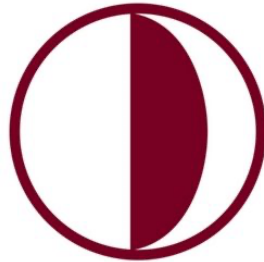


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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS DEPARTMENT

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2025-2026 Academic Year

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Dean's Message

Dear Students, Esteemed Academic and Administrative Staff, and Distinguished Alumni,

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Near East University, drawing its strength from our university's deep-rooted history and academic tradition, stands as one of the pioneering faculties that embrace a research-oriented approach to education. Our faculty serves as a center of scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and creative inquiry; it aims not only to impart knowledge but also to equip students with the skills necessary to contribute to the production of knowledge itself.

Our academic staff, through their nationally and internationally recognized research, add value to both science and society while guiding our students in developing their identities as researchers. In this regard, our Faculty provides an educational environment that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and aspires to expand the frontiers of science through innovative projects.

As the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, we attach great importance not only to academic excellence but also to serving society. We consider sharing our scientific knowledge and cultural heritage with the community, contributing to sustainable development, and acting with a sense of social responsibility as essential components of our faculty culture.

Inspired by our rich heritage, we continue to move forward with hope for the future. I would like to express my gratitude to all our students, academics, and alumni who contribute to science, art, and humanity, and I wish you all a productive and successful academic year.

Prof. Dr. Ali Efdal Özkul

Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Near East University

About Us

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Near East University operates with the mission of educating individuals who are grounded in scientific thought and equipped with analytical and critical perspectives. With its multidisciplinary structure that brings together the natural and human sciences, the faculty offers students a comprehensive education that integrates both theoretical knowledge and practical experience. In our departments—such as History, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Genetics, Geography, Psychology, Turkish Language and Literature, and English Language and Literature—students graduate with skills and knowledge that are recognized at both national and international levels.

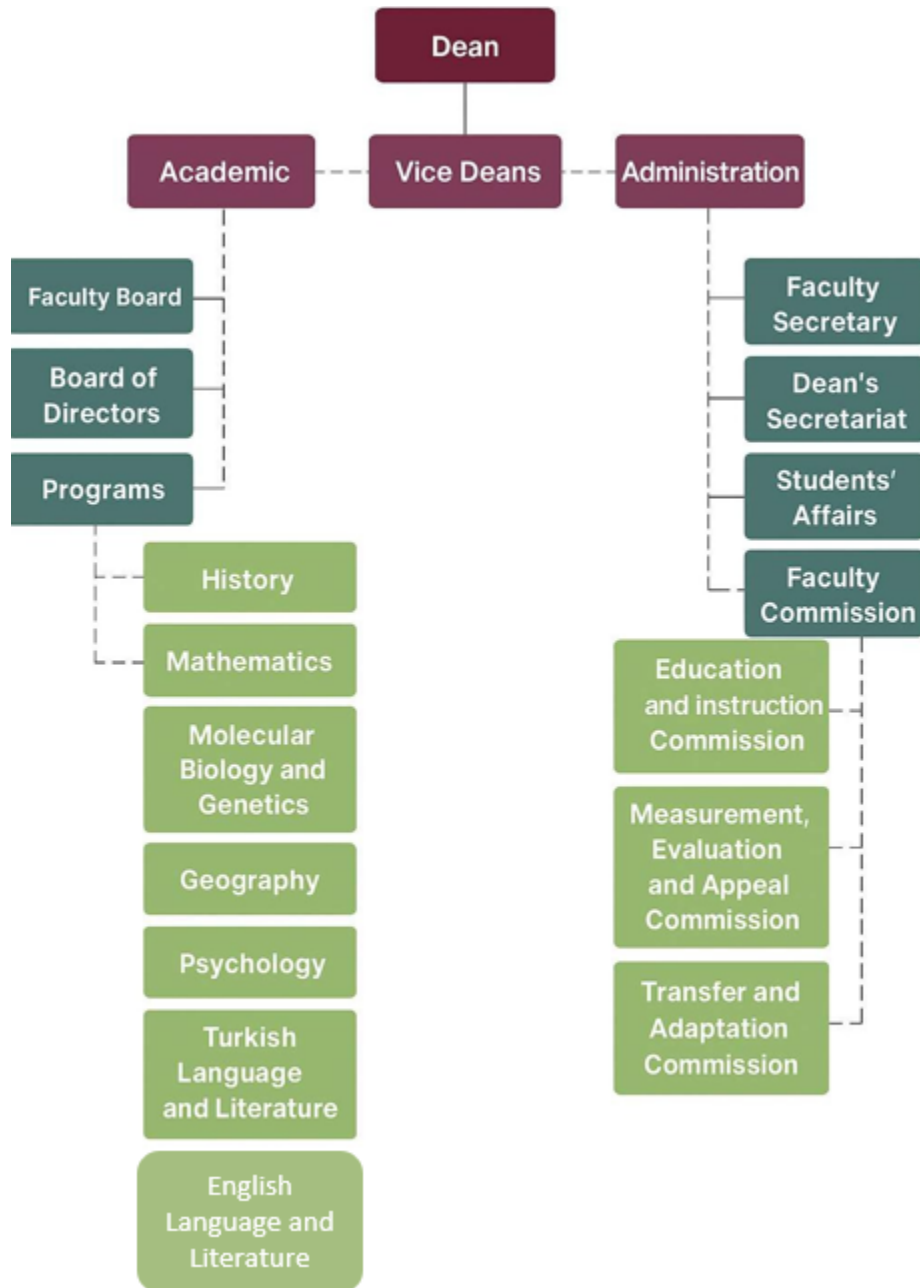
Our academic programs are built on a research-oriented approach and are supported by a continuously updated curriculum, a team of expert academic staff, and modern laboratory infrastructure. The faculty aims to cultivate scientifically productive, independent-thinking, ethically grounded, and socially responsible individuals. Our graduates are equipped with the qualifications to pursue successful careers not only in academia, but also in the public and private sectors, as well as in international institutions.

With this vision, Near East University continues to achieve significant international success. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, Near East University ranked in the 601–800 band, maintaining its title as the “best university in the TRNC” and solidifying its position among the top five universities in Turkey, and top three among Turkish foundation universities. In the “Best Global Universities 2024–2025” list published by US News & World Report, Near East University ranked 689th worldwide, 7th in Turkey, and 1st in the TRNC.

