Welcome!

We are delighted that you have chosen Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University for your exchange program and can’t wait to welcome you and share all Istanbul and the University has to offer!

We hope that after reading the Guide you will feel prepared and, most of all, excited about your upcoming exchange at Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University! If you have any questions at any stage please do not hesitate to contact the International Exchange Programs Office (IPO) by email at erasmus@fsm.edu.tr

We very much look forward to welcoming you here.

Best wishes

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About The University

‘From the Depths of History to the Far-reaching Horizons of Science and Art’

Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University (FSMVU) is a higher education institute, established in 2010 by the Republic of Turkey General Directorate of Foundations whose goal is to be at the forefront of Turkish higher education and research. The university is subsidized by the famously old Fatih Sultan Mehmet waqf (charitable trust), which was founded in 1471 by Sultan Mehmet II The Conqueror of Istanbul himself in order to preserve and protect the Hagia Sofia mosque, which was later expanded to provide funding for education and has continued to provide funds for learning since then. We feel privileged to have our origins in such a venerable academic heritage and strive to carry this tradition further by combining traditional education with contemporary knowledge. And continuing this tradition the Board of Trustees of FSMVU provides varying amounts of scholarships to all students who attend FSMVU.

The University is located in the historical peninsula of Istanbul, at the heart of the city in buildings whose history date back to earlier centuries of the Ottoman Istanbul. This gives a very unique edge to our mission. We are constantly aware of occupying an important place at a point where daily life intertwines with culture, history and art. We hope to be a meeting point for higher education in the same way and we welcome all students, academicians and cooperation with other higher education institutions.
İSTANBUL
Rumelian Fortress (Rumeli Hisarı)

It is a fortress located in Sarıyer on the European side. It was built by the Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II between 1451 and 1452, before he conquered Constantinople. The three great towers were named after three of Mehmed II’s viziers, Sadrazam Çandarlı Halil Pasha, who built the big tower next to the gate, Zağanos Pasha, who built the south tower, and Sarıca Pasha, who built the north tower.

Anatolian Fortress (Anadolu Hisarı)

The fortress is situated on the Asian shore of the Bosphorus, the sole outlet of the Black Sea, and it was built by Sultan Bayezid in 1390-91. Next to it there is a stream running into the sea. Together with the Rumelian Fortress on the opposite side, it ensured full control over the traffic in the Bosphorus. This small fortress creates a picturesque scene with the old wooden houses leaning on its walls and its green surroundings. The Kanlıca district, a little further up the Bosphorus, is famous for its seaside cafes and yogurt. The Asian towers of the Fatih Bridge rises in this district.
Hagia Sophia (Ayasofya)

Is a former Greek Orthodox patriarchal basilica (church), later an imperial mosque, and now a museum (Ayasofya Müzesi) in Istanbul, Turkey. From the date of its construction in 537 until 1453, it served as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral and seat of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, except between 1204 and 1261, when it was converted to a Roman Catholic cathedral under the Latin Empire. The building was a mosque from 29 May 1453 until 1931. It was then secularized and opened as a museum on 1 February 1935.

The Bosphorus (Bogaziçi)

is a strait that forms part of the boundary between Europe and Asia. The Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara, and the Dardanelles strait to the southwest together form the Turkish Straits. The world's narrowest strait used for international navigation, the Bosphorus connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara (which is connected by the Dardanelles to the Aegean Sea, and thereby to the Mediterranean Sea). It is one of the defining characteristics of Istanbul making it one of the most beautiful cities in the world.
The city’s most unexpectedly romantic attraction, the Basilica Cistern, offers an insight into the complicated system that once brought drinking water into Istanbul from Thrace. Constructed in the sixth century and then forgotten for centuries, the cistern that once stored the water has been fitted with lights and music. Fish flitter around the bases of the 336 columns that support the ceiling. Don’t miss the upside-down head of Medusa that forms the bottom of one column, proof that Byzantine builders saw Roman relics as little more than reusable rubble.

