MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (METU)

...is a state university located in Ankara, the capital city of Turkey
HISTORY
established in 1956 to contribute to the development of Turkey and Middle East countries
...to explore solutions for regional problems
to train people so as to create a skilled workforce in the fields of natural and social sciences
METU is one of the leading universities of Turkey
...ranked as the best 22nd university in Asia (Times Higher Education, 2013)
...placed among the top 60 universities by reputation (Times Higher Education, 2013)
Currently the first campus university of Turkey with 4200 ha of campus area. Buildings occupies only 500 ha (12%). The rest (88%) of the land serving as an urban forest designated as a natural conservation site.
one of the first departments of METU established in 1961
while Turkey witnessed vast migration from rural to urban areas, creating a huge demand for planning and housing in major cities.
METU launched a 4-year undergraduate program in City Planning in Turkey for the first time to fulfill the need for professional city planners in rapidly growing cities.
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History

...celebrated its 50th year in 2011, also marking 50 years of education in Turkey
Currently, playing a key role in planning education & research

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The Faculty of Architecture features a commitment to the study of the natural and man-made systems primarily comprising cities, buildings and industrial products.
...(large indoor spaces from the faculty building used for student presentations, studio juries, exhibitions & celebrations)
...courtyards within the faculty building
FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE
Features

...enjoyable study and work environment
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

Features

... planning studios and lecture rooms
...the challenges facing urban planners have multiplied over the last two decades ...

...the scope of tasks that planners are expected to undertake has considerably widened ...

... planners must now need to be equipped with both conventional planning skills and the skills to cope with new challenges (eg., sustainability, climate change, new modes of governance)
PLANNERS in Turkey should be capable of:

...formulating questions in the light of the inputs of a variety of disciplines ...

...synthesizing these inputs without falling into the dilemma between comprehensiveness and partiality...

... perceiving holistic relationships...
PLANNERS in Turkey should be capable of:

...developing alternative views (utopian/realist) on how to transform these relations and produce creative designs for the future...

...investigating in depth without falling into partiality...

...acquiring a variety of skills ranging from qualitative analysis techniques to social and economic analyses to understand how the complex urban systems work...
Part-time instructors - professionals and experts in urban planning who get involved in teaching in planning studios and other courses

** Research assistants - postgraduate students working full time for the department
...206 undergraduate students, 139 post-graduate students annually
....20 undergraduate students, 5 post-graduate students annually
Currently more than 350 undergraduate & graduate students are currently studying in City & Regional Planning.
...more than 2000 graduates
....45 graduates in bachelor degree, 15 graduates in master degrees and 5 graduates in PhD degree annually
PROGRAMS
# City & Regional Planning Programs

## Programs Under the Department of City & Regional Planning

### Undergraduate
- Major program in City & Regional Planning
- Minor in program in City & Regional Planning

### Master
- City Planning
- Regional Planning
- Urban Design

### PhD
- PhD in City and Regional Planning
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

JOIN GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER
- Urban Policy Planning & Local Governments
- Geodetic & Geographic Information Technologies
- Settlement Archeology
- Earthquake Studies
- Earth System Sciences

PhD
- Urban Policy Planning & Local Governments
- Geodetic & Geographic Information Technologies
- Settlement Archeology
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

PLANNING STUDIOS
1st-year planning studios
2nd-year planning studios
3rd-year planning studios
4th-year planning studios

OTHER COURSES
Must courses
Elective courses
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(major)
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
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CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

QUALITATIVE
- Origins of urbanism and the process of urbanization
- Urban sociology
- City & planning
- City in history I-II
- Urban geography
- Planning theory
- Legal & administrative aspects of planning
- Urban conservation planning
- Urban politics
- Contemporary issues in city & regional planning
- Principles of housing

QUANTITATIVE
- Principles of environmental engineering
- Principles of economics I-II
- Computer programming
- Urban economics
- Urban transport planning
- Planning techniques

MUST COURSES
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

FOUR MODULES

Urban Policy

Urban & Regional Economic Development

Urban Design

Environment, Infrastructure & Transport Planning
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

FOUR MODULES

Urban Policy

Must
- CRP 488 Institutional aspects of urban & regional planning
- CRP 495 Urban Political Analysis