According to THE 2025 Impact Rankings, Near East University ranked: 43rd globally for its work aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 35th in “Partnerships for the Goals”, 48th in “Good Health and Well-Being”, 13th in “Quality Education”, 15th in “Sustainable Cities and Communities”, 57th in “Gender Equality”. In subject-specific rankings, the university placed in the following bands: Physics: 200–250, Computer Science: 250–300, Engineering and Education: 300–400, Social Sciences: 500–600, Life Sciences: 600–800, Medicine and Health: 800–1000. Particularly in Physics and Computer Science, Near East University shares the title of “top Turkish university” in both Turkey and the TRNC. In the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024, the university earned a strong position among younger institutions based on its performance in teaching, research, and international outlook. The 2024 rankings further emphasized Near East University’s youthful, dynamic, and research-focused structure on an international scale. In the Young University Rankings 2024, among institutions under 50 years old, the university ranked 139th globally, placing it among the most prominent young universities worldwide.

In the 2024 Academic Subject Rankings by Shanghai Ranking, the university also achieved notable success. In Physics, Near East University ranked among the top 400 universities worldwide, sharing the distinction with Boğaziçi University and Bilkent University as one of Turkey’s top institutions. In Mathematics, it ranked in the 401–500 band, placing among the top three universities in Turkey. These rankings reflect Near East University’s strong research infrastructure in fundamental sciences, qualified academic staff, and globally recognized publication performance.

Faculty Organization Chart



Why Faculty of Arts and Sciences?

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Near East University commenced its educational activities concurrently with the establishment of the university. The faculty initially began its academic journey with the Department of English Language and Literature. In 1994, the Departments of Turkish Language and Literature and Psychology were established, followed by the Department of Mathematics in the 2005–2006 academic year, the Department of English Translation and Interpretation in 2009–2010, the Departments of History and Geography, and the Turkish Preparatory School in 2013–2014. With the addition of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics in the 2014–2015 academic year, the faculty expanded to encompass eight departments in total.

With its highly qualified academic staff across eight departments, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences aims to train experts who can contribute to society by addressing deficiencies in these fields. Among the primary objectives of the faculty are to educate individuals who can use both the Turkish and English languages proficiently, interpret them accurately, and become competent professionals in their respective areas; to train specialists who can address potential psychological issues within society; and to cultivate qualified individuals capable of solving mathematical problems and conducting serious research in these areas.

The vision of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is to be a recognized and preferred institution among universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and worldwide — one that employs the full potential of knowledge and technology in its fields of study, maintains a strong research-oriented identity, seeks solutions to the problems of the country, follows global developments, and is committed to continuous improvement.

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MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS DEPARTMENT

Head of Department's Message

Dear Students, Esteemed Academic and Administrative Staff, and Distinguished Alumni, The Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Near East University, as a pioneer in modern life sciences, operates with a vision of excellence in innovative research, and societal contribution. Drawing strength from the university's deep-rooted academic tradition, we provide an environment where scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and innovation are actively encouraged.

Our department not only aims to spread knowledge but also provide our students with practical and analytical skills that enable them to make new scientific discoveries. Through national and international research across diverse fields of the life sciences, we contribute to solving a wide range of challenges—from global environmental issues to human health—while guiding our students in shaping their identities as scientists.

We attach great importance to interdisciplinary collaboration. By bridging molecular biology and genetics with medicine, environmental sciences, and biotechnology, we strive to educate graduates who are not only scientifically competent but also socially responsible. In this way, we consider it our essential duty to contribute to sustainable development and to the well-being of both nature and, consequently, humanity.

Inspired by the rapid advances in life sciences, we continue on our path with determination and hope. I extend my sincere gratitude to all our students, academics, and alumni who contribute to science and society, and I wish you a productive and successful academic year.

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Program Information

The Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Near East University commenced its academic programs in the 2014-2015 academic year, aiming to educate well-equipped individuals who contribute to the understanding of life at the molecular level in an era of rapidly advancing science and technology. Offered in both English and Turkish, the department provides a contemporary and comprehensive curriculum encompassing genetics, molecular biology, biotechnology, cell biology, and microbiology. Students have the opportunity to reinforce their theoretical knowledge through advanced laboratory practices and active participation in scientific research projects.

The department offers a robust foundation for students pursuing academic careers, as well as those aiming to work in diverse fields such as healthcare, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, forensic sciences, and environmental sciences. Supported by modern laboratory facilities, a dedicated academic staff, and internship opportunities within institutions in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Turkey, and Europe, students receive extensive academic and professional development. Our graduates not only continue their education at the graduate and doctoral levels but also establish successful careers in both the public and private sectors.

Degree Awarded

Bachelor of Molecular Biology and Genetics

Admission Requirements

According to the regulations established by the Council of Higher Education (Yükseköğretim Kurulu – YÖK) in Türkiye, admission to this undergraduate program is carried out through the national university entrance examination known as the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS). Following the announcement of examination results, students submit their academic program preferences. The Student Selection and Placement Center (Öğrenci Seçme ve Yerleştirme Merkezi – ÖSYM) then places students into the respective programs based on the scores they have obtained in the Student Selection and Placement System (ÖSYS).

For international students;

- High school diploma (Admission of international students is based on their high school credentials.)

- Proof of English language proficiency

For Turkish Cypriot students;

- Admission of Turkish Cypriots is based on the Near East University Entrance and Placement exam.

- Proof of English Language proficiency is required.

Graduation Requirements and Regulations

152 Near East University Credits (Near East University Credit is contact hour based) which is total 240 ECTS credits must be completed after being successful in the courses to become a graduate of the molecular biology and genetics.

ECTS is a credit system designed to make it easier for students to move between different countries. Since they are based on the learning achievements and workload of a course, a student can transfer their ECTS credits from one university to another, so they are added up to contribute to an individual's degree programme or training. ECTS helps to make learning more student-centred. It is a central tool in the [Bologna Process](#), which aims to make national systems more compatible.

ECTS also helps with the planning, delivery and evaluation of study programmes, and makes them more transparent (http://ec.europa.eu/education/ects/ects_en.htm) .

