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ABOUT INCOMING MOBILITIES AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

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INCOMING STUDENTS 2019-2020 FAQ

1) How the current Covid-19 situation will affect my ongoing term and the examination afterwards ?

As of March 23 - Monday, all courses have been transferred to our online teaching platform (BAUGO) and still proceeding through there by the mutual decision of Turkish Higher Education Council and our management. In this context, all the planned midterm examinations/projects were rescheduled to be conducted online and this has been respectively announced to our students. Regarding the final examinations and the courses require intensive face to face delivery, the following link might be useful;

<https://bau.edu.tr/icerik/15550-the-principles-pertaining-of-2019-2020-academic-year-spring-term>

For the time being, all the in-term activities are planned to be completed by June 7th, and the final examinations by the first week of July at latest. Additionally, retake exams are planned to be conducted by the second week of July for those who would like to attend eventually. Please note that final examinations should be conducted in-classroom setting as it is requested by Higher Education Council and any decision is subject to change related with the Covid-19 situation. Our students well-being and health will be our top priority under the challenging circumstances.

2) Can I go back to my home country and follow the course content from there?

Technically you can, but if this the case it is highly recommended student to inform all lecturers beforehand to be on the same page and prevent difficulties in future. Please also note that you're obliged to come back in summer months to attend final examinations in order to gain credits from the enrolled courses.

3) Can I cancel my mobility and still participate the courses offered by home university ?

Cancellations should be addressed to Erasmus + staff in home institutions and students were recommended to follow their instructions. In addition, any returning decision should be consulted with official authorities like embassies considering the current travel restrictions.

4) If my home university requires an extension paper for grant purposes considering the examination planning in summer months, can you issue one ?

We can surely prepare such documents. Initially, the ongoing spring term dates have been reflected as February 3rd to June 28th within the acceptance letters and the documents

delivered by our partners. Now we can extend it to August 1st if requested with a note saying that any decision is subject to change related with the pandemic.

5) Do I need to extend my residence permit ?

No need for now since the residence permits were issued until the August 1st upon your arrival. If necessary, Mr. Yiğit will get in touch with you in this regard.

Sidenote: 39 out of 85 spring term exchanging students have decided to stay in Istanbul and continue their studies , vast majority of returnees are still following the BAU course content in their home countries and the rest of the students have succesfully integrated the education programs are being offered by their home institutions.

INCOMING STUDENTS 2020-2021 FALL TERM FAQ

1) How the current Covid-19 situation will affect the following 2020-2021 Academic Year Fall Term ?

Even though mobilities are suspended for '20-21 Academic Year Fall Term' until the further notice by the Turkish National Agency -The official representing body of EU commission in Turkey -, we're proceeding the nomination and online application processes as it was planned with an approval from TNA representatives as we're expecting more normalcy in autumn. In this regard, we're closely monitoring the announcements shared by decision making authorities to convey most updated information to our partners and prospective students.

2) What is the deadline for nominations (HEIs) and online applications (Nominated students) ?

May 1st is the deadline for nominations and August 1st for the online applications. The instructions will be shared directly to nominated students by May 4th, if the nomination has been sent by the partner institution in required format.

3) Can we still nominate students after May 1st ?

Surely you can yet it may require further evaluation to be accepted by overwiewing the bilateral agreements and overall exchange quotas between the institutions. Please get in touch with Mr. Yiğit in this regard.

4) Is there a chance to offer entire semester (20-21 Fall) online for nominated students ?

Under the current circumstances, it is hard to forecast whether it will be possible to offer in-classroom setting education by next fall however it is expected to be for the time being. As it was stated earlier, Turkish Higher Education Council requires final examinations to be conducted in physical environment therefore it not likely to be happen according to the existing conditions.

Sidenote: We highly recommend nominated students not to purchase anything related with their plans for now.

For further information, please get in touch with Mr. Yiğit ŞİMŞEK, our incoming mobility coordinator (yigit.simsek@int.bau.edu.tr).

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