



## Fact sheet – Çukurova University

### University profile

Cukurova University Balcalı Campus, which was established on 20 thousand decare terrain in east coast of Seyhan Dam Lake, is a natural park land due to its admirable view. The university, which is only 10 km far from city center, is among major universities of our country due to its modern sub-structure and modern facilities meeting every requirement of its student and staff. The establishment of the university, which is ranked at the first 500 in gradation of World's Universities and within the first five in gradation of our country, was founded in 1973. The university which had only two faculties in the beginning, has 19 Faculties, 2 Colleges, 11 Vocational Schools, 1 State Conservatory, 4 Institutes and 38 Research and Application Centers.

### MODERN CLASSROOMS AND LECTURE HALLS

The university has modern classrooms and lecture halls providing a comfortable and healthy setting for students to follow their courses. Prof. Dr. Mithat Özsan Conference Center consists of two halls, which are used for scientific and cultural events, and are equipped with the latest technology with the capacity of 450 and 150 people. Mithat Özsan Conference Center receives the exhibitions with large foyer with the capacity of 450 people. As Faculty of Agriculture Akif Karsu Conference Hall hosts scientific and cultural events with the capacity of 150 people. Multi-purpose salon with rotating stage and with the capacity of 120 people, named as Afifa Jale Theatre, serves as important location for art events. There is also the Hippocrates Conference Hall with the capacity of 360 people in Faculty of Medicine in Balcalı Hospital. Open air theatre with the capacity of 3.500 people, which is located within campus and draws attention due to its modern architecture, is also used in variety events such as concerts and plays.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL LIFE

Besides the most important hospital complex of region, there are medico social unit, housings, social facilities, guest houses, halls and pitches for all kinds of sports, nursery schools, market, cafeterias, cafes, buffets and canteens that serve throughout the day to students and staff, post and phone service units, bank offices, a printing house equipped with modern machines and central library. Thus, it is aimed to meet every requirement of students and staff. Cukurova University Central Library has 800 readers capacity. It is one of the twelve European Union Documentation Centers in Turkey.

### HOUSING FACILITIES

Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution's Fevzi Cakmak Dormitory consists of 1.296 beds for female student and 1.516 beds for male student and has 2.812 total bed capacity, within Balcalı Campus of university that hosts thousands of students come for education in every year. There are also



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dormitories serving to students in the city center out of campus. Students benefit from private dormitories and dormitories belonging to Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution in Osmaniye province and Ceyhan County where colleges exist. There is a dormitory of Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institution with the capacity of 356 students, consisting of 246 beds for female students and of 110 beds for male students in Osmaniye; there is another dormitory with the capacity of 501 students, consisting of 171 beds for female students and of 330 beds for male students in Ceyhan county of Adana province. A new dormitory with 1000 student's capacity has been built within the campus to solve the housing problems of our students.

### **CULTURE AND ART FACILITIES**

Social and cultural events are really important in Cukurova University besides educational and scientific studies. In this context, various cultural events such as conferences, seminars, panels, conferences, symposium, exhibitions, displays, theatre plays, and concerts are carried out. Department of Fine Arts affiliated to Rectorate of the University and Culture and Art Center, which carry out works under the General Office of Health, Culture and Sports, help students benefit from their free times regarding their areas of interest, lead them to new fields and create recreation and entertainment opportunities for them. Students who applied to Department of Fine Arts and Culture and Art Center are trained in various art branches by experts and experienced lecturers and they are provided to develop their skills. Students both have the opportunity of expressing themselves via events which they organise in the communities where they are members and share their skills with their friends and people at the university. These are the programmes which students could take courses during the education period if they wish: Turkish Folk Music, Turkish Art Music, Baglama (instrument with three double strings), Folklore, Turkish Folk Dances, Wind Instruments, Tamboura, Oud, Zither, Piano, Pop Guitar, Classic Guitar, Vocal Training, Painting, Ornament Arts, art History, Leather Handicrafts, Photograph, Theater and Cinema. Also, there are workrooms belonging to Student Council and student clubs in Culture and Art Center building, and students could exhibit their creativity by expressing themselves freely.

### **SPORTS FACILITIES**

There are sports halls that every kind of sports could be performed, indoor swimming pool, football pitches, tennis courts, open-air volleyball and basketball pitches in Cukurova University that adopts as a principle that students are healthy both physically and spiritually. People out of the university could benefit from the facilities within the university.

