



MEF ÜNİVERSİTESİ

MEF
UNIVERSITY

Your Freedom in Learning



MEF University

vision:
educate innovative and
entrepreneurial global
leaders to shape the
next 100 years

MEF University is a non-profit, endowment-supported university in Istanbul, Turkey, established with the mission to graduate internationally competitive forward-thinking students, and to bring together research-oriented, renown scholars who will make globally significant contributions to their professional fields, and, in science and technology. MEF University is known for its international outlook, high academic standards, dynamic and accessible management approach, and for responding to the challenges and requirements of the current century and generation with its state-of-the-art academic programs and innovative technology-enhanced student-centered teaching methods.

MEF University is a continuation of MEF Educational Institutions, which have been the benchmark of quality in primary and secondary education in Turkey since 1972. The MEF Educational Institutions are considered as the symbol of innovation, difference and excellence in education in Turkey and recognized for their contribution to the education sector with their accumulation of knowledge and experience. MEF University was established by the İbrahim Arıkan Education and Scientific Research Support Foundation in 2012 with the aim to carry on this success in higher education.



Message from the Founder

"Adding to what we have achieved at the MEF Schools, we strive to educate our students to become individuals who can discuss every topic or issue, express their opinions, and question everything, so as not to have developed only a professional specialization, but a true vision and aptitude towards life."

Dr. İbrahim ARIKAN
Founder



Message from the Rector

"MEF University is a center of education and research established with the purpose of bringing about innovations, being a pioneer in global higher education, and graduating students who will be professionals, leaders and entrepreneurs."

Prof. Dr. Muhammed ŞAHİN
Rector



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University students of Generation Y and future university students of Generation Z have grown up independent-minded, intertwined with technology, communicating easily with their peers around the world, and keeping abreast with the new technological tools that appear and disappear quickly. Academia with a 900-year-old traditional university system of lecturer-on-the-podium, has come to accept that educating new generations of students in the same way has become unattainable. In a world where life is dependent on digital technology, Flipped Learning is emerging as an internationally recognized pedagogical approach geared towards educating Generations Y and Z.

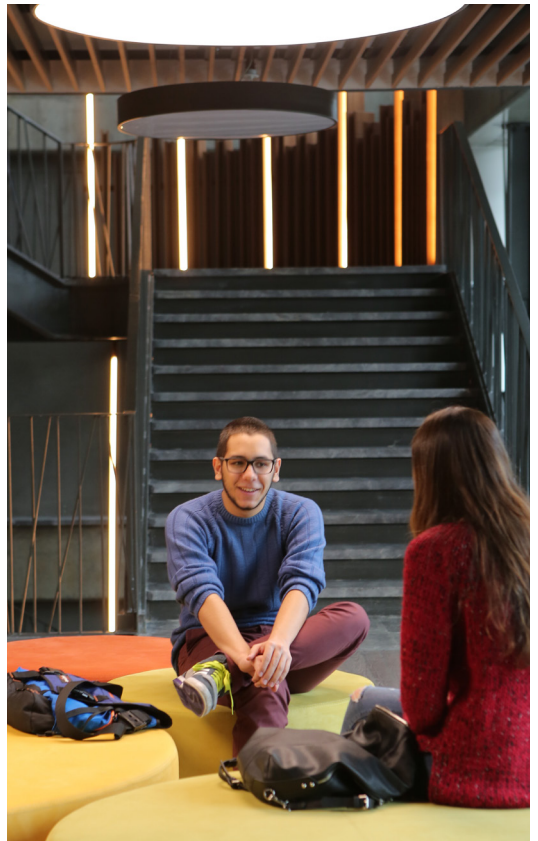
MEF University is the first and only university world-wide to use the Flipped Learning method across the university and all programs, from the English Language Preparatory program to Faculty courses, in all disciplines.

