

Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

The latest news, views and announcements

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An expected snowfall has started in Istanbul, turning the historical city into a fairyland.

The snowfall continued until Monday with temperatures fluctuating below zero degrees Celsius. The inclement weather proved less damaging for the city this time than January's chaotic snow, amid strict measures taken earlier and motorists adhering to guidelines to not drive.

According to experts, Istanbul will receive sleet & snow again starting from March 18. Istanbul is expected to receive heavy snowfall in some areas till early next week.

Fatih Işık, an influencer, skied through the streets of Istanbul, most famously next to the Galata Tower.

"I skied in front of Istanbul's most beautiful landscapes," he said in his latest post.



Source: [Daily Sabah](#) & [Bianet](#)

Turkish Practice Hours (TPH)

Spring '22 sessions are here!

We had a great start to the semester with an Info Meeting on March 7th. We held the first 2 sessions that week as well.

Come join us if you want to practice your Turkish conversational skill with native speakers!



What's New for Spring '22?

1. There will be 2 volunteer native speakers each session: one leader, one supporter
2. ICO will provide a **certificate of participation** at the end of the semester for those who attend **at least 5 sessions**
3. In addition to KU community, there will be students from [UNIC partner universities](#)

Beginners:

Fridays, 1-2 PM

Intermediate:

Wednesdays, 2-3 PM

Interested in Joining the Sessions?

1. **Subscribe to the TPH mailing list** to receive related meeting details. You can subscribe by filling out the [subscription form](#). Please make sure your KU Gmail account is accessible.
2. **Follow [this WhatsApp group link](#)** and type "Merhaba!" ("Hello!" in Turkish) to your new friends in the group and introduce yourself. Our volunteers will welcome you.

Important Note: TPH is available **ONLY** for KU affiliates, their family members, students from [UNIC Partner Universities](#)!

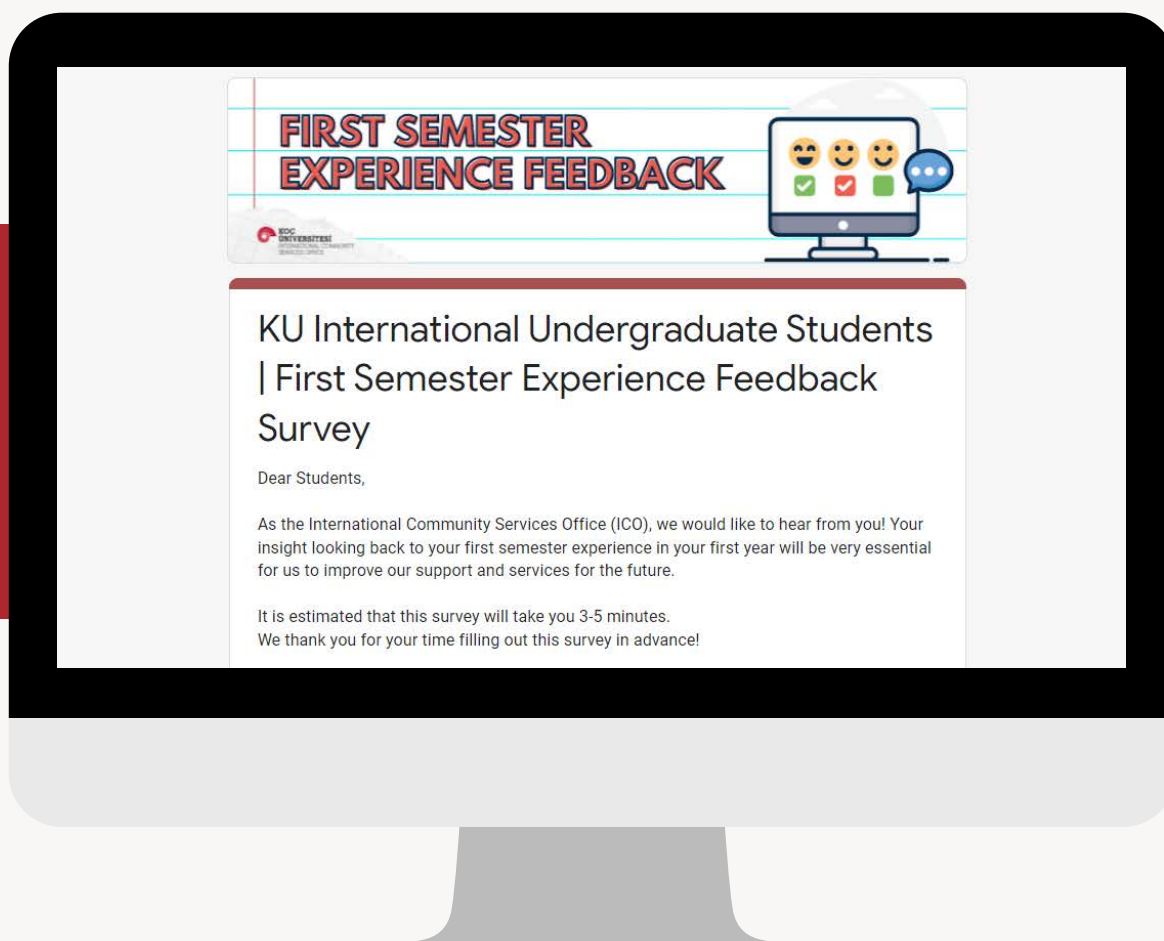
For more information: ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/

First Semester Feedback Survey

As the International Community Services Office (ICO), we have started 2022 by re-evaluating and restructuring the services we will be providing to our new **undergraduate full-time** international students.

To better understand and improve, we would like to hear from our current undergraduate students. Your insight looking back to your first-semester experience in your first year will be essential for us to improve our support and resources for the future.

You can give us your feedback by clicking the screen below.



Turkey's Biggest Coffee Fair Coffex Istanbul

Starting this Thursday, March 17, Coffex Istanbul, an expo devoted entirely to coffee, will be taking place over the course of four days up until Sunday, March 20, at the Haliç Congress Center in Istanbul. Open to professionals in the industry as well as to coffee lovers of all kinds. This will be the fourth fair devoted entirely to the coffee bean, its processing, and the plentiful products surrounding its preparation and service.

In addition to learning about all of the different roasters, brands, and gourmet coffee shops in Turkey, this will also be an opportunity to check out all of the magazines and publications regarding coffee that are on offer in the country.

The fair will take place from March 17-20 and from 10 AM to 7 PM. A daily pass is 35 TL, which is available for purchase online on [Biletino](#) or upon arrival at the door.



Source: [Daily Sabah](#)

Upcoming Events

18-31 Mar 2022

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

- 18** GLODEM Book Club Talk Series →
- 18-19** Sónar Istanbul 2022 →
- 18-20** Coffex Istanbul →
- 21-23-28** English Stand-up Comedy Open Mic →
- 24** John Grant Concert →



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