Sakıp Sabancı Sports and Exhibition Room that has 5600 centare indoor area, telescopic tribunes and a capacity of 3500 people is located at the university. The room was built properly for the concert and various organisations to be carried out besides sports competitions. Özdemir Sabancı Indoor Swimming Pool located in Balcalı Campus and built by Hacı Ömer Sabancı Foundation (VAKSA) is one of the most modern facilities of the region. Except for indoor swimming pool in Balcalı Campus, there are sports and gym halls, grass and astro football pitches, basketball pitches, tennis courts, athletic fields and also boathouse is located on the lakeshore of Seyhan Barrage.

## SOCIAL FACILITIES

Social Facilities within campus, which is located on the lake side of Seyhan Barrage and among the pine trees, and has a unique view, consist of guest houses and large dining halls. There is Social Facilities Guest House having 12 rooms and 24 bed capacities where guests coming to university for social, scientific and cultural events could meet their all requirements, within campus. In addition to this, the university has a modern guest house having 50 beds capacity.

## HEALTH CARE

Medicosocial Unit serves to protect body and mental health of students and university staff in the university. Also, there is Cukurova University Balcalı Medical Faculty Hospital that has a capacity of 1250 beds and serves for totally 2100 patients in a day. Specialist physicians in the field of gynaecology and obstetrics, dermatological disorders, otolaryngology, general surgery, urology, paediatrics, family medicine and periodontal diseases at the center where studies in field of health, psychological counselling and guidance, social services are made. Also, psychologists, psychiatrists and psychological counsellors serve at the center. People applying to the center in order to get health service have an outpatient treatment, in case of necessity of further examination and treatment; they are transferred to other health institutions, especially to Balcalı Faculty of Medicine Hospital.

## University history

The Faculty of Agriculture of Cukurova University was established pursuant to Act dated February 13, 1969 and numbered 1099, and the School of Medicine was established pursuant to Act dated April 12, 1972 and numbered 1578, as a part of Ankara University and Atatürk University respectively, and eventually being united pursuant to Act dated November 30, 1973 and numbered 1786.

The number of faculties increased to five with the addition of the Faculties of Basic Sciences, Administrative Sciences and Engineering starting from 1974. In 1982, the name Basic Sciences was changed to Science&Letters; Administrative Sciences to Economics & Administrative Sciences by merging with the Adana Academy of Economics & Commercial Sciences and Faculty of Economics & Business Sciences; and the Faculty of Engineering to Faculty of Engineering & Architecture by merging with the Adana Academy of Economics & Commercial Science and the Faculty of Engineering.

Also, the Faculty of Education was established by joining the entire School of Foreign Languages controlled by the Ministry of National Education under the Cukurova University in 1982 within provinces of Adana, Mersin and Hatay. Cukurova University has grown immensely in terms of academic power with this great addition.

By 1992, Cukurova University consisted of 6 Faculties, 11 Colleges, 3 Institutes, 1 State Conservatory, 22 Research and Application Centers contributed to establish 3 new universities. 2 Colleges equipped with modern buildings, laboratories and education tools were assigned to Mersin University; 3 Colleges, of which one of them in İskenderun and other the two in Antakya, were assigned to Hatay Mustafa Kemal University. Research and Application Center in Kahramanmaraş consisting of the



Office of the President and 2 Faculty buildings was transferred to Kahramanmaraş Sütçüİmam University. Thus, the young university paved the way for 3 new universities to open their doors.

After the reorganisation in 1992, we see that the university became stronger in 1993 when the university celebrated its 20th establishment anniversary. The number of faculties increased up to 10 with the establishment of Faculty of Fisheries, Theology, Dentistry; and the Adana Vocational School of Health and Kozan Vocational Schools were opened. The Karataş College of Tourism & Hotel Management was established in 1994 and the Karaisalı Vocational School in 1995. The Department of Physical Education & Sports Teaching was transformed into Cukurova University Faculty of Sports Science; Adana Vocational School of Health Services was also transformed into Adana Health College in 1996. As a result, the number of academic Institutions increased up to 23, with 3 Institutes offering post-graduate and master-degree studies. Furthermore, in 1997 the State Conservatory and Kadirli Vocational School were established as part of Cukurova University.

In 2000, with faculties that opened at a later stage, Cukurova University had 10 faculties, 9 Colleges, 3 Institutions and 25 Research & Application Centres.

The Kadirli and Osmaniye Vocational Schools and the Osmaniye Faculty of Engineering were transferred to the Osmaniye Korkut Ata University in 2007, upon its establishment.

In 2010, Cukurova University reached 13 Faculties, 4 Colleges, 9 Vocational Schools, 1 State Conservatory, 3 Institutions and 23 Research & Application centers by new breakthroughs.

