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EMU TAKES THE TOP SPOT IN 2025 YKS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The preference results of the 2025 Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS) have been announced on Monday, 25 August 2025 by the Republic of Türkiye's Measurement, Selection and Placement Center. According to the results, total of 2,271 students were placed at the Eastern Mediterranean University: 1,805 of whom to the undergraduate programs and 466 to associate programs.

Placement Rates in TRNC Fall Overall but EMU Rises

In 2024, total of 2,185 students were placed at EMU. The number has risen to 2,271 in 2025. This growth pushed the university's occupancy rate to 70%, making it the institution with the largest increase in enrolled students in 2025. While overall placement rates across the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) declined, EMU surpassed the national average by boosting its enrollment.

EMU – A Leader in Undergraduate Programs

The number of students admitted to undergraduate programs also grew, increasing from 1,676 in 2024 to 1,805 in 2025. This rise positioned EMU as the top university in terms of undergraduate enrollments.

EMU Tops TRNC in Equivalent Student Numbers

EMU ranked first in the TRNC for equivalent student numbers, considering both undergraduate and associate degree placements. Of the 2,271 students admitted, 1,254 selected EMU as their equivalent choice. With particularly strong numbers in undergraduate programs, EMU continued to lead among TRNC universities in this category.

EMU's Health Programs Reach Full Capacity

EMU's health programs were highly sought after in the 2025 YKS results. The Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, the Faculties of Dentistry, and Pharmacy all achieved 100% enrollment. This outcome underscores the influence of EMU's strong faculty and international accreditations on students' choices in the health field.

Making a comment on the matter, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç stated that the results is a testament to the strong academic structure, international accreditations and quality education understanding of EMU.

Prof Dr. Kılıç continued by saying: "EMU offers its students more than a diploma—the students gain an international perspective and



access to a world-class education. We warmly welcome all students starting their academic journey in the TRNC, and to those who have chosen EMU, we say: Welcome to the EMU Family, and best wishes for continued success in your studies."

DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN OF EMU GRADUATES

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) attracts great attention with the support it offers to the children of its alumni. Children of EMU graduates who receive training at associate or undergraduate programs of EMU are offered a 25% tuition fee discount.

If both parents of the students are EMU graduates, the discount can go up to 50%. This policy reflects EMU's respect for its alumni and its dedication to fostering family connections within education.

Making remarks on the topic, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "As EMU, our students and graduates, who we consider as members of our family, are always our priority. Through the scholarship opportunities we provide, we aim to support their educational journeys while easing the financial responsibilities on their families. Being part of EMU from one generation to the next is both a source of pride and an opportunity in education for families. With this educational support, we will continue to strengthen the academic paths of our graduates' children".



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EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR TURKS ABROAD AND RELATED COMMUNITIES ABDULHADI TURUS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç gathered with Abdulhadi Turus, the President for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). The meeting took place on Tuesday, 19 August 2025 in Nicosia where Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç extended his sincerest wishes for Turus's recent appointment. The meeting also covered discussions on potential future collaborations and ways to strengthen the relationship between EMU and YTB.

Underscoring EMU's internationalization vision, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "I strongly believe that collaboration with YTB will create meaningful opportunities for both our students and our institutions".

On the other hand, YTB President Abdulhadi Turus conveyed EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç his thanks for the visit, saying; "EMU's international expertise and knowledge is very important for us. I strive to take our relation forward".



THE PATH TO THE PROFESSIONS OF THE FUTURE PASSES THROUGH EMU: THE FACULTY OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES IS WAITING FOR ITS STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) has launched Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences with the aim of advancing its rooted experience in the fields of technology and informatics. Since 1994, the School of Computing and Technology (SCT) has successfully offered the Information Systems and Technologies program. Building on this strong foundation, the faculty now strives to educate individuals equipped with the knowledge and skills demanded by today's digital age.

Over 30 Years of Academic Experience in the Field of Informatics

The faculty, holding ASIIN accreditation and the EuroINF quality seal, has modernized its Information Systems and Technologies programs by adding high-demand fields such as Information Security Technologies and Data Science & Analytics. Building on over 30 years of EMU's expertise in informatics, the faculty now offers an interdisciplinary approach aimed at preparing graduates who are skilled, industry-ready, and capable of meeting the needs of rapidly evolving areas like digital transformation, cybersecurity, data analytics, and artificial intelligence (AI).

