FATIH SULTAN MEHMET VAKIF UNIVERSITY 1471

FACT SHEET

2026–2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Erasmus+ | Incoming Mobility | Global Exchanges | Orhun Exchange Program

FSM AT A GLANCE

Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University (FSMVU), established in 2010 under the auspices of the General Directorate of Foundations of Türkiye (Vakıflar Genel Müdürlüğü), is a foundation university rooted in Türkiye's centuries-old vakif tradition and the legacy of Fatih Sultan Mehmet. Located in Istanbul, the University brings together this distinctive cultural heritage with a contemporary and research-oriented approach to higher education.

FSMVU is committed to excellence in education and research, the preservation and advancement of cultural heritage, and meaningful engagement with society and the international academic community. Through Erasmus+ and other international mobility programmes, academic partnerships, and collaborative projects, the University provides students and staff with opportunities for intercultural exchange, international learning, and academic cooperation.





ABOUT **ISTANBUL**

Istanbul is the world's only major city spanning two continents Europe and Asia separated by the Bosphorus Strait. Once the capital of the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires, and known successively as Byzantium, Constantinople, and Istanbul, the city has more than 2,500 years of continuous history.

Today, Istanbul is Türkiye's largest city and cultural capital, home to iconic landmarks such as Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, and the historic Sultanahmet district, alongside a vibrant contemporary arts, culinary, and nightlife scene.

Exchange students benefit from Istanbul's relatively affordable cost of living, extensive public transportation network, and uniquely multicultural urban environment, where centuries of history meet a dynamic and cosmopolitan present.



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FOUNDED	FACULTIES	CAMPUSES IN ISTANBUL	INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

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ERASMUS CODE	ORGANISATION ID (OID)	ECHE NUMBER
TR ISTANBU39	**E10080001**	**946022377**

1. INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION & CONTACTS

Important: Incoming students should use the International Programs Unit as the primary contact for application, acceptance, registration and mobility-related questions.

Institution	Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University (FSMVU)
Address	Merkezefendi Mah. Mevlevihane Cad. No: 27, 34015 Zeytinburnu / Istanbul, Türkiye
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Inter-Institutional Agreements	Shamsa Khalil – skhalil@fsm.edu.tr
Academic / Departmental Coordinators	**Current Academic / Departmental Coordinators**
Official Application Information	**Incoming Student Mobility**

2. ACADEMIC CALENDAR & KEY DATES

MILESTONE	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
Nomination Deadline	**01 June 2026**	**15 November 2026**
Application Deadline	**30 June 2026**	**30 November 2026**
Recommended Arrival	13 September 2026	18 January 2027
Student Registration	15 September 2026	21 January 2027
Orientation	16 September 2026	22 January 2027
Semester Begin	21 September 2026	25 January 2027
Semester End	11 December 2026	22 April 2027
Final Examination Period	12–26 December 2026	24 April–8 May 2027

3. NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. **Nomination:** Students must first be officially nominated by their home university within the framework of a valid Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement.
2. **Application Process:** After nomination, students complete the FSMVU application process and submit the required documents within the relevant application period.
3. **Academic Review:** The relevant academic/departmental coordinator and the International Programs Unit review the application and proposed study programme.
4. **Acceptance:** Following successful evaluation, FSMVU issues an official Letter of Acceptance to the student's home institution.
5. **Pre-arrival Preparation:** Accepted students receive information on registration, academic procedures, arrival and practical matters before the start of the mobility.

Required Documents

- ✅ FSMVU Application Form
- ✅ Online Learning Agreement (OLA)
- ✅ Copy of National ID
- ✅ Copy of Passport
- ✅ Europass CV
- ✅ Student Certificate (in English)
- ✅ Transcript of Records (in English)
- ✅ Digital biometric photograph
- ✅ Residence Permit and Insurance Form
- ✅ English Language Proficiency Certificate
- ✅ Letter of Motivation

4. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Language Requirements

Students are expected to have at least B1 proficiency in **English or Turkish**, depending on their selected courses. To verify this, FSMVU accepts official confirmation letters from the home university or recognized language certificates such as TOEFL and IELTS. Program- or course-specific language requirements may also apply.

Learning Agreement

Students should prepare their Online Learning Agreement based on the available course catalogue and have it approved by the sending and receiving institutions before the start of the mobility. Any changes to the study programme should be handled through the applicable Learning Agreement amendment procedure.

Course Catalogue	**FSMVU Course Catalogue**
English-Taught Courses	Students should consult the Course Catalogue to identify available programmes and course details, including ECTS information and the language of instruction.
Language of Instruction	Turkish and English, depending on the programme/course. Students must check the language of instruction of individual courses before preparing the Learning Agreement.
ECTS / Study Load	30 ECTS per semester is recommended for a full-semester mobility.
Academic / Departmental Coordinators	**Academic / Departmental Coordinators**
Grading System	FSMVU uses a 4.00 grading scale. See the grading table below.