Recognition of Prior Learning

At Near East University, full-time students may be exempted from certain courses in accordance with the relevant regulations. If a course previously completed at another higher education institution is deemed equivalent in content to a course offered at NEU, the student may be granted exemption upon evaluation of the course content and approval by the relevant faculty or institute.

Program Details

The Molecular Biology and Genetics Department at Near East University offers a comprehensive four-year undergraduate program designed to provide students with a solid scientific foundation in the fields of molecular biology and genetics. The program covers core principles of genetic sciences alongside interdisciplinary subjects such as biotechnology, cell biology, molecular biology, and microbiology, equipping students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The curriculum aims to foster a deep understanding of human health and biological processes at the molecular level within the framework of fundamental sciences.

This research-oriented program encourages students to actively participate in laboratory work and contemporary scientific projects. The educational process is enriched through lectures delivered by expert faculty members, hands-on laboratory sessions, and individual research projects. The curriculum comprises mandatory core courses as well as elective courses designed to broaden students' knowledge in areas such as biotechnology, environmental sciences, and medicine. This multidisciplinary approach seeks to enable students to comprehend molecular biology and genetics within a wider scientific and societal context.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of fundamental concepts in molecular biology, genetics, biotechnology, cell biology, and microbiology.
- Apply advanced laboratory techniques and methodologies to design, conduct, and analyze experiments in molecular biology and genetics.
- Critically evaluate scientific literature and integrate current research findings to address complex biological problems.
- Utilize bioinformatics tools and computational methods to analyze genetic data and support molecular research.
- Communicate scientific ideas and research outcomes effectively through written reports, oral presentations, and scientific publications.
- Exhibit problem-solving skills and independent thinking in designing experiments and interpreting data.
- Understand the ethical, legal, and social implications of molecular biology and genetic research.
- Collaborate effectively in multidisciplinary teams, demonstrating leadership and teamwork skills.
- Develop lifelong learning skills to stay updated with advances in molecular biology, genetics, and related fields.
- Prepare for professional careers or advanced studies in molecular biology, genetics, biotechnology, medicine, and related disciplines.

Program Structure

The Molecular Biology and Genetics Undergraduate Program consists of 50 courses and 240 ECTS credits. The curriculum includes compulsory courses determined by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the Higher

Education Planning, Supervision, Accreditation and Coordination Board (YÖDAK), as well as common courses determined by the University Senate.

The full course plan and list of elective courses for the four-year program are presented below.

Molecular Biology and Genetics Department 4-year Course Program

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1 st Semester			2 nd Semester		
CODE	COURSE NAME	C E	CODE	COURSE NAME	C E
MBG101	GENERAL AND CELL BIOLOGY	4 7	MBG104	MOLECULAR CELL BIOLOGY	4 6
CHM104	GENERAL CHEMISTRY FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING	4 5	MBG108	GENETICS	4 6
PHY101	GENERAL PHYSICS I	4 5	CHM122	ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	3 5
COM101	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES I	2 2	MBG107	MICROBIOLOGY	4 5
ENG101	ENGLISH I (B2/C1)	2 3	AİT104	ATATURK'S PRINCIPLES AND HISTORY OF REVOLUTION II	2 2
AİT103	ATATURK'S PRINCIPLES AND HISTORY OF REVOLUTION I	2 2	YİT102	TURKISH LANGUAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS II	2 2
YİT101	TURKISH LANGUAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS I	2 2	CAR100	CAREER PLANNING	0 2
CAM100	CAMPUS ORIENTATION	0 2	CHC100	CYPRUS: HISTORY AND CULTURE	0 2
GEC351	21 st CENTURY SKILLS	0 2			
Total		20 30	Total		19 30
3 rd Semester			4 th Semester		
CODE	COURSE NAME	C E	CODE	COURSE NAME	C E
MBG211	MOLECULAR GENETICS	4 7	MBG207	HUMAN GENETICS AND GENOMICS	4 6
MBG202	ELECTIVE I	3 6	MBG212	ETHICS AND REGULATIONS	4 5
MBG209	BIOPHYSICS	3 5	MBG203	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	3 5
MBG204	BIOCHEMISTRY	3 6	MTH218	FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHEMATICS	3 6
MBG205	BIOTECHNOLOGY TECHNIQUES	4 6	MBG210	ELECTIVE II	3 5
			ENG202	ELECTIVE III	3 3
Total		17 30	Total		20 30
5 th Semester			6 th Semester		
CODE	COURSE NAME	C E	CODE	COURSE NAME	C E
MBG301	MEDICAL GENETICS	4 6	MBG307	PROTEIN STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	4 5
MBG302	GENE REGULATION AND EPIGENETICS	3 6	MBG306	ELECTIVE IV	3 5
MBG303	POPULATION GENETICS AND GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY	3 6	MBG523	ELECTIVE V	3 5
MBG304	BIOINFORMATICS	4 7	MBG312	ELECTIVE VI	3 5
MBG311	BIOSTATISTICS	3 5	MBG310	ELECTIVE VII	4 5
		17 30	Total		17 25
CODE	COURSE NAME	C E	CODE	COURSE NAME	C E
MBG402	CANCER GENETICS	4 5	MBG401	GRADUATION PROJECT I	6 7
MBG407	GENETIC COUNSELLING	3 5	MBG406	COMPULSORY INTERNSHIP	6 8
MBG513	ECOLOGY	4 5	MBG519	EVOLUTION	4 5
MBG508	ELECTIVE IX	3 5	MBG520	ELECTIVE XII	3 5
MBG503	ELECTIVE X	3 5	MBG521	ELECTIVE XIII	3 5
MBG512	ELECTIVE XI	3 5			
Total		20 30	Total		22 30

