



EMU'S 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR FALL SEMESTER GRADUATION CEREMONIES TO BE HELD ON 8-9 FEBRUARY

This is Not the End It is a New Beginning

Graduation Ceremony for Postgraduate Program Graduates

Date: 8 February 2022, Tuesday
Time: 14:00
Venue: Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center

Graduation Ceremony for Associate and Undergraduate Program Graduates

Date: 9 February 2022, Wednesday

Time: 10:00	Faculty of Architecture
14:00	School of Tourism and Hospitality Management
	School of Computing and Technology
18:00	Faculty of Health Sciences
	School of Health Services
Venue: Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center	
Time: 10:00	Faculty of Business and Economics
14:00	School of Business and Finance
18:00	Faculty of Engineering
	Faculty of Arts & Sciences
	Faculty of Education
Venue: Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Complex	
Time: 10:00	Faculty of Communication and Media Studies
14:00	Faculty of Law
18:00	School of Justice
	Faculty of Pharmacy
Venue: Mustafa Afsin Ersoy Hall	



14:00 and 16:00. Between 18:00 and 20:00, graduates of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the School of Health Services will receive their diplomas.

During the ceremonies to be held at Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center, graduates of Faculty of Business and Economics and School of Business and Finance will receive their diplomas between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; graduates of the Faculty of Engineering will be presented diplomas between 14:00 and 16:00. Diplomas will be presented to the students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Education between 18:00 – 20:00.

During the ceremonies to be held at Mustafa Afsin Ersoy Hall, graduates of Faculty of Communication will be presented diplomas between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.. Graduates of Faculty of Law and the School of Justice will be presented diplomas between 14:00 and 16:00. Finally, graduates of Faculty of Pharmacy will be awarded diplomas between 18:00 and 20:00.

At the ceremonies that will start with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, speeches on behalf of graduate students, speeches by faculty deans and school directors, and Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın and President of the Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenik will be delivered via cinevision. Then, diplomas and awards will be presented to the highest ranking graduates of the faculties and departments. The ceremonies will end with the distribution of diplomas to the graduates of associate and undergraduate programs.

Ceremonies to Take Place in Scope of the Pandemic Rules

The 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester Graduation Ceremonies will be held within the framework of pandemic rules. In this context, all students and their parents who will attend the ceremony or rehearsal will be asked to present a negative PCR/antigen test result obtained within the last 72 hours if they are fully vaccinated (including booster doses); if they are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, they will be asked to submit a negative PCR / Antigen test result obtained within the last 48 hours. Due to the pandemic conditions, a maximum of 2 guests of each graduate can be allowed to the ceremony area. Maximum attention will be paid to social distancing and mask rules at the ceremony.

On the other hand, the Online Graduation Ceremony will be broadcast on Wednesday, 9 February, 2022, at 20:00, on social media platforms (Youtube – <https://www.youtube.com/user/eastmeduniv>, Instagram - @[emuofficial](https://www.instagram.com/emuofficial) and Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/eastern.med.univ/>) and EMU TV social media account.

Eastern Mediterranean University's (EMU) 2021 – 2022 Academic Year Fall Semester Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 8 February 2022, and Associate and Undergraduate Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022. Consistently increasing the number of graduates with each passing year, EMU's total number of graduates will almost reach 68 thousand in the 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester.

Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony on 8 February

Graduation ceremony for students graduating from the postgraduate programs during the 2021-2022 Academic Year Fall Semester will be held on Tuesday, 8 February 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. The rehearsal for the Postgraduate Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, 7 February 2022, at 10:00 a.m., again at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center. More than 300 graduates of master's and doctorate programs will receive their diplomas at the ceremony. The ceremony, which will start with a moment of silence and the National Anthem, will continue with a Music Concert. Then, on behalf of the master's and doctoral graduates, Turkish and English speeches,

followed by Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın's speech and President of the Board of Trustees Dr. Erdal Özçenik's speech will be delivered. After the ceremony, diplomas will be presented to doctoral graduates, and honorary plaques will be presented to thesis supervisors the aforesaid graduates. The ceremony will end after the diploma presentation to graduates.