LOCAL GRADE	COEFFICIENT	PERCENTAGE	ECTS / DESCRIPTION
AA	4.00	90–100	A – Excellent
BA	3.50	85–89	B – Very Good
BB	3.00	75–84	C – Good
CB	2.50	65–74	D – Satisfactory
CC	2.00	60–64	E – Sufficient
FF	0.00	00–59	F – Fail
DZ	0.00	00	FX – Fail due to non-attendance
YT	–	–	Satisfactory / Pass (non-credit courses)
YZ	–	–	Unsatisfactory / Fail (non-credit courses)

5. VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND BACHELOR PROGRAMS

Academic Programs

Vocational Schools (2-year Programs)	
Child Development	Traditional Handicrafts
Shadow Educations For Special Needs	Visual Communication
Court Office Services	Air Logistics
Architectural Restoration	Interior Design
Information Security Technology	Fashion Design
Civil Aviation Cabin Services	Office Technologies and Data Management
Computer Programming	Cyber Security
Biomedical Device Technology	Tourist Guidance

Bachelor Programs (4-yearPrograms)	
Faculty of Humanities andSocial Sciences	**Faculty of Islamic Sciences**
History of Science	Islamic Sciences
History	**Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture**
Turkish Language and Literature	Cultural Assets Conservation and Repair
Aviation Management	Interior Architecture
Translation and Interpretation	Traditional Turkish Arts
Psychology	Graphic Design
Faculty of Education	Architecture
Pre-school Teaching	**Faculty of Engineering**
Special Education Teaching	Civil Engineering
Psychological Counseling and Guidance	Computer Engineering
Turkish Language Teaching	Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Arabic Language Teaching	Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering
Faculty of Law	Software Engineering
Law	
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences	
Political Science and International Relations	
Business Administration	
Management Information Systems	
Economics	

Language Preparatory Schools
English Preparatory School
Arabic Preparatory School

6. GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Academic Programs

Master's Programs

Education Management (Non-thesis)	Traditional Turkish Arts
Turkish Language & Literature	Turkish Language Teaching for Foreigners (thesis)
AI and Data Engineering (Non-thesis)	Waqf Civilization and Philanthropy
Arabic Language & Teaching	AI and Data Engineering (thesis)
Architecture	Architecture
Architectural Conservation and Restoration	Business Administration (MBA)
Biomedical Engineering	Computer Engineering
Civil Engineering	Financial Technology
Cultural Heritage Conservation & Management	M.A. in Political Science and International Relations (Thesis) (English)
Education Management (thesis)	Private Law
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Public Law
Education Management (Non-thesis)	Basic Islamic Sciences
Graphic Design	Basic Islamic Sciences
History of Science	Clinical Psychology (Non-Thesis)
Interior Architecture	Clinical Psychology
Preschool Education	
Psychological Counselling & Guidance	

Ph.D Programs

History of Science in Islam	Psychological Counselling & Guidance
Turkish Language & Literature	Traditional Turkish Arts
Arabic Language & Teaching	Architecture
Graphic Design	Computer Engineering
History	Education Management
Interior Architecture	Basic Islamic Sciences
Preschool Education	Clinical Psychology



5. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

 **Accommodation**	FSMVU does not operate university-owned student residences. Upon request, the International Programs Unit can share a list of private student residences located close to the relevant FSMVU campuses and known to the University. Students are responsible for contacting the residences directly and arranging their accommodation before arrival.
 **Cost of Living**	Estimated monthly living costs for an exchange student in Istanbul: approximately EUR 600–950, depending on lifestyle. **Accommodation:** EUR 300–500 **Food & groceries:** EUR 200–300 **Public transport:** EUR 10–20 **Personal / leisure:** EUR 90–130
 **Visa & Residence Permit**	Visa and residence permit requirements depend on nationality and mobility status. Incoming students should review the current FSMVU International Student Unit guidance before and after arrival. Students entering Türkiye are required to follow the applicable residence permit procedure within the prescribed period. A valid health insurance covering the residence permit period is required. → FSMVU Residence Permit Guidance
 **Health Insurance**	Students are required to have valid health insurance covering Türkiye and the relevant residence permit period. **Minimum coverage: €30,000, including accident coverage.** → FSMVU International Student Unit Guidance
 **Transportation**	Istanbul has an extensive public transport network. Exchange students may use the discounted Student Istanbulkart. To apply, first obtain an official Student Certificate from FSMVU after registration, then apply online. → Istanbulkart – Student Card Information → Istanbulkart Online Application **Recommended airports:** Istanbul Airport (IST) and Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW).
 **Emergency Contacts**	**Emergency Services in Türkiye:** 112 **FSMVU Main Telephone:** +90 212 521 81 00 **Erasmus / International Programs Unit:** +90 212 521 81 00 (Ext. 2228 / 2230)

	Accessibility & Inclusion	FSMVU provides Erasmus+ inclusion support for students with fewer opportunities and participants who may require additional accessibility or financial support. Eligible participants may apply for additional Erasmus+ funding to cover special access needs — adapted accommodation, assisted travel, medical assistance, support equipment, suitable learning materials, or a companion. Students who may require inclusion or accessibility support are encouraged to contact Şahin Arslan, International Programs Unit, before their mobility period so needs and available support can be discussed in advance. **→ Erasmus+ Inclusion Support**
	Student Support	The International Programs Unit provides guidance to incoming students before and during their mobility, including application, acceptance, academic coordination and practical matters. For academic matters, students should also consult the relevant departmental coordinator.
	Student Life	FSMVU offers academic, cultural and social opportunities across its campuses. Incoming students receive information about orientation and integration activities before or at the beginning of their mobility.

