

# OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING RESOURCES ICO SUGGESTIONS

International Community Services Office







#### IMPORTANT



The ICO does not provide any assistance on off-campus housing. If you choose to live off-campus at a self-arranged accommodation, you can check out a few sources on this guide.



This guide is only a recommendation and we do not assume any responsibility in case of any conflict or disappointment.



Please refer to the route maps we provide in this document to conveniently search and find off-campus housing as they show the start and endpoints of the public transit (BUS 154 and M2 Green Line Metro) that are closest to the main campus.

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### RECOMMENDED OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING WEBSITES

- 1. **Roomster**: You can find rooms, roommates, or apartments in Roomster.
- Erasmusu: You can find other Erasmus students, roommates, and accommodation places.
- Couchsurfing: Here you can look for a host for a short period. You may also host other travelers.
- 4. **Expat**: There are several advertisements for those who are looking for a roommate. You can also meet people and expand your network.
- 5. **<u>E-booking</u>**: On this site, you can find accommodation from hotels to apartments.
- 6. <u>Airbnb</u>: You can find local hosts for a short period (or longer depending on your contact). It is a great way to learn about the local culture and lifestyle.
- 7. **Facebook**: If you use Facebook, you can check groups such as <u>Sharing Flats in</u> <u>Istanbul</u> or alike.
- 8. **Trivago**: It is one of the most popular hotel booking sites in Turkey.
- TripAdvisor: TripAdvisor is also great for booking hotels and restaurants. You can benefit from the comments.
- 10. **Homestay**: You can find rooms for a short time at a reasonable price.
- 11. InterNations: Here you can meet other international people in Istanbul.
- 12. **Sahibinden**: The language of the website is Turkish and you can find rental apartments at your desired locations. The website allows you to have a search on the map as well. We advise you have a Turkish speaker while looking for the adverts.

### RECOMMENDED REAL ESTATE OFFICES NEARBY

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of close-by real estate offices which you can visit and ask for available apartments for rent. The commission is usually 1 month's rent payable upon signing your lease. In most cases, you also have to pay a security deposit to the landlord and it is usually 2 months' rent. Usually, all payments are done in Turkish Lira, however, some landlords might accept Euros or Dollars. You can search these offices and their ads on <u>www.sahibinden.com</u> before you visit them. This way you can view the pictures of the apartments, look at the location and see its specs. Please do your best to deal with these realtors or landlords with a Turkish-speaking friend if they do not speak English.

It is very important for you to understand that KU has no off-campus housing service and thus this document is only a recommendation out of courtesy for the international newcomers. In case of any conflict or disappointment, we do not assume any responsibility whatsoever. Please ask every detail before signing a lease and receive written confirmation from the landlords and real estate agencies.



# RECOMMENDED REAL ESTATE OFFICES NEARBY

NAME	ADDRESS	SERVICE IN ENGLISH
AKDENİZ İNŞAAT& EMLAK	Büyükdere Mahallesi,	Available on request
	Çayırbaşı Caddesi,	
	No:135/ 4	
NAÇAR EMLAK	Ömürtepe- Kireçburnu	Yes
	Mahallesi, Arabayolu	
	Caddesi, No: 211/ A	
TURYAP SARIYER	Merkez Mahallesi,	Low intermediate
	Meserburnu Caddesi,	
	No:22/1	
BÜYÜKDERE EMLAK	Büyükdere Mahallesi,	Available on request
	Kırklar Sokak, No:4	
MAYA REAL ESTATE	Zekeriyaköy Mahallesi,	Yes
	Kilyos Yolu Caddesi, Pera	
	Sunset Park No: 248 A/1	
ACARLAR REAL ESTATE	Zekeriyaköy Mahallesi,	Yes
	Fulya Caddesi, Acarlar	
	Sitesi Block: E30	
GÖKSEL TAŞTAN EMLAK	Maden Mahallesi, Kilyos	Low intermediate
	Caddesi, No: 161	

### HOUSING LOCATION SUGGESTIONS

#### Route from Haciosman Metro Station to the Main Campus:



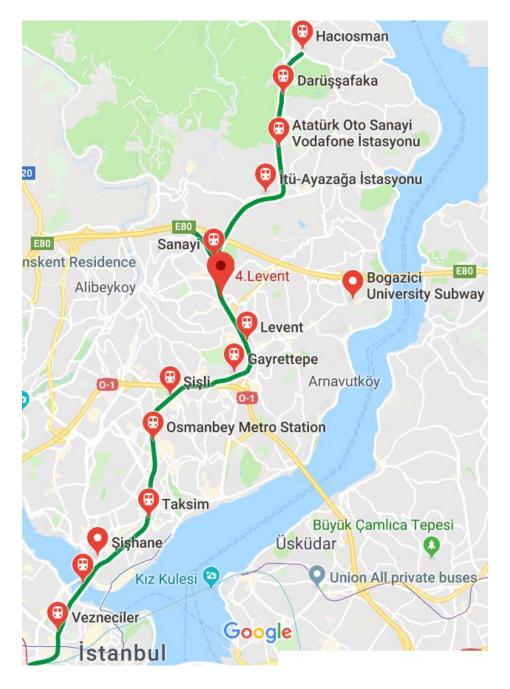
**IETT Bus 154:** Enters Koc University main campus, the route via Haciosman Metro, Sariyer, West Campus. You can find the route on the IETT map <u>here</u>. The red route refers to the trip from Haciosman Metro to KU. The blue one refers to the return. You can find the stop names along the route <u>here</u>. For the Moovit link, please click <u>here</u>.

IETT Bus 150: Passes by Koc University main campus security gate, does not enter the campus, route same as 154.

**Dolmuş:** Has the KOÇ ÜNİVERSİTESİ sign at the front windshield or side window, enters Koc University, route same as 154, cash only.

# HOUSING LOCATION SUGGESTIONS

#### M2 Yenikapi- Haciosman Metro Line:



The trip takes 32 minutes. You can find the stations and more details on the official <u>webpage</u>.