Graduation Ceremony for Associate and Undergraduate Programs on 9 February

Graduation Ceremonies, during which Associate and Undergraduate Program graduates will receive their diplomas, will be held on Wednesday, 9 February, 2022. Due to the pandemic conditions, approximately 1000 graduates will be presented their diplomas at a ceremony to be held at a specific time and place arranged for each faculty.

In this context, on Wednesday, 9 February, 2022, at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Palace, graduates of Faculty of Architecture will receive their diplomas between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; graduates of School of Tourism and Hotel Management and School of Computing and Technology will be presented their diplomas between

CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FROM EMU-CEC



In-service training sessions organized by the Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU-CEC) for Dikmen Municipality employees within the scope of the European Union Project have been completed. A Certificate Ceremony was held for the participants who successfully completed the aforesaid training. The ceremony took place at EMU Rector's Office, Senate Meeting Hall. Present at the ceremony were EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Mayor of Dikmen Yüksel Çelebi, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, EMU-CEC President Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, EMU-CEC team, instructors and participants who successfully completed the said training.

“We Thank EMU-CEC”

Delivering the opening address of the ceremony, EMU-CEC President Assoc. Prof.

Dr. Metin Ersoy stated that EMU-CEC was established in 2004 to provide education services to all stakeholders of the society with an understanding of lifelong education and continues its activities in line with this mission. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also added that their main aim is to provide educational services for everyone from 7 to 70 years old and to carry such services out of the campus and serve the society. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy congratulated the participants who successfully completed the 9 courses that commenced in October 2020 and thanked the EMU-CEC instructors. Mayor of Dikmen Yüksel Çelebi also pointed out the importance of cooperation between the municipality and universities and thanked EMU and EMU-CEC for the in-service training they offered to their institution.

“Cooperation with Local Governments will Continue”

The said courses were offered in the following categories and by the following instructors: English courses by Turan Değirmencioğlu; Computer courses “Microsoft Office Applications” and Social Media Management in Local Administrations and Digital Communication Course by Burak Derebaşı and Gizem Çelebiaziz; Food Safety Course by Sen. Inst. Eliz Arter, Sen. Inst. Nezire İnce, Assist. Prof. Dr. Ceren Gezer and Assist. Prof. Dr. Tevhide Ziver; Managerial Skills course and Meeting and Time Management Course by Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova and Prof. Dr. Ahmet Tarık Timur; Written Communication Skills course by Dr. Engin Aluç; Citizen Relations Course by Specialist Şevket Serkan Şen; Effective Communication Skills course by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy.

EMU RECTOR'S OFFICE PRESENTS A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO FAMOUS PRODUCER EMRE OSKAY



The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector's Office presented a plaque of appreciation to famous producer Emre Oskay, who is also among the academic staff of EMU Faculty of Communication, Cinema and Television Department, for inviting a professional team from the Republic of Turkey to the island for the shooting of the short film titled “The Spirit of Othello”,

hence for providing a unique experience for the students of the aforesaid department. The presentation ceremony took place at EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu's office.

Plaque Presented by Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu

In addition to Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu, notable names who

attended the ceremony were Dean of EMU Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Senih Çavuşoğlu, Vice Deans Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aysu Arsoy and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yetin Arslan, Chair of Cinema and Television Department Prof. Dr. Bahire Efe Özad, Director of Graduate Communications and Career Research Office Derviş Ekşici, Director of Public Relations and Media Burcu Sultan Betin and Research Assistant Ümit Akdeniz. The plaque of appreciation was presented to Emre Oskay by Prof. Dr. İşçioğlu. At the same time, Emre Oskay, who graduated from EMU Faculty of Communication during the 2010-2011 Academic Year Fall Semester, was presented with the uniform of ‘Mağusa Türk Gücü’ football team by Graduate Communications and Career Research Director Derviş Ekşici.