Topkapı Palace

If there is one absolute must-see in Istanbul, it has to be the Topkapı Palace, home to generations of sultans and their wives, who were closeted in the famous harem. A collection of lush green courtyards and delicate kiosks, the Topkapı boasts a treasury to put the crown jewels in the shade, as well as views to die for over the Sea of Marmara, Bosphorus and Golden Horn. The secretive harem – really just the family quarters – is a warren of lushly-tiled rooms wrapped round a gem of a Turkish bath. Try to visit on a day when no cruise ship is in town to avoid the worst of the crowds.
Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii)

Facing Aya Sofya across a small park and mirroring its domed silhouette, the early 17th-century Blue Mosque is one of only a handful of mosques in the world to boast six minarets. Is it really blue? Well, not noticeably, although all the walls are papered with fine İznik tiles. To view it as the architect, Sedefkar Mehmed Aga, originally intended, enter via what looks like the side entrance from the Hippodrome. Afterwards, pop your head into a building the size of a small mosque on the corner of the complex. This houses the tomb of Sultan Ahmed I, the man who gave his name to both the mosque and the neighborhood.

Istanbul Archaeology Museum

Walk to Istanbul's three-in-one equivalent of the British Museum via the grounds of Topkapı Palace or through Gülhane Park. If time is tight, go straight to the large porticoed building housing the glorious sarcophagus of Alexander which depicts scenes from the life of Alexander the Great in vivid 3D. Kids will love the model Trojan Horse in the children’s section. Then pop into the lovely Tiled Pavilion, one of the city's oldest Ottoman structures, beautifully restored to show off its finest ceramics. Finally, catch a glimpse of a peace treaty from 1269 BC preserved in the part of the museum nearest to the gate.
Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum

Housed in what was originally the palace of Ibrahim Pasha, a favorite grand vizier of Suleiman the Magnificent, and overlooking the Hippodrome where Byzantine lovers of chariot racing once brought the same passion to their sport as modern Turks do to football, this museum houses a magnificent collection of gigantic carpets from all over the country. Its basement features reconstructions of everything from a fully-fitted nomad tent to a grand interior from a 19th-century Bursa mansion. Don’t leave without trying a thick black Turkish coffee in the pretty cafe in the grounds.

Süleymaniye Mosque

Unmissable as you stand on the busy Galata Bridge and look up at the city’s historic skyline is the mosque designed by the great Ottoman architect Sinan for Suleiman the Magnificent. Newly restored to its original splendor, it is generally regarded as the finest of the 42 surviving mosques he designed for Istanbul. Unusually, it retains much of the original complex of social service buildings that came attached to it, including several madrasahs, a hospital, a library and a Turkish bath.
Istanbul is a city that cries out to be viewed from on high, and you can get a bird’s-eye view of everything from the balcony at the top of the Galata Tower in Beyoğlu, the modern part of old Istanbul that, in pre-Republican days, was home to the city’s foreign residents. Built in 1348, the tower once formed part of a sub-city belonging to the Genoese that stretched right down to the Bosphorus. In a footnote to aviation history, it was from this tower that Hezârfen Ahmed Çelebi flew across the Bosphorus from Europe to Asia in 1638, thus inaugurating the first ever intercontinental flight.

Taksim is the heartbeat of Istanbul nightlife and a main tourist attraction during the day. Closed off to most traffic, Taksim is wall-to-wall restaurants, stores, bars, specialty shops and more. Be sure to check out the Tunnel (Tünel).

NOTE: Taksim is the main location for protests in Istanbul and as such please take caution at times.
Dolmabahçe Palace (Dolmabahçe Sarayı)

located in the Beşiktaş district of Istanbul, Turkey, on the European coastline of the Bosphorus strait, served as the main administrative center of the Ottoman Empire from 1856 to 1922. The palace commands a nice view right on the Bosphorus and its gardens are very pretty, especially in spring and summer. The founder of Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk passed away in this palace on November 10, 1938 at 9.05 AM.

The Grand Bazaar (Kapalıçarsı)

It is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 3,000 shops that are always filled with crowds who not only come to shop but to window-shop carpets, jewelry, leathers, handcrafts, home decoration items and many more.
It is one of the largest bazaars in the city. Located in the Eminönü quarter of the Fatih district. This bustling marketplace was constructed in the 1660s as part of the New Mosque complex, with rents from the shops going to support the upkeep of the mosque and its charitable activities. It was called the Egyptian Market because it was famous for selling goods shipped in from Cairo.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO)

International Exchange/Credit Mobility/Internship programs and summer school activities are carried out by the “FSMVU-International Programs Office (IPO)” within the scope of international programs at our university.

