and culture. Near East University operates with an international and multicultural identity, offering world-class education and infrastructure alongside a competent teaching staff. Standing out as the Mediterranean's most important centre of science and culture, Near East University is committed to nurturing students into confident individuals who prioritise responsibility, are rational, creative, innovative, inquisitive, and possess free thinking.

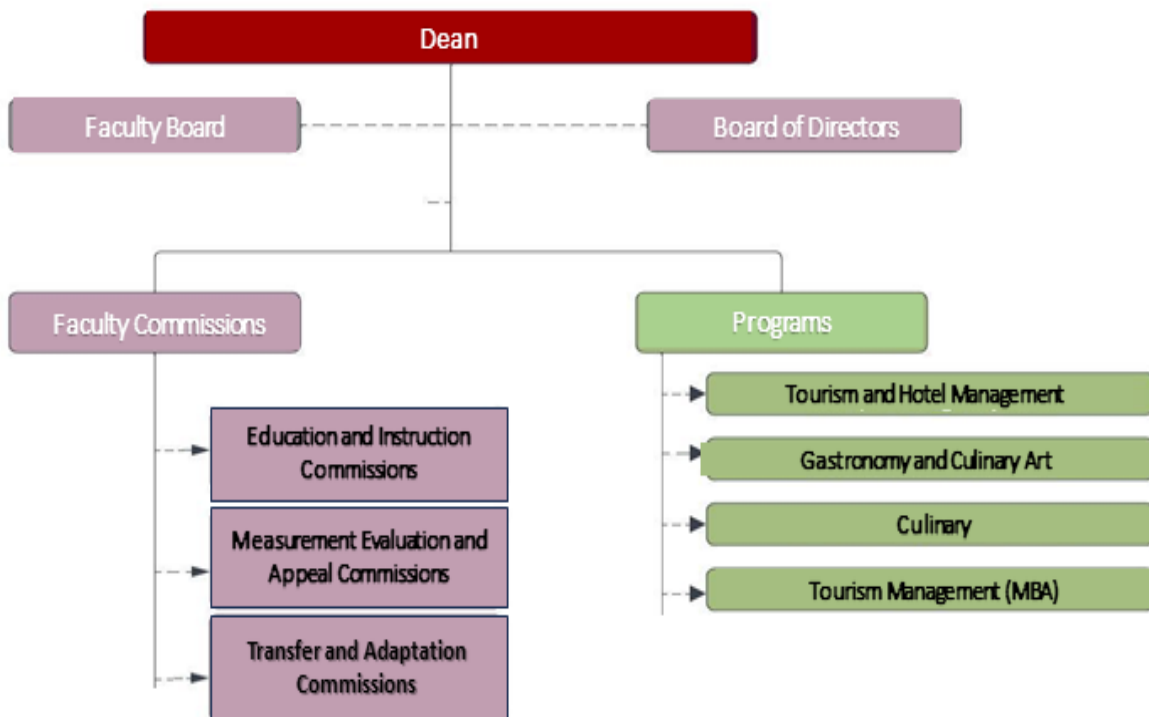
With this vision, Near East University has achieved significant success at an international level. In 2025, it ranked in the 601–800 band in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, maintaining its title as the 'best university in the TRNC' and consolidating its position among the top five in Turkey and the top three among foundation universities. US-based US News & World Report's 'Best Global Universities 2024–2025' list, Near East University ranks 689th globally, 7th in Turkey, and 1st in the TRNC.

According to THE's 2025 Impact Rankings, our university ranks 43rd globally for its work towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, 35th in the "Partnerships for the Goals" category, 48th in "Health and Well-being", 13th in "Quality Education", 15th in the field of 'Sustainable Cities and Communities,' and 57th in the field of 'Gender Equality.' Furthermore, in the field-based evaluation, it ranked in the 200–250 band for Physical Sciences, 250–300 for Computer Sciences, 300–400 for Engineering and Education, 500–600 for Social Sciences, Life Sciences 600–800, Medicine and Health 800–1000 bands. It has shared the title of 'best Turkish university' in Turkey and the TRNC, particularly in the fields of Physics and Computer Science.

The university has also secured a strong position among young universities in the THE World Young University Rankings (Young University Rankings 2024) for its performance in teaching, research and international outlook. The 2024 ranking results have demonstrated Near East University's young, dynamic and research-focused structure at an international level. In the 'Young University Rankings 2024' published by Times Higher Education (THE), our university, ranked 139th globally among universities under 50 years old, has emerged as one of the leading institutions among young universities.

Our university has also achieved significant success in the 2024 Subject Rankings published by Shanghai Ranking. Ranked among the top 400 universities worldwide in the field of Physics, Near East University is listed among Turkey's best universities in this field, alongside Boğaziçi University and Bilkent University. In the field of Mathematics, it ranked in the 401–500 band, placing it among the top three universities in Turkey. These rankings reflect Near East University's strong research infrastructure in the basic sciences, its qualified academic staff, and its globally recognised publication performance.

Faculty Organization Chart



Why Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department?

The Faculty of Tourism provides a high-quality educational environment for our valued students by offering programmes that are in line with contemporary requirements and are continuously updated, thanks to its competent and experienced academic staff.

The various undergraduate programmes and lateral transfer opportunities offered by the faculty allow you to discover your interests and talents, while contributing to your access to a wide range of careers at national and international levels after graduation.