Molecular Biology and Genetics Elective Courses List

CODE	COURSE NAME	COURSE TURKISH NAME	C	E
MBG202	GENES AND INHERITANCE	GEN VE KALITIM	3	6
MBG210	INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACOLOGY	FARMAKOLOJİYE GİRİŞ	3	5
ENG202	ACADEMIC WRITING SKILLS	AKADEMİK YAZMA BECERİLERİ	3	3
MBG305	LABORATORY SAFETY AND TECHNIQUES	LABORATUVAR GÜVENLİĞİ VE TEKNİKLERİ	4	5
MBG306	CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	MOLEKÜLER BİYOLOJİDE GELİŞMEKTE OLAN KONULAR	3	5
MBG310	IMMUNOLOGY FOR MOLECULAR BIOLOGISTS	MOLEKÜLER BİYOLOGLAR İÇİN İMMÜNOLOJİ	4	5
MBG312	EMBRIOLGY AND REPRODUCTION	EMBRYOLOJİ VE ÜREME	3	5
MBG504	NUTRIGENETICS, NUTRIGENOMICS AND PERSONALISED NUTRITION	NUTRİGENETİK, NUTRİGENOMİK VE KİŞİSEL BESLENME	3	5
MBG503	AGING	YAŞLANMA	3	5
MBG508	NANOTECHNOLOGY AND MODELLING IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS	NANOTEKNOLOJİ VE BİYOLOJİK SİSTEMLERDE MODELLEME	3	5
MBG512	MICROBIOME	MİKROBİYOM	3	5
MBG524	CRITICAL SCIENTIFIC READING	ELEŞTİREL BİLİMSSEL OKUMA	3	5
MBG520	R-CODING	R-KODLAMA	3	5
MBG521	STEM CELL BIOLOGY	KÖK HÜCRE BİYOLOJİSİ	3	5
MBG522	DNA DAMAGE AND REPAIR MECHANISMS	DNA HASARI VE TAMİR MEKANİZMALARI	3	5
MBG515	MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY	MODERN BİYOTEKNOLOJİ	3	5
MBG523	MEDICAL VIROLOGY	TIBBİ VİROLOJİ	3	5
MBG526	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİR KALKINMA	3	5

Additional Information

To graduate, students must successfully complete courses totalling 240 ECTS credits. All students are required to fulfil both compulsory and technical elective course requirements to meet the 240 ECTS graduation threshold. Otherwise, they will not be considered eligible for graduation.

A minimum attendance rate of 70% is mandatory in all courses across our programs. Students who fail to meet this requirement receive an NA (Never Attended) grade for the relevant course. This grade is given to those who do not satisfy the attendance condition and lose the right to participate in end-of-term evaluations. The NA grade is not included in the GPA calculation.

In future semesters, students must still fulfil the 70% attendance requirement for the same course. However, in the case of a course repeated due to an FF (Failing Grade), the 70% attendance requirement is not enforced.

Important Notes on Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Molecular Biology and Genetics program are required to complete at least 13 elective courses to graduate. These courses must be selected from the approved list of electives provided within the program. Courses that are not included in this list will not be recognized as electives. The ECTS credit value of each elective course must be equal to or greater than the credit values specified in the curriculum.

Exam Regulations, Evaluation and Grading

At our university, student performance is generally assessed through in-person examinations, including a midterm exam and a final exam. However, in some courses, alternative assessment methods—such as project assignments, presentations, homework, quizzes, and group work—are also employed to encourage active participation and evaluate a range of skills.

The method of assessment for each course may vary depending on the nature of the course and the instructor's approach. Assessment criteria are communicated to students at the beginning of the semester and are clearly outlined in the course syllabus.

The final course grade is calculated based on the weighted average of all evaluations conducted throughout the term, including exams, assignments, and any additional components. Therefore, students are expected to actively engage not only in exams but in all forms of assessment during the semester. At Near East University, students receive one of the letter grades described below for each course, based on the assessment conducted by the course instructor. Each letter grade corresponds to a specific ECTS credit weight.

NOT	HARF NOTU	KATSAYI	AKTS NOTU
90-100	AA	4.0	A
85-89	BA	3.5	B*
80-84	BB	3.0	B*
75-79	CB	2.5	C*
70-74	CC	2.0	C*
60-69	DC	1.5	D
50-59	DD	1.0	E
49-00	FF	0.0	F

To be considered successful in a course: Students in **Level 5 (Associate)** and **Level 6 (Bachelor's)** programs must receive at least a **DD.**, Students in **Level 7 (Master's)** programs must obtain at least a **CC.**, Students in **Level 8 (Doctoral)** programs must earn at least a **BB.** For non-credit courses not included in GPA calculations, students must receive an **S (Satisfactory)** grade.

In addition to local letter grades, each grade has an **ECTS equivalent**, which facilitates student mobility between institutions. The grading table above is used for all courses offered by Near East University.

Besides standard letter grades, the following special grades may also appear on student transcripts:

Grade Meaning

I	Incomplete
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
P	Successful Progress

Grade Meaning

NP	Not Successful Progress
EX	Exempt
NI	Not Included
W	Withdrawal
NA	Never Attended

I (Incomplete): Assigned to students who fail to complete course requirements due to a valid reason approved by the instructor. Students must fulfil all outstanding obligations within one week after the official grade submission deadline. In exceptional cases, the deadline may be extended up to two weeks before the start of the next semester by the relevant academic board. Failure to meet the requirements within the given timeframe results in an automatic **FF** or **U** grade.

S (Satisfactory): Given to students who successfully complete non-credit courses.

U (Unsatisfactory): Given to students who fail non-credit courses.

P (Successful Progress): Assigned to students in courses with multi-semester requirements, where GPA is not calculated, and progress during the term is deemed satisfactory.

NP (Not Successful Progress): Assigned when expected progress is not achieved in multi-term courses that do not count toward GPA.

EX (Exempt): Given to students exempt from a specific course in the curriculum.

NI (Not Included): Indicates a course that is listed on the transcript but not included in the GPA calculation or official program requirements.

W (Withdrawal): Assigned when a student withdraws from a course between the 3rd and 10th week of the semester with approval from both their academic advisor and course instructor. Withdrawals are not allowed during the first two semesters. A student may withdraw from a maximum of **two courses** in associate programs and **four courses** in bachelor's programs. Courses with a prior **W** grade that did not affect the GPA cannot be withdrawn from again. The student must retake the course in the first term it is offered again.

NA (Never Attended): Given to students who fail to meet the minimum attendance requirement and lose the right to participate in final assessments. This grade is not included in the GPA.

On all student transcripts, both national letter grades and their corresponding ECTS equivalents are shown.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from this undergraduate program, students must meet the following requirements;

Successfully complete all courses in the curriculum with at least 240 ECTS credits and a minimum grade of DD/S and have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.00 out of 4.00.