ERASMUS+ & GLOBAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

**Erasmus+** is a European Union program that promotes and provides grants for the exchange of students and academics and encourages them to gain experience in different countries through cooperation between higher education institutions.

With our bilateral agreements with universities located in the European Union, our students can spend part of their education life in a different country and have the chance to acquire new experiences by recognizing different cultures.

Additionally, our students can apply for the Erasmus+ grant program through IPO for an internship in one of the EU countries for up to 2 months.

**Global Exchange Programs** include international student mobility that can be conducted for at least 1 to a maximum of 2 academic semesters at institutions with bilateral agreements outside of the EU. Global Exchange Programs do not provide grants for student mobility.

**Incoming Exchange Student Application**

1. All international students studying under the Erasmus+ Exchange Program or from Non-Erasmus Exchange Partner school and any other Bilateral Exchange Agreement with our partner universities all over the world are considered incoming students.

2. Students who wish to come to FSMVU within the framework of exchange programs fill in the form that they will obtain from the International Programs Office website, fills it in, and sends digital form completed, signed, scanned to FSMVU International Programs Office via the related office before the deadline.

3. Applicants must have minimum GPA of 2.20 for undergraduate students and 2.50 for master’s and doctorate students in the academic year in which they submit their applications.
The documents you need to attach to the application form are the following:

1. **Transcript of Records**
   This document must contain a list of all courses you have taken to date at your home university and the grades you have received. Documents can be presented in English and must be stamped and signed by officials at your home university.

2. **Proposal of Learning Agreement (study plan)**
   This form specifies the courses which you apply to at the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University and/or the thesis you would like to carry out at our Institution. Please note that your application is a preliminary Learning Agreement. The chosen courses will be confirmed/modified together with your Academic Departmental Coordinator at FSMVU at your arrival. You can find a template of the proposal of learning agreement: [http://bit.ly/2veXFVz](http://bit.ly/2veXFVz) for Erasmus students; or [http://bit.ly/2wuLb0b](http://bit.ly/2wuLb0b) for Global Exchange students.

3. **Copy of passport or and ID card; only the page with photo and personal page.**

4. **Two (2) photographs**

5. **Confirmation Letter from your Home University:**

**Deadline for Nomination and Application**

**Incoming Exchange Students**

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Please note that it will not be possible to complete the Application Form after the above deadlines.
Acceptance as an International Exchange Student

To be accepted as an exchange student, the following requirements must be previously fulfilled:

1. First of all, incoming students selected to study at the FSMVU have to be nominated by e-mail to: vaghayeva@fsm.edu.tr / erasmus@fsm.edu.tr by their Home University with their e-mail addresses (our main method of communication with students).

Once the institutions have officially nominated their candidates, selected students will receive an email with application forms, as well as some instructions about the procedure to follow. We kindly request you to complete and sign forms, and send application documents.

2. FSMVU can only accept the number of students according to the bilateral agreements and previously agreed on with our partner institutions.

3. The minimum period of stay at the FSMVU will be 4.5 months. This is the period necessary to complete the administrative and academic requirements.

International Exchange Students should:

- Read carefully the instructions in the Incoming Students Info Guide, and fill in and send the application form and following documentation duly filled in and endorsed by your home university’s authorities. Academic calendar for 2017/2018 [https://goo.gl/55XCrA](https://goo.gl/55XCrA)

Please, note that the courses program for academic year 2017-18 will be announced and the website will be updated accordingly. You will also be notified by email.
Acceptance Letter

Once we have received your application form, it will be sent to the relevant departments for approval. You will receive a confirmation email (Acceptance Letter) from our Office offering you a place at FSMVU as an Exchange student.

Orientation Day

To help you get settled during your first days in Istanbul and to learn more about our university, we have designed a special orientation programme.

The Orientation Days take place at the beginning of each semester: in September and February.
MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM CREDITS PERMITTED

In accordance with the European Commission and the new System of European Credit Transfer, exchange students accepted by the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University are obliged to take no more than 60 credits for a full year and 30 credits for one semester.

- 30 ECTS credits for one semester.
- 60 ECTS credits for a full year.