Offering both Turkish and English as languages of instruction, our faculty's English-taught programmes prepare you for the global labor market and enhance your employment prospects in international institutions and organizations. Thanks to the strong communication mechanisms established between our academic and administrative staff and our students, you have the opportunity to directly convey any views, suggestions, and needs regarding the educational process to your advisors and faculty management.

Our faculty aims not only to support your academic development but also to empower you socially through organized social events and club activities. The faculty administration supports the entrepreneurial spirit of student clubs and contributes to the development of our students' leadership skills through social responsibility projects.

Furthermore, the peaceful campus life, combined with Near East University's modern infrastructure and Cyprus' cultural richness, offers a productive educational and living environment that will support your personal development.

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Gastronomy and Culinary Arts

Head of Department's Message

Dear Students,

In a dynamic era where economic boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred and competition is intensifying day by day in a globalising world, there is a growing need for visionary professionals who can communicate effectively with different cultures and are proficient in international tourism language and practices.

As the Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, our primary goal is to cultivate individuals who are knowledgeable, capable of analytical thinking, skilled in strategic planning, committed to ethical values, and highly aware of intercultural differences, thereby meeting these needs.

Throughout their academic life, our students not only acquire theoretical knowledge but also graduate with the skills to evaluate opportunities they may encounter in the business world, anticipate potential threats, and adapt quickly to changing conditions.

We are delighted to offer you a comprehensive education programme that aims to help you achieve these goals and is constantly updated in line with the requirements of the modern age. Supporting your academic and personal development throughout your studies will be our top priority.

Welcome to our department. I wish you a successful, productive and inspiring university life.

Warm regards,

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Program Information

Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts (4-year) (Bachelor's Degree) (English)

Degree Awarded

Students who successfully complete the programme are awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Gastronomy and Culinary Arts.

Admission Requirements

For international students;

- High school diploma (Admission of international students is based on their high school credentials.)
- Proof of English language proficiency

For Turkish Cypriot students;

- Admission of Turkish Cypriots is based on the Near East University Entrance and Placement exam.
- Proof of English Language proficiency is required.

Graduation Requirements and Regulations

129 Near East University Credits (Near East University Credit is contact hour based) which is total 240 ECTS credits must be completed after being successful in the courses to become a graduate of the political science department.

ECTS is a credit system designed to make it easier for students to move between different countries. Since they are based on the learning achievements and workload of a course, a student can transfer their ECTS credits from one university to another, so they are added up to contribute to an individual's degree programme or training. ECTS helps to make learning more student-centred. It is a central tool in the [Bologna Process](#), which aims to make national systems more compatible.

ECTS also helps with the planning, delivery and evaluation of study programmes, and makes them more transparent (http://ec.europa.eu/education/ects/ects_en.htm) .

Recognition of Prior Learning

At Near East University, full-time students may be exempted from certain courses in accordance with the relevant regulations. If a course previously completed at another higher education institution is deemed equivalent in content to a course offered at NEU, the student may be granted exemption upon evaluation of the course content and approval by the relevant faculty or institute.

Program Details

The overall objective of the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts programme is to equip students with fundamental knowledge, skills and research techniques, enabling them to become high-quality graduates who are ready to contribute to the tourism sector both nationally and internationally. Graduates will be able to perceive and interpret the changes and developments in the ever-growing global tourism sector, possess universal and ethical values, and be integrated with theory, practice and technology. They will be entrepreneurial, research-oriented, socially responsible, and prepared to contribute to the tourism sector. Equipped with fundamental knowledge, skills, and research techniques. The programme aims to provide students with theoretical knowledge as well as practical skills.

The educational process is supported by English language courses to help students develop their international communication skills, enabling them to graduate as individuals capable of playing an effective role in the global business environment. The courses offered within the programme are designed to cultivate individuals who closely follow technological developments and are particularly proficient in information and communication technologies.

Furthermore, fostering students to become individuals who can express themselves freely, possess advanced creative thinking skills, and have an entrepreneurial vision is among the programme's primary objectives.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Understands the fundamental concepts and information related to the field.
- Possesses professional oral and written communication skills.
- Acquires the knowledge and skills to become a qualified employee in public institutions and organisations and in the private sector related to the service and hospitality industry.
- Understands how planning, organization, leadership, and control mechanisms operate within an organizational structure.
- Has knowledge of management, organization, marketing, accounting and finance in the field of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts. Can evaluate concepts, ideas and data using scientific methods.
- Has knowledge of Turkish and world cuisine and applies the knowledge acquired.
- Has knowledge of table setting and serving techniques and applies the knowledge acquired.
- Possesses effective communication skills and can clearly convey their thoughts, problems, and solution methods in writing and verbally.
- Develops skills such as accessing and using accurate information, problem solving, analytical thinking, and decision making.
- Possesses knowledge of computer software and hardware at the level required by the field.
- Learns and applies cooking techniques and methods.
- They are knowledgeable about the characteristics and nutritional values of foods.
- In all their activities, they adhere to ethical values and, without deviating from social and universal values, use their knowledge in a respectful, accurate and safe manner towards the environment and individuals.
- They know how to access information in an ever-changing and globalizing world and embrace the philosophy of lifelong learning.

Program Structure

The Gastronomy and Culinary Arts undergraduate programme consists of a total of 240 ECTS credits and 129 credits across 50 courses. Excluding compulsory core courses and elective courses, there are at least 5 courses per semester. Each programme includes compulsory core courses determined by the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK) and other core courses determined by the University Senate.

