

## Abdullah Gul University

Abdullah Gul University was founded in the city of Kayseri, a Historical, Trade, Industrial and Touristic Hub of Turkey counting 1.5 million inhabitants, very close to Cappadocia. Our university is the first state university in Turkey to have, as part of its constitution, legal provision for support by a foundation whose entire efforts are solely dedicated to the work of the University. AGU has set itself the aim of attracting brilliant faculty members and the brightest students. All the academic work of the University is in English; all its programs conform to international standards but at the same time they bear the stamp of the university's own character. Graduates of AGU will be typified by the ability to learn, to think, to research, to work in an interdisciplinary fashion, and to lead.

At AGU, proficiency in English is fundamental; part of the language preparation year's studies, successful students join a language school in an English speaking country. Furthermore, English education continues after students have started studying in their own faculty, playing an important part in the academic life of the student and in the social life of the campus.

In 2023, Agu ranked 15th in the WURI Global Top 100 Innovative Universities ranking. Abdullah Gül University (AGU) has ranked among the top 200 universities in the world and has added a new one to its international achievements. This achievement comes from the recognition of AGU's international accomplishments in the 2023 Social Impact Rankings by Times Higher Education (THE), which is considered one of the most prestigious higher education assessment organizations. AGU ranked in the 101-200 range among all universities worldwide in the ranking which was prepared taking into account the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). AGU has also ranked first in the world in the Top 50 Student Mobility and Openness category of WURI 2023.



# How to arrive AGU

Abdullah Gül University is located 5 minutes away from the city center in Kayseri. Easy access to the airport, bus station, and train station can be provided for those coming from outside the city.



# **Before arriving**

Visa and identity documents depending on your country of origin, you may ensure you have a passport valid for at least continuous 6 months counted after your arrival date to Turkey.

More information about visa procedures can be found in the following links: http://

https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa

#### Practicalities:

We recommend you to bring your own laptop because you are going to use it as well as for your own private purposes.

### When arriving

The transfer between the International and National Flights requires you to proceed to your Domestic Connection Flight by walking. The Passport and Security Control at the İstanbul or Sabiha Gökçen Airport use to be very busy at times. You shall ensure to manage your time in order to proceed to your gate on time. The international flight does not require you to pick your luggage during the transfer and you can pick it up in your final destination -International baggage claim in Kayseri.

- Kayseri Airport

Kayseri Erkilet Airport is 6 km away from the city center and 4.5 km from our University. It is 10 minutes away from Abdullah Gül University by taxi.

- *Kayseri intercity Bus Terminal* Kayseri Intercity Bus Terminal is 9.3 km away from AGU. There are shuttle vehicles from the city center to the terminal and from the terminal to the center. There are certain companies and services arriving at the AGU route at certain time intervals.

- The Train Station

The train station is 5 minutes away from AGU.

- Kayseri City Center

Kayseri city center is 2.5 km away. You can go on a walk or by bus from the campus.

- Public Transportation
  - Kayseri has an extensive public bus and tram network that cover many areas, and you can use taxis to get around the city. For the timetables and routes of public busses and trams, you can check this link https://www.kayseriulasim.com/
  - There are 4 tram lines which are [T1] İldem Organize Sanayi, [T1] Organize Sanayi İldem, [T2] Talas Cumhuriyet Meydanı, [T2] Cumhuriyet Meydanı Talas cover many areas in the city, [T3] İldem 5- Kumsmall AVM, [T3] Kumsmall

AVM-Kumsmall, [T4] Anayurt İzzet Bayraktar Camii-Cumhuriyet Meydanı, [T4] Cumhuriyet Meydanı- Anayurt İzzet Bayraktar Camii.

• For easy transportation, you can use Kart38 which can be charged from the charging station on the transportation lines or from the Kart38 Transaction Center in Kocasinan. (Kart38 can be used on buses and trams).

## Accomodation in Kayseri

There are 5, 4 and 3-star hotels close to the city center in Kayseri. You can also stay in guesthouses of public institutions and organizations such as Öğretmenevi, Polisevi, Orduevi, Karayolları

#### Hotel price list (Prices may change)

- Radisson Blu Hotel: Single 4900 TRY(117 Euro), Double 6200 TRY(148 Euro)
- Novotel: Single or double room price 3720 TRY (89 Euro)
- İbis Hotel: Single or double room 2800 TRY (67 Euro)
- Newway Hotel : Single 2100 TRY (50 Euro), Double room 3000 TRY (72 Euro)
- Nüzhet Hotel: Single 1500 TRY (36 Euro), Double room 2000 TRY (48 Euro)
- Kayzer Hotel: Single 1200 TRY (29 Euro), Double 1700 TRY (41 Euro)

## **International Office**

#### **MISSION**

"The mission of the International Relations Office is to coordinate and facilitate the internationalization process of the University and the international relations carried out by the University, and as a part of the internationalization process, to manage University's International Student recruitment process."