Speaking at the ceremony, EMU Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu thanked Emre Oskay for his contributions to the students of EMU Faculty of Communication and his efforts to promote EMU at national and international film festivals.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICES FROM EMU DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY ACADEMICIANS

EMU Chemistry Department, operating under the umbrella of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences and having the quality of being the only Chemistry Department in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), continues to stand out of the crowd in the world with its academic achievements in different areas. Making a statement on the subject, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan stated that EMU Chemistry Department continues to contribute to science and education at the highest level with its qualified academic staff. Adding that EMU Chemistry Department continues its high-quality education and research with its undergraduate, graduate (BS, MS and PhD) and double major programs, Chemistry Department Chair Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, on the other hand, stated that the academic staff of the Chemistry Department gathered the attention of the entire scientific community not only with their scientific publications, but also with the editorial and refereeing services they provided for world-renowned prestigious journals. In this context, Prof. Dr. Sakallı provided information about the scientific activities in which EMU Chemistry Department academic staff have been involved recently (between 2020-2022).

Department of Chemistry Vice Chair

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi

Having served on the editorial boards of a number of prestigious journals and as the review editor for the last two years, Prof. Dr. Gazi is primarily a member of the editorial board of *Frontiers in Catalysis*, to which he was appointed in 2021, and a member of the review editorial board in the field of *Heterogeneous Catalysis* (<https://loop.frontiersin.org/people/1547846/overview>). Prof. Dr. Gazi also serves on the editorial board of the journal *Agriculture and Environment*, a journal of the University of Acta Universitatis Sapientiae, as the editor of the *Environmental Chemistry* sub-topic (<https://sciendo.com/journal/AUSAE>). Whilst having served as the keynote speaker at the 6th International Conference on New Trends in Chemistry held in the TRNC in 2020 (<https://icntconference.com/past-events/>), Prof. Dr. Gazi also contributed to 18 scientific articles in internationally indexed (SCI-SCIE) journals in 2 years. In this process, Prof. Dr. Gazi received excellent reviewer award from Publons, an organization of Web of Science, after having reviewed 56 articles as a referee on behalf of many SCI-SCIE indexed journals in 2021 (<https://publons.com/researcher/1355772/mustafa-gazi/>). In the "AD Scientific Index 2022" (Alper-Doger Scientific Index) Report, which is created by analyzing the annual, five-year and total values of the h-index and i10 index criteria, which evaluates the academic publication and citation performances of universities and scientists for the last five years based on Google Scholar data. Prof. Dr. Gazi has been ranked 3rd throughout the TRNC as the best scientist in the field of Chemical Sciences and 1st in EMU (<https://www.adscientificindex.com/scientist.php?id=82045>).

Chemistry Department Academic Staff Member Prof. Dr.

Huriye İcil

Having been evaluating the European Union projects in Organic, Photochemistry and Energy projects as an Expert Evaluator of the European Commission, Prof. Dr. İcil works in the fields of Organic Photochemistry and Photovoltaics. Prof. Dr. İcil successfully graduated two master's and two doctoral students between 2020-2021 and, during this process, she published two scientific articles with her students in one of the most respected journals in the field of Chemistry, Photochemistry and Photobiology *Journal A: Chemistry* (*Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology*) with an impact factor of 4.291 (Q2) affiliated with Elsevier publishing house. Prof. Dr. İcil was also on the review editorial board of the same journal in 2021. In 2020, participating as a keynote speaker at the "6th New Trends in International Chemistry" conference, Prof. Dr. İcil will attend the 7th International "New Trends in Chemistry" conference, which is planned to be held in May 2022, as a keynote speaker. Having successfully completed four TUBITAK 1001 projects before and holding 4 separate patents, Prof. Dr. İcil gave a seminar at EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 2021 on "How to write an effective TUBITAK 1001 research project proposal. What is new?". In the 2nd R&D Project Market event in the Chemicals and Products Industry organized by the Istanbul Chemicals and Products Exporters' Association in 2012, Prof. Dr. İcil received the highest award beyond all categories with her "Red Fluorescence Signage Project" in the Paints and Adhesives category. Prof. Dr. İcil also received the "Success Stories" award for her successful achievements in the project at the 10th R&D Project Market event held in 2021.