Elective courses are offered each semester starting from the third year. Elective courses constitute 25% of the programme.

Each undergraduate programme includes at least 5 elective courses.

The four-year programme and elective course list are presented below:

Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department 4-year Course Program

1st Semester

COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN110		FOOD PRODUCTION I	1	2	3	5
CLN111		INTRODUCTION TO TOURISM	3	0	3	5
CLN115		INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS	3	0	3	5
MTH131		MATHEMATIC FOR HOSPITALTY INDUSTRY	3	0	3	4
CAR100		CAREER PLANNING	2	0	0	2
CAM100		CAMPUS ORIENTATION	2	0	0	2
ENT101		ENGLISH FOR TOURISM I	2	0	2	3
AIT103		HISTORY OF TURKISH REFORMS I	2	0	2	2
YIT101		TURKISH LANGUAGE	3	0	2	2
Toplam			21	2	18	30

2. Semester

COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN140	CLN110	FOOD PRODUCTION II	1	2	3	5
CLN141		BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION	3	0	3	3
CLN142		NUTRITION AND SANITATION	3	0	3	3
CLN145		INTRODUCTION TO GASTRONOMY	3	0	3	3
CHC100		CYPRUS HISTORY AND CULTURE	2	0	0	2
YIT102	YIT101	TURKISH LANGUAGE I	2	0	2	2
AIT104	AIT103	HISTORY OF TURKISH REFORMS I	2	0	2	2
ENT102	ENG102	ENGLISH FOR TOURISM II	3	0	2	3
GEC351/SEC351		21. CENTURY SKILLS	2	0	0	2
CLN100		SUMMER TRAINING I	0	0	0	5
Total			19	2	18	30

3. Semester

COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN240	CLN140	FOOD PRODUCTION III	1	2	3	5
CLN241		INTRODUCTION TO BEVERAGE	3	0	3	5
CLN245		LOCAL CUISINE I	1	2	3	5
CLN247		WORLD CUISINE I	1	2	3	5

CLN249		MENU PLANING AND DEVELOPING	3	0	3	5
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	5
Total					18	30
4. Semester						
COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN242		FOOD PRODUCTION IV	1	2	3	6
CLN243		INTRODUCTION TO MARKETING	3	0	3	6
CLN246	CLN245	LOCAL CUISINE II	1	2	3	6
CLN248	CLN247	WORLD CUISINE II	1	2	3	6
CLN264	CLN142	FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT	3	0	3	6
Total			9	6	15	30
5. Semester						
COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN310		ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR	3	0	3	6
CLN315	CLN126	BAKING AND PASTRY	1	2	3	6
CLN317		FOOD SERVİS MANAGEMENT	3	0	3	6
CLN318	CLN131	COST CONTROL	3	0	3	6
CLNXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
Toplam			13	2	15	30
6. Semester						
COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN321	CLN310	ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR	3	0	3	5
CLN340		BAKING AND PASTRY	3	0	3	5
CLN346		FOOD SERVİS MANAGEMENT	3	0	3	5
CLNXX		COST CONTROL	3	0	3	5
CLNXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	5
CLN200		ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR	0	0	0	5
Toplam			15	0	15	30
7. Semester						
COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLN417		FUNDEMENTALS OF FINANCE	3	0	3	6
CLN420		CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR IN TOURISM	3	0	3	6
CLNXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
CLNXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6

CLNXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
Total			15	0	15	30
8. Semester						
COURSE CODE		COURSE NAME	T	P	C	AKTS
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
CLNXXX		TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	3	0	3	6
Toplam			15	0	15	30

Additional Information

To graduate, a total of 129 credits (240 ECTS) must be completed. To achieve the total of 129 credits (240 ECTS), students must complete the compulsory courses and technical elective courses. Otherwise, they will not be considered to have fulfilled the graduation requirements of the programme.

A 70% attendance requirement applies to our programmes. Students who fail to meet the attendance requirement within the specified rules will receive an NA letter grade for the relevant course. The NA (Never Attended) grade is given to students who fail to meet the attendance requirements for a specified course and lose the right to participate in the end-of-term assessments. The NA grade is not included in the grade point average calculation. In the following term, the student will again be required to attend 70% of the course. The 70% attendance requirement does not apply to the retake of courses with an FF letter grade.

Important Notes on Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Gastronomy and Culinary Arts program are required to complete at least 12 elective courses to graduate. These courses must be selected from the approved list of electives provided within the program. Courses that are not included in this list will not be recognized as electives. The ECTS credit value of each elective course must be equal to or greater than the credit values specified in the curriculum.

Exam Regulations, Evaluation and Grading

At our university, student performance is generally assessed through in-person examinations, including a midterm exam and a final exam. However, in some courses, alternative assessment methods—such as project assignments, presentations, homework, quizzes, and group work—are also employed to encourage active participation and evaluate a range of skills.

The method of assessment for each course may vary depending on the nature of the course and the instructor's approach. Assessment criteria are communicated to students at the beginning of the semester and are clearly outlined in the course syllabus.

The final course grade is calculated based on the weighted average of all evaluations conducted throughout the term, including exams, assignments, and any additional components. Therefore, students are expected to actively engage not only in exams but in all forms of assessment during the semester. At Near East University, students receive one of the letter grades described below for each course, based on the assessment conducted by the course instructor. Each letter grade corresponds to a specific ECTS credit weight.