Electives
- CRP 332 Planning economics
- CRP 407 Principles & approaches of Ecology in Planning
- CRP 414 Urban & regional project management
- CRP 419 Visions & strategies for socio-spatial development
- CRP 423 Computer appl. of stat. techniques to city & regional pl.
- CRP 433 Economics of development & the economy of Turkey
- CRP 450 New spaces of growth & production
- CRP 478 Urban residential transformation in Turkish cities
- CRP 486 Urban regeneration: Strategies, policies, organisation & design
- CRP 499 Seminar in selected urban political issues
- ADM 423 Local government
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

FOUR MODULES

Urban Design

Must
- CRP 333 Introduction to urban design
- CRP 334 Movement and issues in urban space design

Electives
- CRP 453 Participatory design & planning
- CRP 454 Urban transport systems: planning & design
- CRP 455 Aesthetics & human experience in urban design
- CRP 478 Urban residential transformation in Turkish cities
- CRP 486 Urban regeneration: Strategies, policies, organisation & design
- CRP 438 Introduction to GIS in planning practice
- CRP 444 Application development to GIS
- Arch 491 Landscape research I
- ARCH 492 Landscape research II
- CRP 517 Urban archeology
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (major)

FOUR MODULES

Urban & Regional Economic Development

Must
- CRP 414 Urban & regional project management
- CRP 488 Institutional aspects of urban & regional planning

Electives
- CRP 332 Planning economics
- CRP 418 Theory of economic & spatial development
- CRP 419 Visions & strategies for socio-spatial development
- CRP 423 Computer app. of statistical techniques to city & regional planning
- CRP 433 Economics of development & economy of Turkey
- CRP 438 Introduction to GIS in planning practice
- CRP 444 Application development in GIS
- CRP 450 New spaces of growth & production
- CRP 466 Labour dynamics in global restructuring & planning
Environment, Infrastructure & Transport Planning

**Must**
- CRP 454 Urban transport systems: planning & design
- CRP 407 Principles & approaches of ecology in planning

**Electives**
- CRP 332 Planning economics
- CRP 414 Urban & regional project management
- CRP 423 Computer app. of statistical techniques to city & regional planning
- CRP 438 Introduction to GIS in planning practice
- CRP 444 Application development in GIS
- CRP 451 Models in urban planning I
- CRP 452 Models in urban planning II
- ENVE 420 Environmental impact assessment
- ENVE 406 Environmental management
- CE 451 Analysis of transport systems
- CP 562 Urban risks & planning
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UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM

Other courses

Planning Studios

must courses

Studio I-II

elective courses

Studio III-IV

Studio V-VII
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(1st year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(2nd year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(2nd year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(3rd year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(3rd year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(4th year planning studio)
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Student project examples

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM
(4th year planning studio)
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM (minor)

MUST courses

- Introduction to city & regional planning
- Origins of urbanism & the process of urbanisation
- Urban geography
- Planning theory

ELECTIVE courses

- City in history
- Introduction to urban design
- Legal & administrative aspects of planning
- Urban conservation planning
- Principles & approaches of ecology in planning
- Urban politics
- Institutional aspects of urban & regional planning
- Urban political analysis
- Urban economics
- Urban transportation planning
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
MASTER OF CITY PLANNING
... aims to familiarize students with more comprehensive issues of city planning
... to help students gain such skills as designing and conducting academic research as well as writing and publishing research results

MINIMUM
4 semesters

2 semesters – must & elective courses
2 semesters - thesis writing-up
1st Semester
- CP 501 Planning Studio I
- RP 511 Planning Theory
- CP 537 Urban Property Development & Planning
- Elective

2nd Semester
- CP 502 Planning Studio II
- CP 558 New Modes of Intervention in Planning
- CP 570 Thesis Seminar
- Elective
- Elective

3rd & 4th Semester
- Writing-up thesis
MASTER OF REGIONAL PLANNING
... aims to educate students to take responsibility in formation of a local and regional structure developed in terms of social, economic and environmental conditions, and governed by democratic rules that lead development process

MINIMUM
4 semesters

2 semesters – must & elective courses
2 semesters - thesis writing-up
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING Programs

GRADUATE CURRICULUM (Master of Regional Planning)

1st Semester
- RP 501 Regional Planning Studio I
- RP 511 Planning Theory
- CP 532 Methods of Regional Analysis and Spatial Organization
- Elective

2nd Semester
- RP 546 Workshop on Regional Economic Restructuring
- CP 524 Application of Advanced Statistical Techniques
- RP 534 Changing Economic & Political Structure
- Elective

3rd & 4th Semester
- Writing-up thesis
... invites students with a background in city planning, architecture and other related disciplines...

