

Q: What is the medium of instruction in METU's graduate programs?

A: The medium of instruction is English.

Q: How is English proficiency assessed for candidates applying to METU's graduate programs?

A: English proficiency is assessed through the English Proficiency Exam (EPE). Scores from international language exams with equivalences determined by the Senate may also be accepted.

Q: Who can apply to Master's or Ph.D. programs at METU?

A: Students in their final semester of their undergraduate studies or those who have completed their undergraduate studies can apply.

Q: What do students receive after completing the registration procedures?

A: Students who have completed the registration procedures are provided with a student ID card.

Q: What is considered plagiarism?

A: Presenting someone else's work, ideas, or words as one's own without proper attribution.

Q: What is required for completion of enrollment for Master's and Ph.D. programs?

A: Holding an undergraduate diploma for those admitted to Master's with or without a thesis and Ph.D. on Bachelor's degree programs, holding a Master's diploma for those admitted to doctoral programs.

Q: What is required for a Master's student to maintain satisfactory academic progress?

A: The student must pass courses with at least a grade CC and maintain a satisfactory GPA according to program standards.

Q: What is the procedure for students needing a make-up assessment?

A: A make-up opportunity is provided if the student's excuse is deemed valid by the instructor.

Q: What does a "P" (Progressing) grade mean in METU's grading system?

A: It indicates that the student is successfully progressing in non-credit courses or thesis work.

Q: How are thesis defense outcomes handled if students fail to submit their thesis copies on time?

A: If students fail to submit their thesis copies within one month or the approved additional period, they may face dismissal from the program.

Q: What is required for a student to interact effectively with their academic advisor?

A: Students should maintain open communication, attend regular meetings, and seek guidance on course selection, thesis topics, and academic progress.

Q: What type of joint programs does METU offer?

A: METU offers national and international joint-degree programs conducted within the provisions of related regulations.

Q: What is the maximum duration for completing a deficiency program if a student has more than 2 courses to take?

A: The maximum duration is 2 terms (1 year).

Q: What are the grade requirements to successfully complete the deficiency program?

A: Students must achieve at least a CC grade in all undergraduate deficiency courses and at least a CB grade in all graduate-level courses.

Q: What cumulative GPA must be maintained to complete the deficiency program successfully?

A: A cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 must be maintained.

Q: Under what condition can a course taken during a deficiency program be substituted in a graduate program?

A: A course can be substituted if it was taken successfully with NI status during the deficiency program. Its mark will appear on the transcript and will affect the cumulative GPA after substitution.

Q: How does course substitution affect the program duration for students, except MSc without thesis students?

A: For every three courses substituted, one semester is deducted from the student's program duration.

Q: What is the minimum grade required to be deemed successful in a credit course for a Master's program?

A: A minimum grade of CC is required for a Master's program.

Q: What must a student do if they fail a course in their graduate program?

A: The student must either repeat the course or replace it (if it is an elective) during registration.

Q: By when should a thesis supervisor and thesis topic be assigned for an MSc student?

A: A thesis supervisor and thesis topic should be assigned by the end of the first semester.

Q: What courses must MSc students register for each semester after being assigned a thesis supervisor?

A: MSc students must register for IS599 (MSc thesis) and IS8XX (Special Studies course of their supervisor).

Q: By when should a thesis supervisor and thesis topic be assigned for a PhD student?

A: A thesis supervisor and thesis topic should be assigned by the end of the second semester.

Q: What is the normal duration for completing an MSc program without a thesis at the IS Department?

A: The normal duration is 2 semesters.

Q: What is the maximum duration allowed for an MSc program without a thesis?

A: The maximum duration is 3 semesters.

Q: What is the maximum duration for completing credit courses and seminar courses for a PhD program?

A: The maximum duration for completing credit courses and the seminar course is 4 semesters.

Q: What is the normal and maximum duration for completing a PhD on Bachelor at the IS Department?