Under the leadership of Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner, the recent restructuring marks not only an academic evolution but also a forward-looking vision set to influence the informatics sector regionally and globally.

Ranked Among the Top 10 in the 'Top 100 Careers' List

With the launch of the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, the Information Systems and Technologies curriculum has been updated to emphasize artificial intelligence and machine learning. Two new programs in cybersecurity and data analytics have also been introduced to help address the rapidly changing skills demands in Northern Cyprus and worldwide. According to U.S. News & World Report's "Top 100 Careers"

ranking—which considers growth potential, salary, employment, job security, and work-life balance—four computing careers are in the top 10, with many more within the top 100. The report anticipates strong demand in 2025 for computer science professionals, particularly in specialized fields responding to new technologies and industry needs, including data scientists and analysts, software developers, machine learning engineers, and cybersecurity specialists.

According to the "Future of Jobs Report 2025" by World Economic Forum, AI and machine learning specialists, big data professionals, cybersecurity analysts, software and application developers, and data scientists will be some of the fastest-growing careers over the next five years. Between 2025 and 2030, the most sought-after skills are expected to include AI and big data proficiency, cybersecurity expertise, programming, and digital literacy. By incorporating AI and machine learning courses across all its programs, the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences prepares students for high-demand sectors and aims to produce skilled graduates who can help close the cybersecurity talent gap.



"A Fresh Vision in line with the Needs of the

In his remarks regarding the topic, Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Ahmet Rizaner said: "We live in a time where information and technology influence every part of life. Fields like cybersecurity, data science, artificial intelligence, and digital infrastructure are no longer just future careers—they are essential today. Our mission is to not only keep up with this transformation but to cultivate the leaders of tomorrow. When establishing our faculty, we didn't just create a new institution; we built on our decades-long tradition in informatics education since 1994 and added a forward-looking vision tailored to the needs of the modern era.

We have thoroughly reviewed all our programs using scientific insights and updated them to align with industry demands, global trends, and student expectations. Alongside our existing undergraduate Information Systems and Technologies program and the newly launched Cybersecurity program, we plan to begin enrolling students in the Data Science and Analytics program starting next semester.

In addition to our undergraduate programs, we also offer our students in-depth research and practice opportunities with our Information Technologies master's programs (with/without thesis). These programs cater not only to IT professionals and engineers seeking deeper knowledge but also to professionals and recent graduates from other fields looking to transition into the informatics sector.

Our faculty is also strongly committed to academic research. Through our new vision, we aim to enhance this capacity and shape the informatics field with research that resonates both nationally and internationally. We strive to equip our students not just with technical skills but also with ethical values, critical thinking, and creativity. Our faculty exists to prepare individuals who are ready to meet the challenges of both today and tomorrow.

STUDENTS EXPLORED THE UNIVERSE AT 4TH EMU ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

In collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) International Summer School Office, New Horizon and EMU Astronomy Club, the EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics organized the 4th EMU Astronomy Summer Workshop on 11-12 August 2025 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall and EMU Beach Club.

As part of EMU International Summer School, the 4th EMU Astronomy Workshop—organized with the support of Noyanlar Group of Companies, sponsor of the International Summer School and Internship Programs—was attended by students from grades 3 to 9 and above. On 11-12 August 2025, special presentations were held for students in grade 9 and above. The workshop opened on 11 August at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall, with participation of EMU Vice Rector for Promotion and Institutional Communication Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Physics and Chemistry Department Chair Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, faculty members, and students.

Following the opening, various presentations took place: "Powers of Universe and Cosmic Mysteries: Forces, Black Holes and Dark Matter" by EMU Department of Physics academic staff member Prof. Dr. Mustafa Halilsoy; "Life on Planets: An Astrobiology Journey" by EMU Department of Physics academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Huriye Gürel; "Neutron Stars and Life Cycle of Stars" by Dr. Mert Mangut; "Einstein and the Philosophy of Science" by Ufuk Balkan; "Radiosonde Balloon Measurements in Meteorology" by Sinem Karaköse; "Newton and the Secret of Ellipse" by Kayra Soykar; and "The Expansion of the Universe" by Gözde Soyel.