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

	FALL TERM
July 01, 2025; Tuesday	Intern Rotations Commence for Year 6: Faculty of Medicine
September 08, 2025; Monday	Last Day for the 1st Payment of the Fees (Full Payments and 1st Instalment)
September 08, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5: Faculty of Medicine
September 08-12, 2025; Monday-Friday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
September 11-15, 2025; Thursday Monday	Activation of the Courses
September 08, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence for Years 1 and 2: Faculty of Medicine
September 15, 2025; Monday	English, Arabic and Turkish Proficiency Exams for Undergraduate Students
September 15-19, 2025; Monday-Friday	Course Registration
September 18, 2025; Thursday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Postgraduate Students
September 19, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
September 22, 2025; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
September 30, 2025; Tuesday	Exemption Exam for Common Courses (Courses in English)
October 02, 2025; Thursday	Exemption Exam for Common Courses (Courses in Turkish)

	FALL TERM
October 08, 2025; Wednesday	Last Day for the Payment of the 2nd Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
October 08, 2025; Wednesday	Last Day for Changing the “I” (Incomplete) Grades for the Previous Term
October 10, 2025; Friday	Last Day for International Students to Withdraw
October 10, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop
October 24, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Late Registration
October 29, 2025; Wednesday	Public Holiday
November 07, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop for New International Students
November 08, 2025; Saturday	Last Day for the Payment of the 3rd Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
November 08-14, 2025; Saturday Friday	Mid-term Exams
November 15, 2025; Saturday	Public Holiday
November 17-21, 2025; Monday- Friday	English Preparatory School Module 1 Final Exams
December 08, 2025; Monday	Last Day for the Payment of the 4th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
December 08, 2025; Monday	Identification of Courses for the Following Academic Term and Commencement of the Work on the Timetable
December 19, 2025; Friday	Last Day for Withdrawal

	FALL TERM
December 23, 2025; Tuesday	Last Day for Entry of NA Grades into the System
December 25, 2025; Thursday	Administrative Holiday for Students
December 30, 2025; Tuesday	Last Day of Classes
January 01, 2026; Thursday	Public Holiday
January 02, 2026; Friday	Administrative Holiday for Students
January 05-14, 2026; Monday Wednesday	Final Exams
January 08, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for the Payment of the 2nd Instalment of the Fees (for 2 Instalments)
January 08, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for the Payment of the 5th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
January 12-18, 2026; Monday- Sunday	Semester break for Year 4: Faculty of Medicine
January 17, 2026; Saturday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
January 19-23, 2026; Monday- Friday	English Preparatory School Module 2 Final Exams
January 20-21, 2026; Tuesday Wednesday	Graduation Ceremonies
January 26-08 February 2026; Monday-Sunday	Semester break for Years 1, 2 and 3: Faculty of Medicine

	FALL TERM
February 02-08, 2026; Monday-Sunday	Semester break for Year 5: Faculty of Medicine
	SPRING TERM
January 29-30, 2026; Thursday-Friday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
February 02-03, 2026; Monday-Tuesday	Activation of the Courses
February 02-06, 2026; Monday-Friday	Diploma Distribution
February 04-06, 2026; Wednesday-Friday	Course Registration
February 05, 2026; Thursday	First English Language Proficiency Exam of the Semester for Postgraduate Students
February 06, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
February 06, 2026; Friday	English, Arabic and Turkish Proficiency Exams for Undergraduate Students
February 08, 2026; Sunday	Last Day for the Payment of the 6th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
February 09, 2026; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
February 16, 2026; Monday	Exemption Exams for Common Courses (Courses in English)
February 17, 2026; Tuesday	Exemption Exams for Common Courses (Courses in Turkish)

	FALL TERM
February 26, 2026; Thursday	Last Day for Changing the “I” (Incomplete) Grades for the Previous Term
February 27, 2026; Friday	Last Day for International Students to Withdraw
February 27, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Add/Drop
March 06, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Late Registration
March 08, 2026; Sunday	Last Day for the Payment of the 7th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
March 19-22, 2026; Thursday-Sunday	Public Holiday
March 30, 2026; Monday	Last Day for Add/Drop for New International Students
April 06-April 11, 2026; Monday-Saturday	Mid-term Exams
April 06-April 10, 2026; Monday-Friday	English Preparatory School Module 3 Final Exams
April 08, 2026; Wednesday	Last Day for the Payment of the 8th Instalment of the Fees (for 8 Instalments)
April 23, 2026; Thursday	Public Holiday
May 01, 2026; Friday	Public Holiday
May 08, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Withdrawal
May 08, 2026; Friday	Identification of Courses for the Following Academic Term and Commencement of Work on the Timetable

	FALL TERM
May 19, 2026; Tuesday	Public Holiday
May 18, 2026; Monday	Last Day for Entry of NA Grades into the System
May 22, 2026; Friday	Last Day of Classes
May 22, 2026; Friday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine; Years 1, 2 and 3
May 27-31, 2026; Wednesday-Sunday	Public Holiday
June 01- 10, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Final Exams
June 05, 2026; Friday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine: Years 4 and 5
June 11, 2026; Thursday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 2
June 12, 2026; Friday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 1
June 12, 2026; Friday	Final Exam for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 3
June 12, 2026; Friday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
June 12, 2026; Friday	Deadline for Summer School Applications
June 15, 2026; Monday	Applications for Re-sit Exams (Annual Programmes)
June 15-19, 2026; Monday-Friday	English Preparatory School Module 4 Final Exams
June 16-19, 2026; Tuesday-Friday	Re-sit Exams (Annual Programmes)

	FALL TERM
June 22, 2026; Monday	End of the Term (Last Day for the Submission of the Results of the Re-sit Exams)
June 22-26, 2026; Monday-Friday	Graduation Ceremonies
	SUMMER TERM
June 22-24, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Courses to be assigned to the Academic Staff
June 22-24, 2026; Monday-Wednesday	Activation of the Courses
June 24, 2026; Wednesday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Postgraduate Students
June 24-26, 2026; Wednesday-Friday	Course Registration
June 26, 2026; Friday	Last Day for Postgraduate thesis juries
June 26, 2026; Friday	English Language Proficiency Exam for Undergraduate Students
June 29, 2026; Monday	Last day of Classes for the Faculty of Medicine: Year 6
June 29, 2026; Monday	Classes Commence (including the Preparatory Schools)
July 20, 2026; Monday	Public Holiday
August 01, 2026; Saturday	Public Holiday
August 07, 2026; Friday	Last Day of Classes (including the Preparatory Schools)
August 10-15, 2026; Monday-Saturday	Final Exams (including the Preparatory Schools)

	SUMMER TERM
August 17, 2026; Monday	Last Day for the Grade Submission
August 18, 2026; Tuesday	End of Term
August 24-28, 2026; Monday-Friday	Diploma Distribution

Registration and Admission Procedures

International Student Affairs is in the Faculty of Communication building and is open from Monday to Friday, between 08:00 and 17:00. Students can obtain information about faculties, complete registration procedures, and request documents such as exam entrance certificates, student certificates, and transcripts from the International Student Affairs Office.