Note: As an exception FSMVU offers you the flexibility to slightly increase this amount and allows taking in the enrolment 35 (one semester) and 65 (full year) credits in those cases where it is necessary.

Your home institution sets the policy regarding the award of credit for coursework completed on an international exchange. You are responsible for knowing your home institutions policies and procedures regarding this matter.
The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University grading system for individual exams is based on a percentage scale (passing grade is 60/100).

Students receive a letter grade granted to them by the course instructor dependent on their success in each course taken. Passing grades and coefficients are as follows:

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- Students who receive a [DC] or [DD] grade in a course are considered passed on a conditional basis.
- Students who receive an [FD] or [FF] grade in a course are considered failed and the grades are counted towards their Cumulative GPA.
- Students who receive a [DZ] grade in a course are considered failed due to lack of attendance and the grades are counted towards their Cumulative GPA. The grade is evaluated in the same way as an [FF] grade.
- Students who receive a [YT] (Yeterli/Sufficient) grade in some courses and/or educational activities are considered passed/sufficient but the grade does not count towards their Cumulative GPA.
- Students who receive a [YZ] (Yetersiz/Insufficient) grade in some courses and/or educational activities are considered failed/insufficient but the grade does not count towards their Cumulative GPA.
LEARNING TURKISH

Language Courses During the Semester

(A1 – B2)

On behalf of the International Exchange Programs Office, “TUMER” offers Turkish classes during the semester from level A1 to B2 (4 lessons per week). Placement in these classes depends on your exam results.

ACCOMODATION

FSMVU does not offer on-campus dormitories. However, Department of Health, Culture and Sports (SKS) does maintain an up-to-date list of campus community housing. Also our office staff can provide assistance for students in the matter if students inform us 2 months before they arrive. Housing costs approximately 650TL – 1000TL per month. You also have the option of renting an apartment/at/room on your own or with friends.

First semester or full year exchange students should aim to arrive in FSMVU before orientation day 22 September 2017

Second semester exchange students should aim to arrive in FSMVU before orientation day 9 February 2018

VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

If you are coming from visa free travel countries then you do not need a student visa when entering Turkey. It is possible to come to Turkey on a tourist visa and register to the university. Please note that the Migration Management Office may charge you extra before your student residency permit process because of the change in your visa status. For more information please visit the Migration Management Office’s web site at http://www.goc.gov.tr/

If you need a visa to enter Turkey, please visit the nearest Turkish Mission’s website for information. Student visas cannot be obtained in Turkey, and exchange students should apply for a visa from the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their home country.

Within one month of your arrival, you have to apply for your residence permit online. It is ok if your appointment date for your residence permit is after one month that you have been in Turkey.
Please, make your appointment at this link upon your arrival to İstanbul; https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/

A Residence Permit is an official document stating registration with the Directorate General of Migration Management (İçişleri Bakanlığı Göç İşleri Genel Müdürlüğü).

Students cannot exit Turkey before they receive their residence permit. The Migration Management Office does allow students to exit Turkey for a maximum of 15 days in case of Emergencies. You will need to submit the confirmation of your Residence Permit Application at Passport Check when you come back to Turkey. In the event that students exit before they receive their residence permits or stay longer than the allowed 15 days, they will not be allowed back in Turkey for a period of three months.

**The following documents are needed in order to apply for a Residence Permit:**

- Online application form received from the E-Ikamet website.
- Photocopy of Passport (all stamped pages)
- 4 biometric photographs with white background.
- Proof of health insurance.
- Student Certificate (Öğrenci Belgesi)
- Declaration of residence (copy of rent contract or any other document showing where you will be residing)
- Receipt of residence permit card fee.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Your private health insurance should cover your medical needs for the entire period you are in Turkey.

**Required documents to apply for Private Health Insurance**

- Application form
- Photocopy of passport
- Payment receipt of the insurance policy

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the International Programs Office
ARRIVAL CERTIFICATE

On our website (http://ipo.fsm.edu.tr/) you will find several documents, among them, the Duration Sheet. Once in Istanbul, you have to generate it and send it to your home university. Students are responsible for submission of the Duration Sheet duly signed and upon request of their home institutions.

ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL

The International Exchange Office will provide free airport transfer to Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University (FSMVU) for exchange students every semester. There are two international airports in Istanbul:

1. İstanbul Atatürk International Airport: Located in Yeşilköy (European side)

Ataturk Airport

2. Sabiha Gökçen International Airport: Located in Kurtköy (Asian Side)

Sabiha Gokcen Airport

We ask that you inform us of your plans so that we can coordinate your arrival with our accommodation services. It is advised that you arrive during office hours.

To arrange airport pick-up, you will need to provide the following:

1. Working days are Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.
2. Date of flight, flight time and flight number
3. Full drop-off address, including unit and street numbers
4. Number of persons accompanying you
5. Luggage and other relevant details
FSMVU TURKISH STUDENT ID CARD

Exchange students are provided with a student ID card with which they can have the same advantages as FSMVU students e.g. reduced fares for all public transport.

Discounts with the FSMVU Turkish student card:

- Discount when buying monthly pass for public transport.
- Discount on travelling by train.
- Discount on travelling by bus.
- Discount on membership fee in public libraries.

Obtaining A Student ID/Travel Card

IETT Karaköy Branch Location
Department of Students Affairs (OIDB) [Student Affairs Office]

The Student Affairs Office (Öğrenci İşleri Daire Başkanlığı) is responsible for aiding the students in all their academic processes. Their main office is located in Halic Campus, but they have smaller satellite offices in all the campuses.

Website: http://ogrenci.fsm.edu.tr & http://oidb.fsm.edu.tr

Telephone Extension Numbers:

- **Rectorate:**
  - 0212 521 81 00

- **Haliç Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 4037, 4048, 4024 & 4167

- **Atik Valide Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 6025

- **Çamlıca Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 3000

- **Topkapı Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 2045 & 2028

- **Kandilli Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 5045

- **Altunizade Campus:**
  - 0212 521 81 00
Department of Health, Culture and Sports (SKS)

The Directorate of Health, Culture and Sport is the administrative department that carries out services related to cultural, sports, health, food, housing and social services.

**Telephone Extension Numbers:**

Haliç Campus: 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 4049 & 4061  
E-mail: sks@fsm.edu.tr

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Department of Information Technology (BIDB)

The Department of Information Technology (BIDB) serves the university by providing technical expertise in the area of computer, database, electronic infrastructure, telephone and web support.

BIDB impacts the future growth and progress of the university by maintaining and upgrading current technological resources as well as introducing new technology to advance learning, instruction, and productivity. The main BIDB office is located in Haliç Campus, but here are smaller satellite offices in all campuses.

Wireless Networks

You can connect to the wireless networks available in all campuses by using the authentication system with your e-mail address (YourName.YourSurname@stu.fsm.edu.tr). High speed internet access is available to all our students in all campuses. Please contact the BIDB if you have problems accessing the networks. There are many computers available for student use in the libraries and computer labs.

Student E-mail System

Student e-mail system is available to all FSMVU students through the Google Apps for Education cloud system. All students have unlimited e-mail and storage (Google Drive) space which they can use to store their files and documents. The system works with all operating systems and programs including Apple OS, Android and MS Outlook. You can access the student email system and change your password through http://stuonline.fsm.edu.tr

Telephone Extension Numbers:

Haliç Campus: 0212 521 81 00 / Ext: 4030 & 4118
E-mail: bilgiislem@fsm.edu.tr
Formerly the çilehane of Yenikapi Mawlawi Convent with its 17 historical cells built for the solitary spiritual retreat of dervishes, this section of the building was renovated and opened for service in 2011 as Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University Turkish Airlines Library. The special mission of Çilehane in cultivating people of excellence is continued in our present day by the library.

The library serves the university by offering state-of-the-art technologies, helping meet its users need for information in the shortest and best way possible and creating an infrastructure for all sorts of educational, teaching-related, scientific research and development activities. Our goal is to create a strong basis for a broad range of excellent services to support its users scientifically and intellectually.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Turkish Airlines and the hard work of the university staff, we have attained a level of efficiency with which we provide fast and effective information service. Along with the funding from Turkish Airlines, Prof. Dr. Gönül Güreşsever Cantay donated her personal library and archive to our library. We also offer e-library services to users outside the library with a remote access system.