... aims to innovate new design languages and techniques; and to equip students with the skills and knowledge of formation and shaping of urban macroform at macro-, meso-, and micro-scales.

MINIMUM

4 semesters

2 semesters – must & elective courses
2 semesters - thesis writing-up
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

GRADUATE CURRICULUM
(Master of Urban Design)

1st Semester
- UD 501 Urban Design Studio I
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

2nd Semester
- UD 502 Urban Design Studio II
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

3rd & 4th Semester
- Writing-up thesis
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
Programs

GRADUATE CURRICULUM
(PhD in City & Regional Planning)

4 semesters

PROFICIENCY EXAM

PhD thesis

- CRP 601 New Tendencies in Planning
- CRP 602 Space Concepts and Organization in the New Age
- CRP 640 Doctoral Seminar
- 5 Elective courses
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
International Cooperations

ERASMUS – SOCRATES SCHEME
(staff & student mobility)

Technische Universitat Wien (AU) Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (BEL)
Aalborg University (DEN) Universita Degli Studi Roma Tre (IT)
Universite des Sciences et Technologies de Lille (FR)
University of Tours (FR) Bauhaus Universitat Weimar (GER)
HafenCity Universitat Hamburg (GER)
Harokopion University (GR) Seigen Universitat (GER) University of Thessaly (GR)
Technische Universiteit Dortmund (GER)
Universita degli studi di Cagliari (IT) University of Manchester (UK)
Politecnico di Milano (IT) University of Palermo (IT)
University of Lund (SW) Gdansk University of Technology (POL)
University of Milano-Bicocca (IT)
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International Cooperations

ERASMUS
(staff & student mobility)

AIMS

- to strengthen the European dimension of education at all levels
- to promote cooperation and mobility throughout education
- to encourage innovation in education
- to promote equal opportunities in all sectors of education
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ERASMUS
(student mobility)

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ERASMUS (staff mobility)

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No. of staff
CITY & REGIONAL PLANNING
International Cooperations

INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (IPs) (staff & student mobility)

- Educational programs supported by European Commission to promote exchange programs between universities

- IPs involved by the Faculty of Architecture, METU:
  - BRANKABIKA (Arch) – Bruge, Ankara (2005-2006)
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INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (IPs)
(staff & student mobility)

...site visits, Hamburg 2005
(Borderlines in urban space & planning)
INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (IPs)
(staff & student mobility)

...project teams, Hamburg 2005
(Borderlines in urban space & planning)
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INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (IPs) (staff & student mobility)

...working time, Hamburg 2005
(Borderlines in urban space & planning)
INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (IPs) (staff & student mobility)

..interim/final presentations, Hamburg 2005 (Borderlines in urban space & planning)
... an international design studio organised by METU and University of Adelaide, Australia

... between 30 June – 27 July 2008
... on “URBANITY, CULTURE & PLACING OF DIFFERENCE"
... aim to focus on the connection between place and difference

... to raise students’ sensitivity to spatial and social difference in their experience and design of constructed environments,

... to explore new modes of educational and professional practice
... aim to bring city planning, architecture and landscape architecture students from both universities

... to address socio-spatial problems of a conservation site in the historic center of Ankara via planning and design solutions
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URBAN EXCHANGE STUDIO ‘08

... http://arch.metu.edu.tr/ues/index_ues.htm
Our faculty members conduct academic research either individually or as a group especially as part of postgraduate studio courses on a range of topics.

Most research carried out in our department is policy-oriented or aims to bring about implications for practical issues of urban and regional development in Turkey.
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Research

Major Research Fields and Interests

- Globalization & regional development
- Urban & regional planning
- Housing policy & production
- Disaster risk analysis & mitigation planning
- Legal & financial aspects of local government
- Urban & regional resilience
- Climate change & urban development
- Migration & urban integration

- Urban poverty & health issues
- Urban regeneration/conservation
- Gentrification
- Sustainable urban & community development
- Public space
- Planning of university campuses / technoparks
- Planning & design of central urban cores
- Archaeological research of ancient sites
- Urban transport & infrastructure planning
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