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90-100	AA	4.0	A
85-89	BA	3.5	B*
80-84	BB	3.0	B*
75-79	CB	2.5	C*
70-74	CC	2.0	C*
60-69	DC	1.5	D
50-59	DD	1.0	E
49-00	FF	0.0	F

To be considered successful in a course: Students in **Level 5 (Associate)** and **Level 6 (Bachelor's)** programs must receive at least a **DD.**, Students in **Level 7 (Master's)** programs must obtain at least a **CC.**, Students in **Level 8 (Doctoral)** programs must earn at least a **BB.** For non-credit courses not included in GPA calculations, students must receive an **S (Satisfactory)** grade.

In addition to local letter grades, each grade has an **ECTS equivalent**, which facilitates student mobility between institutions. The grading table above is used for all courses offered by Near East University.

Besides standard letter grades, the following special grades may also appear on student transcripts:

Grade Meaning

I	Incomplete
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
P	Successful Progress
NP	Not Successful Progress
EX	Exempt
NI	Not Included
W	Withdrawal
NA	Never Attended

I (Incomplete): Assigned to students who fail to complete course requirements due to a valid reason approved by the instructor. Students must fulfil all outstanding obligations within one week after the official grade submission deadline. In exceptional cases, the deadline may be extended up to two weeks before the start of the next

semester by the relevant academic board. Failure to meet the requirements within the given timeframe results in an automatic **FF** or **U** grade.

S (Satisfactory): Given to students who successfully complete non-credit courses.

U (Unsatisfactory): Given to students who fail non-credit courses.

P (Successful Progress): Assigned to students in courses with multi-semester requirements, where GPA is not calculated, and progress during the term is deemed satisfactory.

NP (Not Successful Progress): Assigned when expected progress is not achieved in multi-term courses that do not count toward GPA.

EX (Exempt): Given to students exempt from a specific course in the curriculum.

NI (Not Included): Indicates a course that is listed on the transcript but not included in the GPA calculation or official program requirements.

W (Withdrawal): Assigned when a student withdraws from a course between the 3rd and 10th week of the semester with approval from both their academic advisor and course instructor. Withdrawals are not allowed during the first two semesters. A student may withdraw from a maximum of **two courses** in associate programs and **four courses** in bachelor's programs. Courses with a prior **W** grade that did not affect the GPA cannot be withdrawn from again. The student must retake the course in the first term it is offered again.

NA (Never Attended): Given to students who fail to meet the minimum attendance requirement and lose the right to participate in final assessments. This grade is not included in the GPA.

On all student transcripts, both national letter grades and their corresponding ECTS equivalents are shown.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from this undergraduate program, students must meet the following requirements;

Successfully complete all courses in the curriculum with at least 240 ECTS credits and a minimum grade of DD/S and have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.00 out of 4.00.

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

	FALL TERM
July 01, 2025; Tuesday	Intern Rotations Commence for Year 6: Faculty of Medicine
September 08, 2025; Monday	Last Day for the 1st Payment of the Fees (Full Payments and 1st Instalment)
September 08, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5: Faculty of Medicine
September 08-12, 2025; Monday-Friday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
September 11-15, 2025; Thursday Monday	Activation of the Courses
September 08, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence for Years 1 and 2: Faculty of Medicine
September 15, 2025; Monday	English, Arabic and Turkish Proficiency Exams for Undergraduate Students
September 15-19, 2025; Monday-Friday	Course Registration
September 18, 2025; Thursday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Postgraduate Students
September 19, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
September 22, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
September 30, 2025; Tuesday	Exemption Exam for Common Courses (Courses in English)
October 02, 2025; Thursday	Exemption Exam for Common Courses (Courses in Turkish)
October 08, 2025; Wednesday	Last Day for the Payment of the 2nd Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)

	FALL TERM
October 08, 2025; Wednesday	Last Day for Changing the “I” (Incomplete) Grades for the Previous Term
October 10, 2025; Friday	Last Day for International Students to Withdraw
October 10, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop
October 24, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Late Registration
October 29, 2025; Wednesday	Public Holiday
November 07, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop for New International Students
November 08, 2025; Saturday	Last Day for the Payment of the 3rd Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
November 08-14, 2025; Saturday Friday	Mid-term Exams
November 15, 2025; Saturday	Public Holiday
November 17-21, 2025; Monday- Friday	English Preparatory School Module 1 Final Exams
December 08, 2025; Monday	Last Day for the Payment of the 4th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
December 08, 2025; Monday	Identification of Courses for the Following Academic Term and Commencement of the Work on the Timetable
December 19, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Withdrawal
December 23, 2025; Tuesday	Last Day for Entry of NA Grades into the System

	FALL TERM
December 25, 2025; Thursday	Administrative Holiday for Students
December 30, 2025; Tuesday	Last Day of Classes
January 01, 2026; Thursday	Public Holiday
January 02, 2026; Friday	Administrative Holiday for Students
January 05-14, 2026; Monday Wednesday	Final Exams
January 08, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for the Payment of the 2nd Instalment of the Fees (for 2 Instalments)
January 08, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for the Payment of the 5th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
January 12-18, 2026; Monday- Sunday	Semester break for Year 4: Faculty of Medicine
January 17, 2026; Saturday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
January 19-23, 2026; Monday- Friday	English Preparatory School Module 2 Final Exams
January 20-21, 2026; Tuesday Wednesday	Graduation Ceremonies
January 26-08 February 2026; Monday-Sunday	Semester break for Years 1, 2 and 3: Faculty of Medicine
February 02-08, 2026; Monday- Sunday	Semester break for Year 5: Faculty of Medicine