A: The normal duration is 10 semesters, and the maximum duration is 14 semesters.

Q: How many attempts are allowed for the DCE?

A: Two attempts.

Q: What is the purpose of core courses in the IS MSc program?

A: Core courses include IS 501, IS 502, and IS 520.

Q: What is the role of the VR Vision Lab?

A: Focused on virtual reality research.

Q: What courses are recommended for the Digital Transformation track?

A: The recommended courses for the Digital Transformation track include IS 788 Digital Transformation: Management, Technology and Organization and IS 531 Innovation Management.

Q: What is the first step in the registration process?

A: The first step in the registration process is completing all required forms and submitting them to your academic advisor.

Q: What is the role of an advisor in course selection?

A: Advisors help align course choices with academic goals.

Q: What is the penalty for academic dishonesty?

A: Penalties for academic dishonesty include suspension or dismissal, as outlined in the METU Code of Conduct.

Q: How do advisors support thesis research?

A: By providing guidance and monitoring progress.

Q: Can I change my thesis supervisor?

A: Yes, with departmental approval.

Q: Can international students apply for METU scholarships?

A: Yes, but opportunities are limited.

Q: Can I mix courses from different specialization tracks?

A: Yes, but with advisor approval.

Q: Are course substitutions allowed in the PhD program?

A: Yes, with proper documentation.

Q: How often are publication awards granted?

A: Annually, for qualified publications.

Q: What are the components of the DCE?

A: The Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (DCE) consists of written exams on four courses and an oral examination. Students must achieve a minimum cumulative grade to proceed to the oral exam.

Q: What is the maximum time allowed for completing an MSc thesis?

A: The maximum time allowed for completing an MSc thesis is six semesters, excluding any deficiency program requirements.

Q: Can I replace a failed elective course in the MSc program?

A: Yes, students are allowed to replace a failed elective course in the MSc program with another elective, subject to the guidelines outlined in the registration process.

Q: When was the Informatics Institute established and how many full-time academic staff does it have?

A: The Informatics Institute was established in 1996 and has 25 full-time academic staff members.

Q: List three facilities available at the Informatics Institute.

A: Amphitheater, computer labs, and conference rooms.

Q: How can students set up Wi-Fi access at the Informatics Institute?

A: Students can set up Wi-Fi using meturoam by visiting netregister.metu.edu.tr and setting their password.

Q: What are the three pillars of Information Systems foundations?

A: Management, domains, and technology.

Q: What is the primary focus of the Master of Science in Software Management program?

A: The MSc in Software Management focuses on strategic aspects of software development and management.

Q: What is the maximum program duration for an MSc with a thesis?

A: Six semesters, excluding the deficiency program.

Q: Name two specialization tracks available in the Information Systems department.

A: Data Science and Digital Transformation.

Q: What does the METU Code of Conduct emphasize?

A: Integrity in the use, evaluation, and presentation of facts, data, and documents.

Q: What are two common infringements of academic integrity?

A: Plagiarism and falsifying references.

Q: What are the eligibility criteria for the Course Performance Award?

A: Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.50, successfully complete 7 courses, and have no unsuccessful courses.

Q: What is the purpose of the Jean-Monnet Scholarship Programme?

A: To support postgraduate studies and research in EU member countries, promoting academic and cultural exchange.

Q: What are the core courses in the MSc program with a thesis?

A: IS 501, IS 502, and IS 520.

Q: What is the consequence of failing a thesis course twice consecutively?

A: The student is dismissed from the program.

Q: What is the maximum duration to complete credit courses for a PhD program?

A: Four semesters.

Q: What courses are included in the Data Science specialization track?

A: Courses like DI 504 Foundations of Deep Learning and DI 520 Data-Driven Organizations.

Q: What is the penalty for failing to complete a course with an 'I' grade?

A: 'I' grades automatically turn into 'FF' or 'U' grades if requirements are not completed by the deadline.

Q: How can students contact the student affairs office?