In Flipped Learning, lower level cognitive tasks such as remembering and understanding are carried out prior to the class hours, and students concentrate on the higher-level cognitive tasks - applying, analyzing, evaluating and creating - during the class hours through peer learning facilitated by their instructor. At MEF University, application of Flipped Learning, knowledge transfer to students takes place prior to the class through course videos prepared by professors, and other supporting materials, all made available through a digital platform. In this way, direct instruction is given outside the classroom, and the classroom is transformed into a dynamic and interactive group learning and indirect instruction space. The professor guides students as they apply concepts and engage creatively in the subject matter, allowing them to internalize and develop their knowledge - the real essence of being a learner - in the classroom and to co-generate new knowledge through collaboration and discussion.

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MEF University's distinctiveness in offering a fully Flipped Learning environment has obviously appealed to students. This is exemplified by the fact that in 2014, its first year of student intake, MEF became the third among all 68 Turkish foundation universities and the second in Istanbul among 38 foundation universities in enrollment fill-ratio. In terms of quality of students, 73% of the MEF students are ranked in the top 10% of the centralized university entry examination in Turkey, making MEF the 3rd in Turkey and 2nd in Istanbul among all foundation universities.

With its forward-thinking approach to providing an educational journey best suited to Generation Y and Z students, and with its constant drive towards teaching and learning excellence, MEF University is leading the way, globally, in active learning innovation.



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Internationalization

the first and only English
language preparatory
program in Turkey with all
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MEF University has embraced a comprehensive and multidimensional internationalization strategy. Our global engagement will include, and not be restricted to, curriculum cooperation, strategic partnerships, student and faculty mobility, degree and institutional mobility, research collaboration, and interaction with industry internationally.

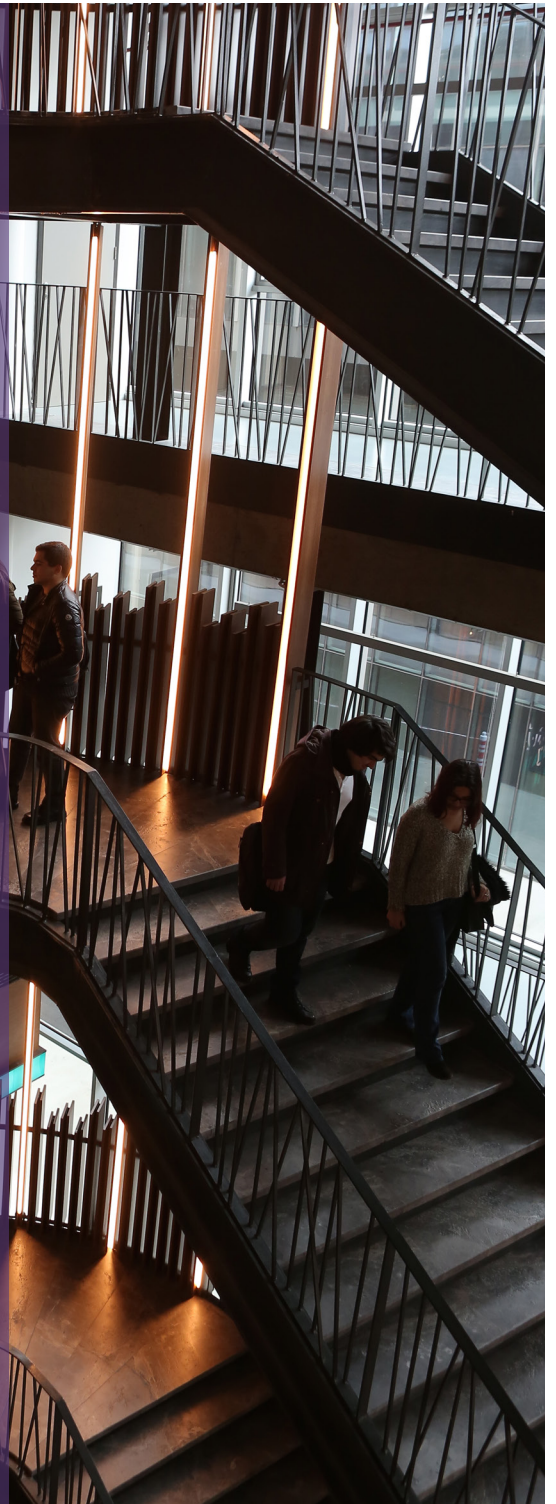
In curriculum development, all academic programs are benchmarked with the top global institutions, and the learning outcomes and curriculum structures are formulated in strict adherence to international accreditation standards, and in full alignment with the Bologna Process, the European qualification frameworks and the Turkish National Qualifications Framework.