On 12 August 2025, online presentations featured Prof. Dr. Muzaffer Adak from Pamukkale University discussing "Gravitational Waves and Industry X.0"; Dr. Chantal Cappelletti from the University of Nottingham presenting "Introduction to CubeSats"; and Prof. Dr. Ekrem Aydıner from Princeton University on "The Fractal Universe." At the same time, in-person sessions at the Mustafa









Afşin Ersoy Hall included Prof. S. Habib Masharimousavi from EMU Mathematics Department with "Geometry and Spacetime," Sedat İzcan presenting

"Our Mission: Space – Applied CubeSat Design Workshop," and Melisa Sultan Tokpinar with "Pandora of Darkness: The Invisible Empire of the Universe."

"Explore the Universe in a Single Night"As part of the 4th EMU Astronomy Workshop, students also took part in a telescope observation

activity titled "Explore the Universe in a Single Night". On 11 August 2025, students from grades 3–8 observed planets and stars through telescopes. The event was attended by Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Chair of the Physics and Chemistry Departments at EMU Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

At the end of the activity, Prof. Dr. Sakallı presented a gift to Yenal Öğmen on behalf of the New Horizon Initiative. All participating students will also receive e-certificates from EMU.



INTERNATIONAL AWARD AWARDED TO EMU FACULTY OF TOURISM DOCTORAL STUDENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU),
Faculty of Tourism doctoral student
Fetine Bayraktar has been awarded with
the 'Emerging Scholar Award' at the
Twentieth International Conference on
Interdisciplinary Social Sciences hosted
by the University of Málaga, Spain.

By receiving this prestigious award, Bayraktar gained the opportunity to participate in the conference and showcase her research on an international stage. The 'Emerging Scholar Award', designed to foster the growth of young researchers and encourage global academic collaboration, is awarded to only a limited number of scholars.

At the conference, organized with the theme of 'Minds and Machines: Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms, Ethics, and Order in Global Society' this year, Bayraktar delivered an oral presentation and chaired various sessions.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FROM EMU GRADUATE HALİDE UNUZ WHO COMMENCED HER DUTY AT THE DR. BURHAN NALBANTOĞLU STATE HOSPITAL

Specialist Physiotherapist Halide Unuz who graduated from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department as the top student in June 2021 and EMU Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Master's Program in 2023 continues adding more achievements in her career. Specialist Physiotherapist Unuz, who crowned their master's thesis by publishing it in an international journal indexed in SCI-Expanded, achieved first place in the public sector open exam and began working as a physiotherapist at Dr. Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital as of 6 August

With this important achievement, Specialist Physiotherapist Halide Unuz brought great pride to EMU family. Unuz will continue to contribute her expertise and professional experience to benefit the community in the field of health services.

Making a remark on the topic, EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair Prof. Dr. Mitat Koz said: "Seeing our students transferring their academic success into professional achievements is a great source of pride and happiness for us. Halide Unuz's exceptional accomplishments at both undergraduate and master's levels, capped by securing first place in public service, exemplify the quality of education at EMU. We wish her every success in her career.".

EMU Health Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç also made remarks, saying: "We take pride not only in the academic achievements of our faculty's graduates but also in the impact they make in their professional careers. Halide Unitz's

remarkable accomplishment is a testament to the high-quality education and strong academic staff of our faculty. We wish her continued excellence in her professional life."



13TH EMU OSMAN MARAŞLI MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT TO BEGIN

The 13th of the "Osman Maraşlı Triad Beach Volleyball Memorial Tournament" which is organized annually by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in memory of Turkish Cypriot late volleyball coach Osman Maraşlı, will kick off on Saturday, 30 August 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at EMU Beach Club with contributions of the Municipality of Famagusta.

Final Matches to be held on Sunday – 31 August

Teams will compete in categories of triad men's, triad women's and family. In triad women's and triad men's categories, a maximum of one licensed player will be allowed on each team. Players under the age of 18 will be accepted only as unlicensed.

The 2-day long tournament will combine fun with the thrill of competition. Played in a double-elimination format, teams will be eliminated after two defeats. On Sunday, 31 August 2025, the semi-final and final matches will take place, after which the winning teams will be awarded trophies and cash prizes.

29 August - Last Date for Registration

The 13th Osman Maraşlı Triad Beach Volleyball Memorial Tournament will accept up to 16 men's teams, 12 women's teams, and 12 family teams. Interested participants can register by calling 0 548 836 33 12, 0 548 878 44 78, or 0 392 630 23 02 no later than the end of working day on Friday, 29 August 2025.







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