	SPRING TERM
January 29-30, 2026; Thursday-Friday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
February 02-03, 2026; Monday-Tuesday	Activation of the Courses
February 02-06, 2026; Monday-Friday	Diploma Distribution
February 04-06, 2026; Wednesday-Friday	Course Registration
February 05, 2026; Thursday	First English Language Proficiency Exam of the Semester for Postgraduate Students
February 06, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
February 06, 2026; Friday	English, Arabic and Turkish Proficiency Exams for Undergraduate Students
February 08, 2026; Sunday	Last Day for the Payment of the 6th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
February 09, 2026; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
February 16, 2026; Monday	Exemption Exams for Common Courses (Courses in English)
February 17, 2026; Tuesday	Exemption Exams for Common Courses (Courses in Turkish)
February 26, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for Changing the "I" (Incomplete) Grades for the Previous Term
February 27, 2026; Friday	Last Day for International Students to Withdraw
February 27, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop

	FALL TERM
March 06, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Late Registration
March 08, 2026; Sunday	Last Day for the Payment of the 7th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
March 19-22, 2026; Thursday-Sunday	Public Holiday
March 30, 2026; Monday	Last Day for Add/Drop for New International Students
April 06-April 11, 2026; Monday-Saturday	Mid-term Exams
April 06-April 10, 2026; Monday-Friday	English Preparatory School Module 3 Final Exams
April 08, 2026; Wednesday	Last Day for the Payment of the 8th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
April 23, 2026; Thursday	Public Holiday
May 01, 2026; Friday	Public Holiday
May 08, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Withdrawal
May 08, 2026; Friday	Identification of Courses for the Following Academic Term and Commencement of Work on the Timetable
May 19, 2026; Tuesday	Public Holiday
May 18, 2026; Monday	Last Day for Entry of NA Grades into the System
May 22, 2026; Friday	Last Day of Classes

	FALL TERM
May 22, 2026; Friday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine; Years 1, 2 and 3
May 27-31, 2026; Wednesday-Sunday	Public Holiday
June 01- 10, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Final Exams
June 05, 2026; Friday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine: Years 4 and 5
June 11, 2026; Thursday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 2
June 12, 2026; Friday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 1
June 12, 2026; Friday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 3
June 12, 2026; Friday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
June 12, 2026; Friday	Deadline for Summer School Applications
June 15, 2026; Monday	Applications for Re-sit Exams (Annual Programmes)
June 15-19, 2026; Monday-Friday	English Preparatory School Module 4 Final Exams
June 16-19, 2026; Tuesday-Friday	Re-sit Exams (Annual Programmes)
June 22, 2026; Monday	End of the Term (Last Day for the Submission of the Results of the Re-sit Exams)
June 22-26, 2026; Monday-Friday	Graduation Ceremonies
	SUMMER TERM

	SUMMER TERM
June 22-24, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
June 22-24, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Activation of the Courses
June 24, 2026; Wednesday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Postgraduate Students
June 24-26, 2026; Wednesday-Friday	Course Registration
June 26, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
June 26, 2026; Friday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Undergraduate Students
June 29, 2026; Monday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 6
June 29, 2026; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
July 20, 2026; Monday	Public Holiday
August 01, 2026; Saturday	Public Holiday
August 07, 2026; Friday	Last Day of Classes (including the Preparatory Schools)
August 10-15, 2026; Monday-Saturday	Final Exams (including the Preparatory Schools)
August 17, 2026; Monday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
August 18, 2026; Tuesday	End of Term
August 24-28, 2026; Monday-Friday	Diploma Distribution

Registration and Admission Procedures

International Student Affairs is in the Faculty of Communication building and is open from Monday to Friday, between 08:00 and 17:00. Students can obtain information about faculties, complete registration procedures, and request documents such as exam entrance certificates, student certificates, and transcripts from the International Student Affairs Office.

Course Registration

Course registration is conducted online each semester. After completing the semester tuition payment, students can register for their courses via the online system at <http://ogrsis.neu.edu.tr>.

To access this system, each student is provided with a student ID number and a personal password by the faculty secretary. After selecting their courses through the system, students must also obtain approval from their academic advisors via the same platform.

The registration process is also outlined on the university's official website. However, students who have not paid their tuition fees or submitted their payment receipts to the Student Affairs Office will not be able to proceed with online registration. Final approval of course registration is completed by the academic advisors of the department.

Additionally, students may complete course registration by meeting in person with their academic advisors within their departments. During the registration period, as indicated in the academic calendar, students are expected to consult with their advisors for course selection and academic guidance.

Add/Drop and Withdrawal

Each semester, specific Add/Drop and Course Withdrawal dates are determined and announced in the academic calendar. During this period, students can attend their registered courses and, if they wish, make changes by adding or dropping courses. All course withdrawal, course change, or course addition procedures must be completed within the dates specified in the academic calendar. Students must consult with their academic advisors to carry out the requested changes.

Lateral and Vertical Transfers

Students who wish to apply for a lateral or vertical transfer must apply to the Student Affairs Office. After the application is approved, the student must provide an official transcript from their previous university to the department they have been admitted to. Before the student begins their education, the Department Head/Dean and the assigned academic advisor will evaluate whether the courses previously taken are equivalent to the courses in the current program.