In 2011, the Faculty of Pharmacy, İmamoglu, Feke and Tufanbeyli Vocational Schools were established, and as a result, the number of faculties increased up to 14, and the number of Vocational Schools increased up to 12.

With the merger of the Kozan Faculty of Business Administration, the Aladağ Vocational School and School of Aviation to the Cukurova University in 2012, the number of faculties increased to 15, Colleges to 5, Vocational Schools to 13,

Cukurova University, the symbol of modern education, was awarded the European Council Diploma Supplement Label on 19 December 2012. Cukurova University is among accredited state universities that provide PhD studies and is also one of centers that provide English studies to Master-degree students.

At the present time, Cukurova University offers studies to highly educated and qualified individuals via 19 Faculties, 2 Colleges, 11 Vocational Schools, 1 State Conservatory and 4 Institutions. The variety researches and scientific events that our country needs are being maintained in 38 Research and Application Centers.

## Higher education system of Turkey

In 1981, in accordance with the new Higher Education Law (No. 2547), the administration of higher education in Turkey was comprehensively restructured. The system thereby became centralised, with all higher education institutions tied to the Council of Higher Education (CoHE). After this restructuring, all institutions of higher education were designed as universities. Expansion of higher education throughout the country was achieved, application to higher education was centralised, and a central university exam and placement were introduced. In addition to public universities, the first nonprofit foundation university in Turkey started to provide education for students in 1986.

### Types of Higher Education Institutions And Academic Units

**Faculty (College):** A division conducting higher education, scholarly research and publication. Various departments and programmes may be connected to it. Students earn a Bachelor's degree at the end of an educational programme that lasts for at least four years.

**Graduate School:** An institution in universities concerned with graduate education, scholarly research and applications. Graduate schools award MA, MSc or PhD degrees.

**4-year School:** An institution of higher education which is mainly concerned with providing instruction for a specific profession. It lasts for eight semesters.

**Conservatory:** An institution of higher education in which artists are trained for music and the performing arts. It lasts for eight semesters.

**Post-Secondary Vocational School:** An institution of higher education that is aimed at training human capacity in specific professions and provides instruction lasting four semesters.

**Research and Application Center:** An institution of higher education carrying out research and applied studies to meet the applied study needs of various areas and to provide preparatory and support activities for various professional areas, with the aim of supporting education in institutions of higher education.

### Degrees

**Associate's degree (short cycle):** Awarded on completion of a two-year study programme. The associate degree programmes are offered by universities and foundation postsecondary vocational schools. Some distance education programmes are also available. The associate degree programmes may require a period of on-the-job training.

**Bachelor's degree (1st cycle):** Awarded after the completion of a four-year course and 240 ECTS of study. The duration of study for dentistry, veterinary medicine and pharmacy is five years and that of medicine is six years. The qualifications in these four fields are considered to be the equivalent of a Master's degree.

**Master's degree programme (2nd cycle):** Two-year programme leading to the Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Sciences (MS). There are two kinds of Master's programmes, with or without a thesis. The Master's with thesis programme is a two-year programme generally consisting courses with a

minimum of 120 ECTS followed by submission of a thesis. Non-thesis programmes are to be completed in one or one and a half years and call for the completion of graduate courses of a minimum 90 credits and a term project.

Doctoral degree programme (3rd cycle): Usually an eight-semester programme leading to the PhD degree. It consists of courses, with 180-240 ECTS, a proficiency exam, a dissertation proposal, a dissertation and its oral defense. After successful completion of the course work and the proficiency exam, students must submit the dissertation and defend it orally before an examining committee.

**Specialisation in Medicine programmes:** They are equivalent to doctoral degree programmes and are carried out in the faculties of medicine, university hospitals and research and training hospitals. For the specialisation in medicine, there is a competitive selection examination in various branches of medicine for those graduating from the faculties of medicine. Specialist candidates are required to submit a dissertation and defend it before an examining committee.

**Proficiency in Art:** It is at least a six-semester post-Master's programme in the visual and performing art branches making it equivalent to a Doctorate. It requires the presentation of an original work of art or (in music and the performing arts) a superior, creative performance.

#### The Turkish National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (TYYÇ):

The National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education in Turkey (TYYÇ) developed with reference to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area and the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning was adopted by the CoHE in 2010. The levels of the TYYÇ with reference to the European overarching qualifications frameworks as well as that to ECTS credits and student workload are shown below.