A: Students can contact Ayşe Nur Özdere Yüksel at aozdere@metu.edu.tr or by phone at +90 (312) 210 3740.

Q: What are the recommended steps for course registration?

A: Fill out required forms, submit them to advisors, register online, and request advisor approval.

Q: What is the purpose of the Graduate School of Informatics?

A: The Graduate School of Informatics fosters interdisciplinary studies and aims to advance research and education in diverse fields of informatics.

Q: How can students set up Eduroam Wi-Fi access at the institute?

A: Students can connect to Eduroam by visiting eduroam.metu.edu.tr/how_to_connect_eduroam.html for setup instructions.

Q: What are the three categories emphasized in Information Systems Foundations?

A: Management, domains, and technology.

Q: What does the MSc in Information Systems aim to provide for students?

A: The MSc in Information Systems equips students with foundational knowledge and skills for academic and industry roles in Information Systems.

Q: What are the normal and maximum durations for a PhD program in IS?

A: The normal duration is 8 semesters, and the maximum duration is 12 semesters.

Q: What is the METU Code of Honor?

A: It states, "As reliable, responsible, and honorable individuals, all members of METU embrace only the success and recognition they deserve, and act with integrity in the use, evaluation and presentation of facts, data and documents."

Q: What is considered plagiarism according to the Informatics Institute?

A: Plagiarism is using someone else's ideas or work and presenting them as your own without proper citation.

Q: What is the main aim of the Jean-Monnet Scholarship Programme?

A: To support postgraduate research and study in EU member countries.

Q: What are the two forms students must submit before registration?

A: IS Öğrenci Bilgi Formu and IS Yüksek Lisans Ders Muafiyeti Formu (for MSc students).

Q: What does the deficiency program aim to address?

A: The deficiency program ensures students acquire foundational knowledge in essential subjects before entering their chosen academic programs.

Q: What happens to an 'I' grade if requirements are not fulfilled?

A: The 'I' grade turns into 'FF' or 'U' if course requirements are not completed before the deadline.

Q: What is the eligibility criteria for the Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (DCE)?

A: Completion of courses, a seminar course, and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.

Q: What is the function of IS 520 Research Methods and Ethics in MSc programs?

A: IS 520 equips students with skills in research methodology and ethical considerations.

Q: Name one recommended course for the Management Information Systems specialization track.

A: IS 539 Information Systems in Organizational Design and Applied Systems Thinking.

Q: What are the steps involved in obtaining advisor approval during course registration?

A: Complete and submit forms, register online, and request approval via the course registration portal.

Q: Is plagiarism allowed according to the Informatics Institute's policies?

A: No, plagiarism is strictly prohibited and is considered a serious infringement of academic integrity.

Q: Are students allowed to avoid meeting with their advisors during their academic journey?

A: No, advisors play a crucial role in guiding students through course selection, thesis topics, and academic progress.

Q: Can students use personal email addresses for official METU communications?

A: No, students must use their METU email addresses for all official communications.

Q: Are students allowed to skip core courses in the MSc program?

A: No, students must complete the required core courses unless an exemption is granted.

Q: Can students delay selecting a thesis supervisor beyond the first semester in MSc programs?

A: No, a thesis supervisor and topic must be assigned by the end of the first semester.

Q: Is attending classes considered optional at the Informatics Institute?

A: No, attending classes is mandatory and essential for effective learning.

Q: Can students withdraw from courses during their graduate studies at METU?

A: No, graduate students are not permitted to withdraw from courses once registered.

Q: Are students allowed to fail their thesis courses repeatedly without consequences?

A: No, failing thesis courses twice consecutively or three times in total results in dismissal.

Q: Is it acceptable to use fake documents during the registration process?

A: No, using fraudulent documents is a serious violation of academic integrity.

Q: Can 'I' grades remain on a student's record indefinitely without completion?

A: No, 'I' grades will turn into 'FF' or 'U' if course requirements are not completed by the deadline.