For students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye, the rules regarding transfers to Near East University can be reviewed at the following links in accordance with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and university regulations:

<http://www.yok.gov.tr/4767>

<https://neu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/29/YDU-Yatay-Gecis-Yonetmeligi-29.05.2023.pdf>

Communication with Academic Staff

Subject	Description
Course Materials and Content	All course materials, weekly content, and announcements are shared via the UZEBIM platform: https://uzebim.neu.edu.tr/
Email Communication	You can contact academic staff through their institutional email addresses .
Face-to-Face Meetings	You can meet with academic staff during their office hours , which are posted on their office doors in the faculty building.
Academic Staff Information	CVs and contact information of academic staff are available at: https://turizm.neu.edu.tr/kisiler/akademik-personel/

Class Attendance and Excused Absences

Students are required to attend at least 70% of the total course hours for each course. If a student is unable to attend an exam, they must submit their medical report (issued by Near East University Hospital or a state hospital) within 3 working days following the exam date. Otherwise, the student will lose the right to take the make-up exam.

Students are responsible for following the make-up exam schedule through the university's announcements page or the instructor's personal page. If a student misses a previously announced make-up exam without valid excuse, they will lose the right to take that exam.

International Student Office

Near East University International Student Office provides support and counselling in the educational and social lives of foreign students studying at our university, from registration to graduation. International Student office ensure that international students who study at our university return to their countries fully equipped with good memories and that more students from these countries apply to our university.

International Student Office Working Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:00 – 17:00.

Closed on official holidays.

International Student Office Contact Information:

Director of International Student Office: Asst. Prof. Dr. Rana Serdaroglu

Phone: 0392 223 6464

E-Mail: rana.serdaroglu@neu.edu.tr

Campus Life

Library

Located directly across from the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences building, the Grand Library features over 1,000,000 open-shelf books, 150 million electronic journals, 7,000 DVDs, 17 film viewing booths, 12 individual and group study rooms, 4 lecture halls with 1,000 seats, a theatre hall with a capacity of 350, a cafeteria for 600, and 600 study desks. This makes it a world-class cultural and information-access centre. The library is open 24/7 and is free of charge. The information centre, equipped with the latest digital technologies, is accessible from anywhere via the internet. Students can also access information throughout the campus via wireless internet.

Social Activities and Student Clubs

Students can participate in various activities throughout their studies, including university-sponsored conferences and club activities that encourage social engagement. Some active clubs include the Tourism Club, Nature and Sports Club, Scientific Research and Health Club, Theatre Club, Photography Club, and Tango Club. For more information, visit:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampusteyasam/sosyal-ve-kulturel-kulupler/>

The campus also features the country's first and only Olympic Indoor Swimming Pool, covering 2,700 m², with a height of 16 meters, dimensions of 50 x 21 meters, 3,100 tons of water capacity, central heating, 1,000 spectator seats, and diving towers at 3, 5, 7, and 10 meters. Swimming courses are offered in both summer and winter.

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampusteyasam/olimpik-kapali-yuzme-havuzu/>

Psychological Counselling Services

Since 1995, the university has offered free psychological counselling. The Counselling Centre is located on the first floor of the Faculty of Tourism building. It operates by appointment and is open weekdays from 09:00–13:00 / 14:00–16:00.

Office of the Dean of Students

This office aims to provide an integrated university life where students and alumni feel supported in all aspects of their personal, cultural, social, and professional development. The Dean of Students offers various services and programs to support academic and personal growth, instilling a sense of confidence in students as they prepare for life beyond graduation.

Units under the Dean of Students include Student Counselling and Communication Unit, Psychological Counselling Unit, Student Activities Unit, NEU ideas Unit, Career Planning Unit, Social Responsibility Projects Unit, Students with Disabilities Unit, Alumni Affairs Unit. If you require support in accessing courses due to a disability, please contact the Accessible Support Unit: engelsiz@neu.edu.tr

Student Counselling and Communication Unit

In cases where students face unexpected or uncontrollable circumstances that affect their academic responsibilities, they can submit petitions through the online system or via email for issues such as refunds, academic matters, job applications, accommodation, or financial concerns: petitions@neu.edu.tr

Sports Facilities

The university offers a wide range of modern sports facilities to promote a healthy lifestyle among students, staff, and faculty. Facilities include an Olympic swimming pool, tennis courts, football fields, gymnastics halls, and both indoor and outdoor sports complexes.

Our Olympic Indoor Swimming Pool has a 1,000-seat capacity, modern amenities, and a café. Activities such as water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming, as well as swimming lessons, are regularly held. The Sports Tower is a high-tech fitness centre for all age groups, offering classes and sessions in: Fitness, Step, Aerobics, Spinning, TRX, Kangoo Jumps, Pilates, Yoga, Boxing, Karate, Dance education, Nutrition & diet services, with special sections for children and women. RA25 Sports Hall hosts competitions in basketball, handball, volleyball, and badminton, and functions as a venue for ceremonies and concerts with its advanced sound system.

For more details:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/spor/>
<https://neu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/21/spor-kule-brosur-21.12.18.pdf>

Atatürk Culture and Congress Centre (AKKM)

This state-of-the-art venue hosts national and international congresses, seminars, conferences, and cultural events. It features various-sized meeting halls, modern audiovisual equipment, and spaces for art exhibitions, concerts, theatre performances, and more — enhancing campus life through arts and culture.