TYYC LEVELS, QUALIFICATIONS TYPES AND ECTS CREDITS						
Higher Education Levels/Cycles			AWARDS/ DEGREES	LENGTH (Year)	TOTAL ECTS CREDITS (Year x 60 ECTS)	TOTAL STUDENT WORKLOAD (h) (1 ECTS= 25-30h)
QF-EHEA	EQF-LLL	TYYÇ LEVELS				
3	8	8	Doctorate	3 (min.)	180 (min.)	4.500 – 5.400
			Specialization in Medicine			
			Doctorate in Art			
2	7	7	Master's Degree	1 - 2	60 - 120	1.500 – 3.600
1	6	6	Bachelor's Degree	4	240	6.000 – 7.200
Short Cycle	5	5	Associate's Degree	2	120	3.000 – 3.600

## Faculties, Institutes, Colleges, Vocational School of Higher Education & Departments

### Faculties:

- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science and Letters
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Fisheries
- Faculty of Theology
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Fine Arts
- Faculty of Communication
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Ceyhan Engineering
- Faculty of Pharmacy
- Faculty of Kozan Business Administration
- Faculty of Veterinary of Ceyhan
- Faculty of Architecture
- Faculty of Sport Sciences

### Institutes:

- Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences
- Institute of Social Sciences
- Institute of Medical Sciences
- Institute of Addiction and Forensic Science

### Colleges:

- School of Foreign Languages
- Tourism and Hotel Management College
- State Conservatory
- Vocational Schools of Higher Education:
- Vocational School of Ceyhan
- Vocational School of Adana
- Vocational School of Kozan
- Abdi Sütcü Vocational School of Health Services
- Vocational School of Karaisali



- Vocational School of Yumurtalık
- Vocational School of Technical Sciences
- Vocational School of Pozantı
- Vocational School of İmamoğlu
- Vocational School of Tufanbeyli
- Vocational School of Aladağ

Departments Affiliated to the Rector's Office:

- Department of Atatürk's Principles and Revolution History
- Department of Physical Education and Sports
- Department of Informatics
- Department of Fine Arts
- Department of Turkish Language
- Department of Foreign Languages

## Student involvement at Çukurova University

The Student Council has been established to safeguard the rights of associate and undergraduate students enrolled at Çukurova University, to meet and enhance their educational, health, sports, social, and cultural needs, to ensure their sensitivity towards national interests, to establish effective communication between the university's administrative bodies and students, to convey students' expectations and desires to the administrative bodies, and to facilitate students' participation in educational decisions. Student Council is the student union established by Çukurova University students among themselves through democratic means.

The duties of the departmental representatives are as follows:

- To carry out the activities of the student council in the department/ programme/unit/main art branch they represent.
- To announce the decisions of the student council organs in the unit they represent and to monitor their implementation.
- To identify student issues in the department/programme/unit/main art branch they represent and to convey them to the relevant management bodies of the student council and the University for resolution.
- To coordinate student activities in the department/programme/departmental/main art branch they represent.
- To develop communication between the students they represent and the management bodies of these units in the department/programme /unit/main art branch.
- Upon invitation from the department/programme /unit/main art branch chairperson during discussions on student-related matters, to attend academic meetings of the department/programme/unit/main art branch they represent.





- To prepare reports on their work and create archives.

Faculty, College and Vocational School representatives are elected among Departmental representatives. The duties are as follows:

- To carry out the activities of the student council in the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent.
- To announce the decisions of the student council organs in the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent and to monitor their implementation.
- To identify student issues in the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent and to convey them to the relevant management bodies of the student council and the university for resolution.
- To represent the students of the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent in student activities.
- To coordinate student activities in the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent.
- To participate in the board of directors and academic council meetings of the faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school they represent upon invitation from the Dean/Director during discussions on student-related matters.
- To work on developing communication among students of departments/programmes/unit/main art branches.

### Student Council General Assembly

The Student Council General Assembly consists of representatives from the faculties, schools, conservatories, and vocational schools of the University, as well as department/programme/unit/main art branch student representatives, and it is the highest decision-making body in the student council. The Student Council General Assembly holds its regular meeting at least twice a year. The Student Council General Assembly convenes with the simple majority of its members.

### More information

- Information packages – course catalogue: <https://ebs.cu.edu.tr/en/>
- Faculties: <https://www.cu.edu.tr/eng/academic/faculties/>
- Institutes: <https://www.cu.edu.tr/eng/academic/institutes/>
- Colleges: <https://www.cu.edu.tr/eng/academic/colleges/>
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