Course Registration

Course registration is conducted online each semester. After completing the semester tuition payment, students can register for their courses via the online system at <http://ogrsis.neu.edu.tr>.

To access this system, each student is provided with a student ID number and a personal password by the faculty secretary. After selecting their courses through the system, students must also obtain approval from their academic advisors via the same platform.

The registration process is also outlined on the university's official website. However, students who have not paid their tuition fees or submitted their payment receipts to the Student Affairs Office will not be able to proceed with online registration. Final approval of course registration is completed by the academic advisors of the department.

Additionally, students may complete course registration by meeting in person with their academic advisors within their departments. During the registration period, as indicated in the academic calendar, students are expected to consult with their advisors for course selection and academic guidance.

Add/Drop and Withdrawal

Each semester, specific Add/Drop and Course Withdrawal dates are determined and announced in the academic calendar. During this period, students can attend their registered courses and, if they wish, make changes by adding or dropping courses. All course withdrawal, course change, or course addition procedures must be completed within the dates specified in the academic calendar. Students must consult with their academic advisors to carry out the requested changes.

Lateral and Vertical Transfers

Students who wish to apply for a lateral or vertical transfer must apply to the Student Affairs Office. After the application is approved, the student must provide an official transcript from their previous university to the department they have been admitted to. Before the student begins their education, the Department Head/Dean and the assigned academic advisor will evaluate whether the courses previously taken are equivalent to the courses in the current program.

For students who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye, the rules regarding transfers to Near East University can be reviewed at the following links in accordance with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and university regulations:

<http://www.yok.gov.tr/4767>

<https://neu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/29/YDU-Yatay-Gecis-Yonetmeligi-29.05.2023.pdf>

Communication with Academic Staff

Subject	Description
Course Materials and Content	All course materials, weekly content, and announcements are shared via the UZE BIM platform: https://uzebim.neu.edu.tr/
Email Communication	You can contact academic staff through their institutional email addresses .
Face-to-Face Meetings	You can meet with academic staff during their office hours , which are posted on their office doors in the faculty building.
Academic Staff Information	CVs and contact information of academic staff are available at: https://fenedebiyat.neu.edu.tr/kisiler/akademik-personel/

Class Attendance and Excused Absences

Students are required to attend at least 70% of the total course hours for each course. If a student is unable to attend an exam, they must submit their medical report (issued by Near East University Hospital or a state hospital) within 3 working days following the exam date. Otherwise, the student will lose the right to take the make-up exam.

Students are responsible for following the make-up exam schedule through the university's announcements page or the instructor's personal page. If a student misses a previously announced make-up exam without valid excuse, they will lose the right to take that exam.

International Student Office

Near East University International Student Office provides support and counselling in the educational and social lives of foreign students studying at our university, from registration to graduation. International Student office ensure that international students who study at our university return to their countries fully equipped with good memories and that more students from these countries apply to our university.

International Student Office Working Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:00 – 17:00.

Closed on official holidays.

International Student Office Contact Information:

Director of International Student Office: Asst. Prof. Dr. Rana Serdaroğlu

Phone: 0392 223 6464

E-Mail: rana.serdaroglu@neu.edu.tr

Campus Life

Library

Located directly across from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences building, the Grand Library features over 1,000,000 open-shelf books, 150 million electronic journals, 7,000 DVDs, 17 film viewing booths, 12 individual and group study rooms, 4 lecture halls with 1,000 seats, a theatre hall with a capacity of 350, a cafeteria for 600, and 600 study desks. This makes it a world-class cultural and information-access centre. The library is open 24/7 and is free of charge. The information centre, equipped with the latest digital technologies, is accessible from anywhere via the internet. Students can also access information throughout the campus via wireless internet.

Social Activities and Student Clubs

Students can participate in various activities throughout their studies, including university-sponsored conferences and club activities that encourage social engagement. Some active clubs include the Law Club, Nature and Sports Club, Scientific Research and Health Club, Theatre Club, Photography Club, and Tango Club. For more information, visit:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampusteyasam/sosyal-ve-kulturel-kulupler/>

The campus also features the country's first and only Olympic Indoor Swimming Pool, covering 2,700 m², with a height of 16 meters, dimensions of 50 x 21 meters, 3,100 tons of water capacity, central heating, 1,000 spectator seats, and diving towers at 3, 5, 7, and 10 meters. Swimming courses are offered in both summer and winter.

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampusteyasam/olimpik-kapali-yuzme-havuzu/>

Psychological Counselling Services

Since 1995, the university has offered free psychological counselling. The Counselling Centre is located on the first floor of the Faculty of Law building. It operates by appointment and is open weekdays from 09:00–13:00 / 14:00–16:00.

Office of the Dean of Students

This office aims to provide an integrated university life where students and alumni feel supported in all aspects of their personal, cultural, social, and professional development. The Dean of Students offers various services and programs to support academic and personal growth, instilling a sense of confidence in students as they prepare for life beyond graduation.