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/ataturk-kultur-ve-kongre-merkezi/>

Restaurants and Cafeterias

The campus features a wide range of food and beverage outlets, including the Main Cafeteria, Faculty Cafeteria, Hospital Cafeteria, and others with a total service capacity of 4,500 people. Across campus, there are 22 cafes and restaurants offering healthy, affordable meals, with options for vegetarians and vegans.

Some of the dining facilities include:

Cafe Hastane 1 & 2, Cafe Bigla, Cafe Dental, Cafe Ecza, Cafe Saray, Chicken House, Cafe Library, Cafe Bridge, Cafe Veterinerlik, Gusto Cafe, Cafe Sağlık, Vitamin Cafe, Cafe 535, Cafe AKKM, Book Cafe, Cafe Laundry, Hospital Restaurant, Kebap House, Pizza Pizza, The Kaffo, Bakery & Patisserie, and the 9th Floor Restaurant.

For more information:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/kantin-ve-kafeteryalar/>

Market & Supermarket

IKAS Supermarket

Located on our campus, IKAS Supermarket serves campus residents with a wide range of products and extended working hours to meet all their daily needs. Additionally, there is a branch of IKAS Supermarket located under Dormitory Building 1, designed to serve students' essential needs.

Working Hours:

Weekdays/Weekends: 07:30 – 22:00

IKAS Supermarket Express

IKAS Supermarket Express, located within the Near East Campus at Near East Fuel Station, is open 24/7. Discounts available to Near East Group employees are also valid at this location.

NEU Event Park Drift Area

For those seeking speed, control, and excitement, NEU Event Park Drift Area offers an unforgettable driving experience. Under the supervision of two expert instructors, you will not only learn how to drift, but also improve your safe and effective driving techniques. Tire and fuel costs are included in the training packages. Each session lasts 30 minutes.

NEU Event Park offers 4 different training packages, tailored to various expectations. There is even a special course for young car enthusiasts: children aged 6–12 can participate in a manual driving course designed especially for them. For international visitors, accelerated 3-lesson programs are available to help them quickly learn the basics of drifting. Upon successful completion of the training program, a certificate of participation is awarded to all participants (excluding tourist guests and children's courses). The drift area can also host special events such as birthday parties and concerts.

Working Hours:

- Weekdays: 16:00 – 21:00
- Weekends: 09:00 – 21:00 Flexible closing hours are available for special events or upon request.

For detailed information about packages and pricing: Phone: +90 548 821 21 24

Accessible Cinema Hall

The newly renovated “Accessible Cinema” Hall at the Faculty of Communication, Near East University, offers a modern and inclusive experience for cinema enthusiasts and event participants. Originally launched in 1997 with the support of Telsim, the hall has recently undergone a comprehensive renovation and is now more equipped and comfortable than ever.

The Accessible Cinema features 40 fixed seats, with a flexible setup that can accommodate up to 60 people when needed. It is equipped with a state-of-the-art projection system compatible with all types of computers and has a powerful sound system to ensure an enhanced audio experience.

One of the hall's most significant features is its fully accessible ramp, which provides seamless access from the outside entrance to the seating area, allowing individuals with disabilities to enjoy events without barriers. In addition to film screenings, the Accessible Cinema is also physically suited for mini workshops and various events.

IKAS Patisserie & Bakery

One of the most popular spots on the Near East University campus, IKAS Patisserie & Bakery welcomes guests with a delightful atmosphere and a wide variety of delicious offerings. The venue has a total seating capacity of 40 people, including 20 indoor and 20 outdoor seats, allowing visitors to enjoy their time both inside and in the open air. In addition to meeting the university's in-house needs for cakes, pastries, savoury snacks, desserts, and ice cream, IKAS Patisserie & Bakery also serves fresh and tasty products to external guests. Soon, it plans to expand its kitchen and begin producing its own bread. For those focused on healthy living, specially made diet desserts and drinks designed for pre- and post-workout consumption will also be available.

With an extensive menu of hot and cold beverages, the patisserie caters to all tastes and also takes custom orders for birthday cakes and special celebrations. The outdoor garden area has been designed to offer enjoyment all year round — cool shaded areas in summer, and warm cozy spots with stoves in winter. Parking is available for guests, and the venue especially welcomes those seeking a peaceful breakfast experience on weekends. On Saturdays and Sundays, rich classic and English breakfast options are served until noon — a perfect way to start your day!

Opening Hours: Weekdays / Weekends: 07:00 – 01:00

Photocopy Services

Near East University offers photocopying and printing services at various locations across campus for students and staff. These service centres aim to provide fast and reliable solutions for educational and academic needs. Photocopy centres are available in faculties with high printing demands, such as the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Education. These centres offer specialized printing services, including large-format AutoCAD printouts for architecture students. Additionally, thesis binding services are available for students preparing their theses. Along with basic services like photocopying and printing, document scanning and various binding options are also provided. A stationery shop within the Near East University Library offers services such as photocopying and thesis binding.

Cyprus Printing Global

Hospital Branch: +90 546 990 01 03

Education Palace Branch: +90 546 990 01 04

Architecture Faculty Branch: +90 546 990 01 05

Nuroğlu Stationery (Library): +90 533 866 89 36

Bank & ATM

On campus, you will find branches of Near East Bank and Türkiye İş Bankası, as well as an ATM for Ziraat Bankası. These banking services are conveniently located to ensure that both students and staff can easily carry out their financial transactions.

Post Office

The Post Office at Near East University provides postal services to all students and staff. It is located on campus for easy access to both send and receive mail.