• 5 Libraries
• 1034 Journals 14,566 Editions
• 79,000 Books
• 32 Databases
• 2,972 DVD, VCD
• 28,725 E-Journals
• 170,000 E-books
• 18 Daily Newspapers
FSMVU Library also has memberships to a multitude of online databases, some of which are: Ebscohost, S. Direct, Taylor & Francis, Web of Science, JSTOR, Hukuklink, Hiperkitap, Cambridge Journals Online, Art Source, and PsycARTICLES. Any book or article that is not found in our library can be easily obtained through KITS, TÜBESS or one of our partner universities or organizations both in Turkey and globally.

Locations:
- Topkapı Campus Turkish Airlines Main Library
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- Küçükçamlıca Campus Preparatory Library
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USEFUL LINKS

Mobile & Phone

There are four major GSM telecommunication provider in Turkey.

Türk Telekom: www.turktelekom.com.tr
Turkcell: www.turkcell.com.tr
Vodafone: www.vodafone.com.tr
Bimcell: www.bimcell.com.tr

For information on Turkish history, culture, political life please see:
http://www.kultur.gov.tr/

For public transportation please check the following website;

For rail transportation please check the following website;
http://www.tcdd.gov.tr/

For Sea Buses please check the following website;
http://www.ido.com.tr/

Map of the City:
https://sehirharitasi.ibb.gov.tr/
When I have decided to go to Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, I immediately downloaded the student outbound form and filled it up. I knew already which subjects I will be taking after looking through the FSMVU website and also receiving the list of courses offered during the fall semester from FSMVU’s coordinator.

You need to be sure of the subjects you will be taking because you need to fill them up in the student outbound form. I went to my academic advisor and ask her opinion whether I could take the subjects or no, also asking for some advice. Once approved informally, I went to fill in the form that I have downloaded and printed.

By the end of July I received an email from FSMVU saying that my application was accepted and I was given an offer letter. Alhamdulillah. Finally I am officially accepted. I submitted the form to ICEO office to confirm, changed my status to ‘exchange student’ and I am ready to go!

HAPPIEST LETTER EVER RECEIVED!

So I started my application in February, and finally settled by early August. About 6 months. Whew!!

Trust me, the process might sound a bit tedious but all the hard work pays off. I learn so much from my SEP and they are priceless. Here is a preview of the awesome memories I made J
If you ask me what the best part of being a student is, I'll definitely say it's the chance of joining the Erasmus Program! You simply cannot miss out on the opportunity to get to know a new culture, make new friends and learn new things, not only on the academic side but on the personal side too.

I would recommend FSM Vakif University in Istanbul, whole heartedly, to any students who want something different, something new, something extraordinary. From my point of view, the University has some of the best teachers I've met so far and the classes have been both challenging and exciting.

The people in the Erasmus office were very helpful and friendly. Always making sure you have everything you need, all is ok with your classes and teachers and on top of that being your friend too. They start to feel like family very fast! The team is very efficient and you can easily see how passionate they are about their work.

Istanbul is the perfect place for people who look for adventure, a mix of cultures, rich history and shopping! 😊

One of the things that fascinated me while I was there was the fact that the actual building where we had our classes was one filled with history. It had the perfect blend of modern and old and it sort of represented Istanbul on a smaller scale; all the buildings filled with history and stories to tell but that have the modern touches as well so that our lives are more comfortable.

So don’t waste any more time! If what you are searching for is an unforgettable experience, one that will stay in your heart for a long, long time, choose Istanbul! Choose FSM Vakif University!
My experience with Erasmus at Fatih Sultan Mehmet University was such a great success that I would do it every year if I could. First of all, I have to say a huge thank You for all people working in administration in our school, because I have been all around Europe, including my own country and I have never seen such amazing group of people ready to help at any moment, which I believe is very important for every Erasmus student. I have been enrolled in Edebiyat Fakultesi in Uskudar, and I really liked it. The professors were great, and the programme aswell. Also, my fellow students were ready to help me considering that I was the only foreigner at that time. I met some awesome people with whom I’d like to work and cooperate in the future. Most important of all, I would love to come to do my doctors degree at Fatih Sultan Mehmet University – which I think says it all J

Once again, I reccomand to all of students that are considering this school- go for it, You wil have THE best time in Your lives.
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| Architectural Restoration               | Specialist Sibel Çolak               |

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