Units under the Dean of Students include Student Counselling and Communication Unit, Psychological Counselling Unit, Student Activities Unit, NEU ideas Unit, Career Planning Unit, Social Responsibility Projects Unit, Students with Disabilities Unit, Alumni Affairs Unit. If you require support in accessing courses due to a disability, please contact the Accessible Support Unit: engelsiz@neu.edu.tr

Student Counselling and Communication Unit

In cases where students face unexpected or uncontrollable circumstances that affect their academic responsibilities, they can submit petitions through the online system or via email for issues such as refunds, academic matters, job applications, accommodation, or financial concerns: petitions@neu.edu.tr

Sports Facilities

The university offers a wide range of modern sports facilities to promote a healthy lifestyle among students, staff, and faculty. Facilities include an Olympic swimming pool, tennis courts, football fields, gymnastics halls, and both indoor and outdoor sports complexes.

Our Olympic Indoor Swimming Pool has a 1,000-seat capacity, modern amenities, and a café. Activities such as water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming, as well as swimming lessons, are regularly held. The Sports Tower is a high-tech fitness centre for all age groups, offering classes and sessions in: Fitness, Step, Aerobics, Spinning, TRX, Kangoo Jumps, Pilates, Yoga, Boxing, Karate, Dance education, Nutrition & diet services, with special sections for children and women. RA25 Sports Hall hosts competitions in basketball, handball, volleyball, and badminton, and functions as a venue for ceremonies and concerts with its advanced sound system.

For more details:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/spor/>

<https://neu.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/21/spor-kule-brosur-21.12.18.pdf>

Atatürk Culture and Congress Centre (AKKM)

This state-of-the-art venue hosts national and international congresses, seminars, conferences, and cultural events. It features various-sized meeting halls, modern audiovisual equipment, and spaces for art exhibitions, concerts, theatre performances, and more — enhancing campus life through arts and culture.

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/ataturk-kultur-ve-kongre-merkezi/>

Restaurants and Cafeterias

The campus features a wide range of food and beverage outlets, including the Main Cafeteria, Faculty Cafeteria, Hospital Cafeteria, and others with a total service capacity of 4,500 people. Across campus, there are 22 cafes and restaurants offering healthy, affordable meals, with options for vegetarians and vegans.

Some of the dining facilities include:

Cafe Hastane 1 & 2, Cafe Bigla, Cafe Dental, Cafe Ecza, Cafe Saray, Chicken House, Cafe Library, Cafe Bridge, Cafe Veterinerlik, Gusto Cafe, Cafe Sağlık, Vitamin Cafe, Cafe 535, Cafe AKKM, Book Cafe, Cafe Laundry, Hospital Restaurant, Kebap House, Pizza Pizza, The Kaffo, Bakery & Patisserie, and the 9th Floor Restaurant.

For more information:

<https://neu.edu.tr/kampuste-yasam/kantin-ve-kafeteryalar/>

Market & Supermarket

IKAS Supermarket

Located on our campus, IKAS Supermarket serves campus residents with a wide range of products and extended working hours to meet all their daily needs. Additionally, there is a branch of IKAS Supermarket located under Dormitory Building 1, designed to serve students' essential needs.

Working Hours:

Weekdays/Weekends: 07:30 – 22:00

IKAS Supermarket Express

IKAS Supermarket Express, located within the Near East Campus at Near East Fuel Station, is open 24/7. Discounts available to Near East Group employees are also valid at this location.

NEU Event Park Drift Area

For those seeking speed, control, and excitement, NEU Event Park Drift Area offers an unforgettable driving experience. Under the supervision of two expert instructors, you will not only learn how to drift, but also improve your safe and effective driving techniques. Tire and fuel costs are included in the training packages. Each session lasts 30 minutes.

NEU Event Park offers 4 different training packages, tailored to various expectations. There is even a special course for young car enthusiasts: children aged 6–12 can participate in a manual driving course designed especially for them. For international visitors, accelerated 3-lesson programs are available to help them quickly learn the basics of drifting. Upon successful completion of the training program, a certificate of participation is awarded to all participants (excluding tourist guests and children's courses). The drift area can also host special events such as birthday parties and concerts.

Working Hours:

- Weekdays: 16:00 – 21:00
- Weekends: 09:00 – 21:00 Flexible closing hours are available for special events or upon request.

For detailed information about packages and pricing: Phone: +90 548 821 21 24

Accessible Cinema Hall

The newly renovated “Accessible Cinema” Hall at the Faculty of Communication, Near East University, offers a modern and inclusive experience for cinema enthusiasts and event participants. Originally launched in 1997 with the support of Telsim, the hall has recently undergone a comprehensive renovation and is now more equipped and comfortable than ever.

The Accessible Cinema features 40 fixed seats, with a flexible setup that can accommodate up to 60 people when needed. It is equipped with a state-of-the-art projection system compatible with all types of computers and has a powerful sound system to ensure an enhanced audio experience.

One of the hall's most significant features is its fully accessible ramp, which provides seamless access from the outside entrance to the seating area, allowing individuals with disabilities to enjoy events without barriers. In addition to film screenings, the Accessible Cinema is also physically suited for mini workshops and various events.

IKAS Patisserie & Bakery

One of the most popular spots on the Near East University campus, IKAS Patisserie & Bakery welcomes guests with a delightful atmosphere and a wide variety of delicious offerings. The venue has a total seating capacity of 40 people, including 20 indoor and 20 outdoor seats, allowing visitors to enjoy their time both inside and in the open air. In addition to meeting the university's in-house needs for cakes, pastries, savoury snacks, desserts, and ice cream, IKAS Patisserie & Bakery also serves fresh and tasty products to external guests. Soon, it plans to expand its kitchen and begin producing its own bread. For those focused on healthy living, specially made diet desserts and drinks designed for pre- and post-workout consumption will also be available.

With an extensive menu of hot and cold beverages, the patisserie caters to all tastes and also takes custom orders for birthday cakes and special celebrations. The outdoor garden area has been designed to offer enjoyment all year round — cool shaded areas in summer, and warm cozy spots with stoves in winter. Parking is available for guests, and the venue especially welcomes those seeking a peaceful breakfast experience on weekends. On Saturdays and Sundays, rich classic and English breakfast options are served until noon — a perfect way to start your day!

Opening Hours: Weekdays / Weekends: 07:00 – 01:00

Photocopy Services

Near East University offers photocopying and printing services at various locations across campus for students and staff. These service centres aim to provide fast and reliable solutions for educational and academic needs. Photocopy centres are available in faculties with high printing demands, such as the Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Medicine, and Faculty of Education. These centres offer specialized printing services, including large-format AutoCAD printouts for architecture students. Additionally, thesis binding services are available for students preparing their theses. Along with basic services like photocopying and printing, document scanning and various binding options are also provided. A stationery shop within the Near East University Library offers services such as photocopying and thesis binding.