Having served on the editorial boards of a number of prestigious publications and as a guest editor in the last two years, Assoc. Prof. Oladipo was appointed to the editorial board of the *Environmental Technology Journal*, one of the world's leading journals with an impact factor of 3,247 (Q2) and affiliated with Taylor & Francis publishing house, which provides the publication of a wide range of science and technology articles on applied environmental research (<https://www.beilstein-journals.org/bjnano/series/92>). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Oladipo is a guest editor for a special issue of the *Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology* (3.65, Q2), which is also a leader in the fields of high-impact nanomaterials and applied physics (<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=tent20>). He also served as the keynote speaker in the fifth international conference on natural resources and sustainable environmental management organized by Near East University Civil Engineering Department in 2021 on issues related to water treatment and valuable resource recycling (<https://nrsem2021.neu.edu.tr/keynotespeaker/akeem-oladipo/>). Having been deemed worthy of numerous refereeing and referee awards, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Oladipo (<https://publons.com/researcher/1305548/akeem-oladipo-phd-amrsc/>) offers undergraduate (BS) and graduate (MS & PhD) courses at EMU Chemistry Department.



PROMINENT JOURNALIST OĞUZ HAKSEVER GIVES A SEMINAR IN EMU

Journalist and TV news presenter Oğuz Haksever gave a seminar on television journalism to Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department students. In the seminar, Oğuz Haksever provided guiding information he named 'the television journalism reading guide' for students. Oğuz Haksever, a doyen journalist who received great interest from the students of the New Media and Journalism Department, provided recommendations to the students on using their right to receive information. Stating that he still sees himself as a reporter although he is currently a presenter, Haksever noted that good television journalism should include accuracy, objectivity, justice, reality and impartiality.

Pros and Cons of Media Organizations Evaluated

Haksever said that if the media organization has broadcasting principles and shares it with the public, if there is a detailed "about us" section on their site and if it has an imprint and contact information and if the call center is accessible, the viewers can give a plus point to such media organs. In addition to these, Haksever stated that the media organisation reveals the sources of television news or other news channels, plus points can be assigned, but he also stated that it would be useful to go to news verification sites as a viewer. Stating that the seminar should be considered as a television journalism literacy, Haksever talked about the news content that should be given minus points by the audience. Haksever explained these as follows: Television news centers putting all the workload on a few reporters and rely on agencies, not following the idea, filling the whole bulletin with politics and economy, the news not being original and existence of many references in the news text, repetition of the same information, frequent biased broadcasts, having the claim of fast news and having the statement "We served it first", referring to anonymous sources by saying 'from a reliable source', or unnecessary camera movements in video news.

"Read Literature and Poetry"

Haksever also advised the students to stay away from speculation broadcasting or journalism, not to give credit



to the presenter's too many comments, that the presenters should inform the public, and therefore, to avoid the social media accounts of the presenters who comment a lot. At the end of the seminar, Oğuz Haksever recommended that students read literature and poetry in order to use correct and appropriate metaphors in journalism and all areas of the media. In his speech before the seminar, EMU

Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy stated that they will continue to host prominent journalists at EMU and benefit from their experiences. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also expressed their happiness to have brought together their students and Oğuz Haksever, a prominent journalist with high sectoral experience.

EMU NEW MEDIA AND JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT GRADUATION JURY BEING HELD



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department Graduation Project jury was held. New Media and Journalism Department student Utku Üretici

presented his thematic newspaper titled "Leşber" to the jury consisting of Prof. Dr. Hanife Aliefendioğlu, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, Dr. Engin Aluç, academic staff member Nil Yüce, journalists Tahir Gazi and Aysu

Basri. The newspaper which focused on agriculture was evaluated in terms of content and design. The jury stated that the project had the characteristics to fill a gap in the sector.