Location: Ground Floor, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Near East Fuel Station

The on-campus fuel station provides university staff with a fast and convenient way to meet their fuel needs. In addition, all Near East University employees can benefit from discounted fuel services by using the Near East Fuel Discount Card. For more information about Near East Fuel Station, please visit the official website: <https://yakindoguakaryakit.com/>

Useful Phone Numbers

For more details about telephone contacts at Near East University and to find the phone numbers for specific departments or services, please visit the university's official website: <https://neu.edu.tr/telefon-rehberi/>

Campus Traffic Rules and Safety

Near East University's campus is subject to specific traffic rules to ensure the **safety and comfort** of students, staff, and visitors. These rules are **monitored 24/7** by NEU personnel, and **penalties may be applied** in case of violations. A full understanding and application of these rules contribute to creating a safer and more orderly campus environment.

Traffic Flow and Right of Way: Traffic on the NEU campus flows in the left lane. Therefore, drivers must keep left and follow the right-of-way rules to ensure smooth traffic movement.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Priority Campus: Please give priority to pedestrians and cyclists in crosswalks and designated bike lanes. Slow down and proceed with caution in these areas to ensure safety.

Speed Limit: The maximum speed limit on campus is 40 km/h. Adhering to this limit significantly reduces the risk of accidents and enhances overall safety.

Horn and Loud Music: Using car horns and playing loud music is prohibited on campus. Following this rule helps maintain a peaceful environment for everyone.

Traffic Signs and Directions: Traffic signs and directional markers are placed throughout the campus to support safe and orderly traffic flow. Please always follow these signs.

Routes and Parking Areas: Use designated driving routes and park only in designated areas in accordance with the campus parking regulations. This ensures safety and avoids traffic disruption.

Monitoring and Security: Traffic rules are regularly monitored by security personnel. Please follow their instructions and do not hesitate to ask for help if needed. Adhering to safety measures ensures a smooth and respectful traffic environment for all. By respecting these rules, we can collectively contribute to a safer and more peaceful campus.

Transportation Services

Near East University provides its staff with comfortable and free transportation options, ensuring easy access to both the campus and surrounding areas. The university's transportation services cover routes that are scheduled according to class and work hours. Free university buses departing from the campus and heading to various regions and the city centre offer a wide transportation network. This service aims to reduce vehicle usage and promote environmentally friendly shared transport. Free transportation services are a significant support in facilitating the daily lives of staff.

Campus–Nicosia and Nicosia–Campus Routes: Shuttle services between the campus and Nicosia operate from 06:45 AM to 10:15 PM. These reciprocal services allow our staff to travel comfortably and safely between the campus and Nicosia. The routes cover a wide area. Detailed information about transportation services and routes is available on the university's website: <https://bus.neu.edu.tr/>

Intercity Free Shuttle Services: Near East University offers free shuttle services for staff commuting from regions such as Kyrenia (Girne), Famagusta (Mağusa), and Güzelyurt. These services are organized to ensure staff can reach the campus comfortably.

In-Campus Shuttles: Within the campus, there is a free shuttle service between the residential area and faculties or other administrative units. These shuttles facilitate quick and easy access across campus.

Walking Distance Accessibility: The Near East University campus is designed to allow safe walking access to most places. Classrooms, the library, the dining hall, and other key facilities are located within short walking distances. The campus design promotes physical activity and minimizes the need for motor vehicles. Additionally, the university provides alternative eco-friendly transport options such as bicycles and electric scooters for staff use.

By offering these transportation options, Near East University enables its staff to easily access campus events and resources. It supports its personnel in maintaining a productive work-life balance through a safe and extensive transportation network across its large campus area.

Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Department | Student Information Handbook

2025–2026 Academic Year

Who ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU?

- Faculty Established Year: 1994
- Department Established: 2024
- Aim: To be an internationally recognized and accredited faculty
- Programs: 4 Bachelor's degrees, 3 Associate degrees, 2 Master's degrees
- Education Language: Turkish and English
- Student Number: +500

GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY DEPARTMENT

- Head of Department: Prof. Dr. Nesrin M. Bahçelerli
- Contact: nesrin.menemenci@neu.edu.tr
- Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Arts
- Total Credit: 240 ECTS, 129 Credits
- Elective Courses: At least 12 elective courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- To complete all courses with at least a DD/S letter grade
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): At least 2.00 / 4.00
- 70% class attendance requirement
- 12 elective course must be taken

REGISTRATION & ADMISSION PROCEDURES

1. Pay the tuition fee
2. Register for courses via ogrsis.neu.edu.tr
3. Get advisor approval
4. If necessary, make changes during the “add/drop” week

CONTACT

- Deanship: 90 (392) 223 64 64 – 5246, hukukfakultesi.dekanlik@neu.edu.tr
- International Student Office: 0392 223 6464, beliz.ozdiren@neu.edu.tr, buse.kocak@neu.edu.tr

MORE INFORMATION

- Faculty Web: <https://turizm.neu.edu.tr/>
- UZEBİM Platform: <https://uzebim.neu.edu.tr>

CAMPUS LIFE

-  Library: Open 7/24 open, 1 million books, 150 million digital resource
-  Dining: 22 restaurant & cafe, vegan/vegetarian menu
-  Sport: Olympic pool, yoga, fitness, dietitian support
-  Psychological Counseling: Free, appointment-based system

DO NOT FORGET!

- At Near East University, education is not only academic; it's an integrated journey of social, cultural, and personal development. Let this brochure be your guide as you take your first steps!