all programs taught fully in English*

MEF University strongly believes that diversity in the classroom enriches the overall quality of education. "Internationalization at home" is part of our mission and we are confident in attracting a large body of international students, as well as a sizable international faculty. All programs at MEF University are taught in English apart from the Law program, which is 30% in English, the maximum allowed by Turkish law. The entry level English proficiency of students starting their academic program is CEFR B2. Students not meeting this requirement complete the MEF English Language Preparatory Program, where all instructors are non-Turkish.

Starting from the English Preparatory Program, MEF University is an English language environment in which students of all backgrounds can communicate and share different experiences, thus enhancing cultural awareness and tolerance. Using the Flipped Learning approach, the Preparatory Program is a high-tech environment with all course material made available digitally and at no cost. Students, both Turkish and international, establish a network of global friendships, which in turn will nurture international opportunities after graduation.

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Global 3+2 Degree Programs

maximizing the engagement of global partners to curriculum development

Global engagement, going beyond traditional exchanges towards truly transnational education, is a sine qua non of MEF University's strategic plan. Specifically, MEF University's intention is to establish global 3+2 dual degree programs with leading universities in all of its academic disciplines, resulting in a Bachelor degree from MEF and a Master's degree from the international partner institution.

In a 3+2 program, students study the first three years of their undergraduate education at MEF University, in Istanbul, and join the global partner institution in the fourth year as study-abroad students. The credits earned at the partner institution are transferred to the MEF Bachelor degree,

and at the same time, students may start earning credit towards graduate degree at the partner institution as part of an accelerated admission program.

After the fourth year provided that all admission requirements are duly met, students continue their education with the global partner at the graduate level to earn a Master's degree. As 3+2 is not an exchange program, students pay the tuition of the host institution.

Knowing the requirements and strenuous academic vetting that following this track will entail, MEF University is engaged in a partner search for the global 3+2 program, with the aim to maximize the global partners in shared curriculum development.

MEF University invites prospective partner institutions to review the program descriptions and detailed curriculum information on its website at <http://www.mef.edu.tr>. The 3+2 program agreements are concluded after detailed comparison of program specific academic requirements of MEF University and the global partner, and are custom-designed with each partner.



the first and only
university in Turkey to
implement global 3+2
degree programs across all
academic disciplines

Faculties and Programs

Faculty of Education

Mathematics Teaching
Guidance and Psychological Counseling
English Language Teaching

Faculty of Law

Law

Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences

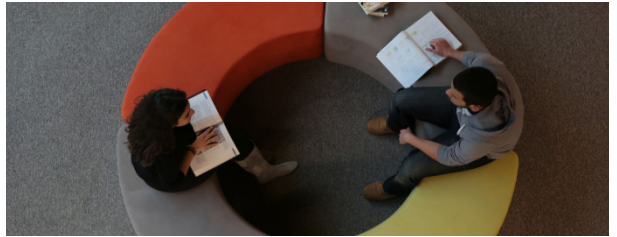
Economics
Business Administration
Political Science and International Relations
Psychology

Faculty of Engineering

Computer Engineering
Electrical-Electronics Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Civil Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture

Interior Design
Architectural Design (M.Arch.)



Campus Life

MEF University campus is located in Maslak, the new financial and commercial center on the European side of Istanbul. MEF facilities are new and high-tech, and the campus is conveniently situated within walking distance of a Metro station, and adjacent to a culture and arts complex with a wide variety of activities.



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