

Info Sheet for ECoL 2015 Participants

Transportation Alternatives – Koç University’s Campus

There are two airports in the metropolitan area of Istanbul. Most of the airlines use Atatürk Airport located on the European Side, however there is also a significant number of airlines using Sabiha Gökçen Airport on the Asian Side. Depending on which airport you’ll be landing, following alternatives might be useful after your arrival:



1. Atatürk Airport-Koç University Route-45km

First alternative would be taking the subway number **M1A** from the **airport subway station** until the station **Yenikapı**. From **Yenikapı**, our suggestion is to take another subway with number **M2** with the destination point **Haciosman** station. And finally from **Haciosman** subway station, after shortly walking up from the underground to aboveground bus station, bus number **154** or **150** can be taken until **Koç University’s** campus. Bus number 154’s final destination is **Koç University**. However, if you take bus number **150**, which also passes by a very close station to the campus, your destination station will be **Atatürk Ormanı** in that case. In this alternative, total transportation time will be approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes.

2. Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Koç University Route-63km

Easiest way to reach **Koç University** upon arrival at **Sabiha Gökçen Airport** is to take the express bus number **E-3** from airport bus station until the final destination of the bus, which is **4. Levent Subway Station**. At the **4. Levent Subway Station**, after shortly walking downstairs to subway station underground, subway number **M2** should be taken until **Haciosman**. Afterwards, bus number **154** or **150** can be taken until **Koç University’s** campus. Bus number 154’s final destination is **Koç University**. However, if you take bus number **150**, which also passes by a very close station to the campus, your destination station will be **Atatürk Ormanı** in that case. In this alternative, total transportation time will be approximately 3 hours.

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Second alternative would be reaching the **Haciosman** station via **Taksim**. From Atatürk Airport to **Taksim**, there are two alternatives: First one is the **shuttle bus** which is not included by municipal public transportation means, it's private and therefore more expensive. (The name of the shuttle bus is „**Havataş**“, costs 11TL/3,67€ per direction.)

Second way to get to Taksim is the bus number **TH1** to be taken from airport bus station as the abovementioned shuttle bus. After taking either one of the buses and reaching **Taksim Square**, subway number **M2** should be taken until **Haciosman** station. Afterwards, same as in the alternative 1, from **Haciosman** until **Koç University**, either one of the busses with number **154** or **150** can be taken. In this alternative, total transportation time will be approximately 2 hours.

2. Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Koç University Route-63km

Another way to reach **Koç University** upon arrival at **Sabiha Gökçen Airport**, although it would take more time compared to first alternative with the bus E-3, is by reaching **Haciosman** station via **Kadıköy**. Despite its time inefficiency, if you prefer using ferry for crossing continents; you may want to choose this alternative. From the airport bus station at **Sabiha Gökçen Airport**, bus number E-11 should be taken until **Kadıköy**. (The shuttle bus **Havataş** mentioned in the Atatürk Airport route is also an option since it has a **Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Kadıköy** service as well.) In Kadıköy, cityline ferry quay with the name **Kabataş** should be reached by walking 5 minutes after the bus. After reaching **Kabataş** with Kadıköy-Kabataş ferry, bus number **29D** should be taken from Kabataş until **Haciosman** station to take either one of the busses 154 or 150 until **Koç University** as described in detail in alternative 1. In this alternative, total transportation time will be approximately 4 hours.

Please beware of the fact that Turkish public transportation system is not always punctual as its other counterparts, while planning your journey. All of the abovementioned means of transportations' schedules should be checked beforehand. Following links and smartphone applications are recommended regarding this:

-A very useful journey planner, functions worldwide and all stations/cities are available: <https://www.rome2rio.com/>

-Schedule of busses: <http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en>

-Schedule of subways: <http://www.istanbul-ulasim.com.tr/en> (under the section „Sefer Tarifesi“)

-Schedule of ferries: <http://en.sehirhatlari.com.tr/en/timetable/timetables-338.html>

-Schedule of airport shuttle „Havataş“: <http://www.havatas.com/default.aspx>

-Smartphone application for subway schedules: <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/app/metroistanbul/id570644574?l=tr&mt=8> (Apple iPhone)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.spexco.flexcoder.ulasim.activities&feature=search_result (Google Android)

-Smartphone application for bus schedules: <https://itunes.apple.com/de/app/mobiETT/id680243755?mt=8> (Apple iPhone)

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.verisun.mobiETT&hl=tr> (Google Android)