#### VISION

"The vision of the International Relations Office to ensure that the university internalizes the internationalization process with all units and to maintain its position as one of the leading international institutions in Turkey." For more details: <u>https://intoffice.agu.edu.tr/</u>



# Meet the team



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### **About Kayseri**

Kayseri is a large and industrialized city in Central Anatolia, Turkey. It is the seat of Kayseri Province. The city of Kayseri, as defined by the boundaries of Kayseri Metropolitan Municipality, is structurally composed of five metropolitan districts, the two core districts of Kocasinan and Melikgazi, and since 2004, also Hacılar, İncesu and Talas. Kayseri is located at the foot of the extinct volcano Mount Erciyes that towers 3916 m over the city. The city is often cited in the first ranks among Turkey's cities that fit the definition of Anatolian Tigers. The city is rich in historical monuments, dating especially from the Seljuk period. While it is generally visited on route to the international tourist attractions of Cappadocia, Kayseri has many visitor's attractions by its own right: Seljuk and Ottoman-era monuments in and around the city center, Mount Erciyes as a trekking and alpinism center, Zamantı River as a rafting center, the historic sites of Kültepe, Ağırnas, Talas and Develi.



# The Climate in Kayseri

The climate of Kayseri is continental, with cold winters, during which the average temperature is close to freezing, and hot summers during the day, but with cool nights. In Kayseri, the summers are warm, dry, and clear and the winters are very cold, snowy, and partly cloudy.

## What to eat in Kayseri

Flour and meat are the two most famous flavors of Kayseri cuisine

#### Mantı

It is one of the most popular dishes of traditional Turkish cuisine. It is also known as the most famous dish of Kayseri.

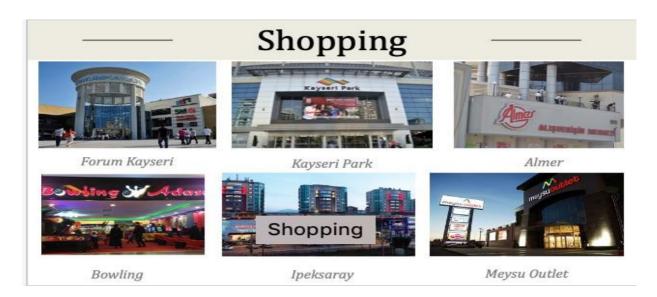
#### Pastırma ve Sucuk

Pastirma and Sucuk are among the popular tastes of Kayseri. It is available in many restaurants in Hisarcık and Talas districts.



### Where to eat in Kayseri

You can enjoy local dishes at Elmacıoğlu Gültepe restaurant. You can also find fast food in shopping centers such as Kayseri Forum, Kayseri Park, İpek Saray, BYZ Garage, Meysu Outlet, Almer, Kumsmall AVM.



# **During Your Stay**

### Language

The official language in Turkey is the Turkish language. You will notice in Kayseri, that although some of the people know a little English, they might be shy to try to speak it. However, they will communicate by any possible means through for instance gestures. The young population and students of other Universities in the city generally know English on a communicative level, so it shall be possible to communicate with some of the young generation from HEI elsewhere. The Turkish language has many similar words coming from Arabic, French and other languages, which gives the learning experience a new perspective.

Turkish Alphabet Aa Bb Cc Çç Dd Ee Ff Gg Ğğ Hh Iı İi Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Öö Pp Rr Ss Şş Tt Uu Üü Vv Yy Zz

### Currency

The national currency is the Turkish Lira (TRY). To check the rates with your national coin, you can use the following website, selecting Turkish Lira for the appropriate conversion: https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/en/tcmb+en

Regarding prices and cost of life in Kayseri:

Public Transportation Card "KART38": 55 TL

Single trip by tram or bus: Approximately 20 TL

#### Emergency

Emergency number is 112 (anywhere in Türkiye).

#### Contact

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