Cyprus Printing Global

Hospital Branch: +90 546 990 01 03

Education Palace Branch: +90 546 990 01 04

Architecture Faculty Branch: +90 546 990 01 05

Nuroğlu Stationery (Library): +90 533 866 89 36

Bank & ATM

On campus, you will find branches of Near East Bank and Türkiye İş Bankası, as well as an ATM for Ziraat Bankası. These banking services are conveniently located to ensure that both students and staff can easily carry out their financial transactions.

Post Office

The Post Office at Near East University provides postal services to all students and staff. It is located on campus for easy access to both send and receive mail.

Location: Ground Floor, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

Near East Fuel Station

The on-campus fuel station provides university staff with a fast and convenient way to meet their fuel needs. In addition, all Near East University employees can benefit from discounted fuel services by using the Near East Fuel Discount Card. For more information about Near East Fuel Station, please visit the official website: <https://yakindoguakaryakit.com/>

Useful Phone Numbers

For more details about telephone contacts at Near East University and to find the phone numbers for specific departments or services, please visit the university's official website:

<https://neu.edu.tr/telefon-rehberi/>

Campus Traffic Rules and Safety

Near East University's campus is subject to specific traffic rules to ensure the **safety and comfort** of students, staff, and visitors. These rules are **monitored 24/7** by NEU personnel, and **penalties may be applied** in case of violations. A full understanding and application of these rules contribute to creating a safer and more orderly campus environment.

Traffic Flow and Right of Way: Traffic on the NEU campus flows in the left lane. Therefore, drivers must keep left and follow the right-of-way rules to ensure smooth traffic movement.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Priority Campus: Please give priority to pedestrians and cyclists in crosswalks and designated bike lanes. Slow down and proceed with caution in these areas to ensure safety.

Speed Limit: The maximum speed limit on campus is 40 km/h. Adhering to this limit significantly reduces the risk of accidents and enhances overall safety.

Horn and Loud Music: Using car horns and playing loud music is prohibited on campus. Following this rule helps maintain a peaceful environment for everyone.

Traffic Signs and Directions: Traffic signs and directional markers are placed throughout the campus to support safe and orderly traffic flow. Please always follow these signs.

Routes and Parking Areas: Use designated driving routes and park only in designated areas in accordance with the campus parking regulations. This ensures safety and avoids traffic disruption.

Monitoring and Security: Traffic rules are regularly monitored by security personnel. Please follow their instructions and do not hesitate to ask for help if needed. Adhering to safety measures ensures a smooth and respectful traffic environment for all. By respecting these rules, we can collectively contribute to a safer and more peaceful campus.

Transportation Services

Near East University provides its staff with comfortable and free transportation options, ensuring easy access to both the campus and surrounding areas. The university's transportation services cover routes that are scheduled according to class and work hours. Free university buses departing from the campus and heading to various regions and the city centre offer a wide transportation network. This service aims to reduce vehicle usage and promote environmentally friendly shared transport. Free transportation services are a significant support in facilitating the daily lives of staff.

Campus–Nicosia and Nicosia–Campus Routes: Shuttle services between the campus and Nicosia operate from 06:45 AM to 10:15 PM. These reciprocal services allow our staff to travel comfortably and safely between the campus and Nicosia. The routes cover a wide area. Detailed information about transportation services and routes is available on the university's website: <https://bus.neu.edu.tr/>

Intercity Free Shuttle Services: Near East University offers free shuttle services for staff commuting from regions such as Kyrenia (Girne), Famagusta (Mağusa), and Güzelyurt. These services are organized to ensure staff can reach the campus comfortably.

In-Campus Shuttles: Within the campus, there is a free shuttle service between the residential area and faculties or other administrative units. These shuttles facilitate quick and easy access across campus.

Walking Distance Accessibility: The Near East University campus is designed to allow safe walking access to most places. Classrooms, the library, the dining hall, and other key facilities are located within short walking distances. The campus design promotes physical activity and minimizes the need for motor vehicles. Additionally, the university provides alternative eco-friendly transport options such as bicycles and electric scooters for staff use.

By offering these transportation options, Near East University enables its staff to easily access campus events and resources. It supports its personnel in maintaining a productive work-life balance through a safe and extensive transportation network across its large campus area.

Near East University | Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Molecular Biology and Genetics Department | Student Information Handbook
2025–2026 Academic Year

 Who ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU?

- Faculty Established Year: 1988
- Department Established: 2014
- Aim: To be an internationally recognized and accredited faculty
- Programs: 1 bachelor
- Education Language: English
- Student Number: +120

 MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS DEPARTMENT

- Head of Department: Asst. Prof. Dr. Selin Deliceirmak
- Contact: selin.kucukavsar@neu.edu.tr

- Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Total Credit: 240 ECTS
- Elective Courses: At least 12 elective courses

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- To complete all courses with at least a DD/S letter grade
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): At least 2.00 / 4.00
- 70% class attendance requirement
- 12 elective course must be taken

REGISTRATION & ADMISSION PROCEDURES

1. **Pay the tuition fee**
2. Register for courses via ogrsis.neu.edu.tr
3. **Get advisor approval**
4. **If necessary, make changes during the “add/drop” week**

CONTACT

- Deanship: 90 (392) 675 10 00, aliefdal.ozklul@neu.edu.tr
- International Student Office: 0392 223 6464, beliz.ozdiren@neu.edu.tr, buse.kocak@neu.edu.tr

MORE INFORMATION

- Faculty Web: <https://fenedebiyat.neu.edu.tr/>
- UZEBİM Platform: <https://uzebim.neu.edu.tr>

CAMPUS LIFE

-  Library: Open 7/24 open, 1 million books, 150 million digital resource
-  Dining: 22 restaurant & cafe, vegan/vegetarian menu
-  Sport: Olympic pool, yoga, fitness, dietitian support
-  Psychological Counselling: Free, appointment-based system

DO NOT FORGET!

- At Near East University, education is not only academic; it's an integrated journey of social, cultural, and personal development. Let this brochure be your guide as you take your first steps!