"Qualified Graduates Find Employments in the Sector"

Stating that the department has had many graduates each year, EMU Communication Faculty, New Media and Journalism Department Head Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy expressed that their graduates have well equipped employments within the sector by the virtue of the education they received at EMU. Saying that the department has been hosting experts in the field at the end of each semester within the scope of the graduation project juries, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy emphasized that the department was proud to have journalists Tahir Gazi and Aysu Basri as jury members this year who are also EMU graduates themselves.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICES FROM THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF EMU PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

Academic staff of EMU Physics Department, operating under the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Arts and Sciences and having the unique quality of being the only Physics Department of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), have been putting their signatures under important academic achievements, services and activities. Releasing a statement on the subject, EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan stated that the prominent academic staff of EMU Physics Department continue to contribute to both science and EMU's high quality education at the highest level, thanks to their remarkable academic achievements. Chair of EMU Physics Department Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, on the other hand, underlined that, in addition to the qualitative and high-volume scientific publications made by the academic staff of EMU Physics Department, the academicians of the department provide editorial-refereeing services for world-renowned prestigious journals and play a leading role in scientific activities. In this context, Prof. Dr. Sakallı provided information about the scientific activities in which EMU Physics Department academics have recently been involved (between 2020-2022).

Vice Chair of Physics Department Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi

Having appeared on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious journals within the last two years, Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi has also served as keynote speaker and review editor at conferences. Prof. Dr. Mazharimousavi was a keynote speaker at the International Conference on Mathematical Sciences (ICMS 2020) (<https://www.maltepe.edu.tr/icms20/en/plenary-speakers>), and keynote speaker at the Fifth International Conference on

Mathematical Sciences (ICMS 2021) (<https://www.maltepe.edu.tr/icms21/en/plenary-speakers>). Prof. Dr. Mazharimousavi was also an invited speaker at 2021 Feza Gürsey Center Advanced Theoretical Physics Summer School (<https://sites.google.com/view/atitphysics/2021>), whilst being the Guest Editor of Computers & Electrical Engineering – Elsevier Journal (<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/computers-and-electrical-engineering/call-for-papers/special-section-on-internet-of-video-things-vsi-iov>).

Physics Department Academic Staff

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün

As the academic staff of EMU Physics Department with the highest number of publications, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün serves as the guest editor in the Turkish Journal of Physics, published electronically 6 times a year by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) (<https://publons.com/journal/16478/turkish-journal-of-physics/>). Assoc. Prof. Dr. Övgün also won the Top Peer Reviewer Award from Publons, a Web of Science organization (<https://publons.com/researcher/485929/ali-ovgun/>).

World's Most Influential Scientists List

Having appeared amongst the top 2% of the world's best scientists in the "World's Most Influential Scientists" list published by John Ioannidis of Stanford University and his colleagues in the "Plos Biology" journal (<https://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.3000918>) EMU Physics Department Academic Staff Members Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi, Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı and Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa once again declared the quality level of EMU Physics Department at the international level.



OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FROM EMU FACULTY OF PHARMACY GRADUATES

Iranian students who graduated from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Pharmacy successfully passed the face-to-face Pharmacy Student Assessment Exam (National Pharmacy Council Exam of Iran) held in Iran last month. Regarding the subject, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Dr. Müberra Koşar stated that with the admission of Iranian graduates to this exam, the extensive scientific talent in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) once again came to the fore. EMU Faculty of Pharmacy Pharm. D. Program Graduate Sina Mirzaalilou achieved the highest score with 119 points amongst all Iranian participants and graduates abroad (Hungary, India, Russia, Ukraine and Turkey).

“We Extend Our Congratulations”

Prof. Dr. Koşar stated the following: “We extend our congratulations to all our graduates who successfully passed this exam and made us proud by being among those who received the highest scores with great effort. Our esteemed graduates and their esteemed families: Although you have struggled with difficult conditions, we fully believe that this common pride we share will shed light on your future professional lives

and that your achievements will reflect your difference in your environment. We are living this excitement for the second time. Our last year graduate, Pharm. D. Sahand Alizadeh also got the highest score in this exam with 112.7 points. In addition, EMU Faculty of Pharmacy graduates demonstrated a success rate of 95% in the same exam. Your success has been made possible by hard work, good education, perseverance, dedication and your passion for the field of pharmacy. I would like to congratulate you all, our esteemed graduates and their esteemed families, once again.”



This Week's Academic Publications Source: *Web of Science*

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Ahmadova, Arzu, and Nazim Mahmudov. “Asymptotic stability analysis of Riemann-Liouville fractional stochastic neutral differential equations.” *Miskolc Mathematical Notes* 22, no. 2(2021):503-520



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