Dear Erasmus Student,

Regarding your future stay in Istanbul, we would like to give you some extra information for you to help finding accommodation options. Since Istanbul is a really large and metropolitan city, we do not want to you to be limited to some certain parts of the city.

Istanbul Kültür University has three campuses: the main campus is located in Ataköy (Yenibosna), second one is located in Şirinevler (law faculty) and the one that has the vocational schools is located in İncirli (Bakırköy). All the campuses are close to Atatürk Airport. It is accessible by Metro (red line), Metrobus and motorway (E5-E6) depending on which area you chose to live in. For anyone who has never been to Istanbul, there is no "centre". You can say that each area has its own "centre" or its own particular qualities. All areas with easy access to the Metrobus would be ideal to reach the University (you can check the various areas and how long it takes to get to the University here http://www.iett.gov.tr/en/index.php)

ESN (ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK) is an organisation created for Erasmus Students: http://www.esn.org/

You can find the one linked to Kültür on Facebook by typing İKU ESN into the search or through the following link (http://www.esn.org/content/section-information?id=TR-ISTA-KUL). It can add you into contact with other Erasmus students or provide you with help and support about the country you are visiting, cultural aspects, accommodation etc.

Also, our Erasmus Club may help you with your search. The Head of Erasmus Club is Ms. Şimal Aysever and you can reach her through esnkultur@esnturkey.org
DORMITUORIES AT KÜLTÜR UNIVERSITY

The dormitories at Istanbul Kültür University aim to give the students a clean, comfortable, secure and civilized atmosphere which enables them to reach their goals. Social and cultural activities organized in the dormitories also contribute to their success.

Our dormitories are located in Şirinevler Campus which is within a 15-minute-walking distance from Ataköy Campus. For those who do not fancy walking, there is also a shuttle every 20 minutes, making it possible to attend the classes on time. Our dormitories are only a 5-minute-walk from Yenibosna Metrobus and bus stops while the subway is only 10 minutes away. It takes only 10 minutes to reach Atatürk Airport by taxi and you can arrive at the inter-city bus terminal in 30 minutes by underground.

The dormitories are equipped with psychological consultancy units which help students adapt themselves to their new lives and overcome various personal problems as well.
All the rooms are furnished with a bed, wardrobe, bedside table, desk, telephone and 7/24 Internet connection.

Bed linen are provided, on the condition of returning it when you are leaving.

The rooms are precisely cleaned every single day. Seats, hot and cold water dispensers, kitchen, showers (24-hour hot water) and toilets are available on every floor.

Restrooms (satellite TVs), internet rooms, launderettes (free washing machines and tumble dry), studies, separate study halls with drawing tables for architecture students are also available.

There is also a kitchen for the common use of students on every floor.

In girl’s hostels there is a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom and a toilet as well as all the other facilities mentioned above.

The security of all dormitories is guaranteed by professional security guards 24 hours a day.

**Apartment houses for girls**

For flat dormitories, we may have available single flat or double flat.

All flat dormitories are equipped with a private kitchen, living room and bathroom. All rooms are furnished with a bed, wardrobe, and bedside table. Restrooms (satellite TVs), internet rooms, launderettes (free washing machines and tumble dry) are also available. At first, inside the building there is only access to internet by cable but afterwards, you will be provided ID student and password to have access to student wireless.
Here are some additional information about dorms:

First, the rooms in the dorm have bed, drawer, wardrobe and desk in them for students. The kitchen and showers are common used, but the authorized person in the dorms told it was not a problem so far.

Second, you can do the laundry in the dorms there is a laundry room and it is for free, but each student is responsible for his/her own laundry, I mean it is not provided as a service, but it is provided as a facility that you yourself can use.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://www.iku.edu.tr/EN/626-4-2/Dormitories.html
The price list for Dormitories is as follows:

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**FLATS IN GIRLS HOUSE**

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* 500 TL OF DEPOSIT IS TO BE PAID (APP. 200 €)
**PRICES ARE PER PERSON**

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**ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

ACCOUNT NAME: İSTANBUL KÜLTÜR ÜNİVERSİTESİ
BANK NAME: TÜRKİYE İŞ BANKASI
AGENCY: ÇARŞI BAKİRKÖY OFFICE
AGENCY CODE NR: 1006
BANK ACCOUNT NR: 3561626
IBAN: TR73 0006 4000 0021 0063 5616 26
SWIFT CODE: ISBKTRISXXX

* YOU MAY PAY ON ARRIVAL AS WELL
Despite the fact that there is no center in Istanbul, most of the people use to refer to Taksim as a cosmopolitan centre with night life, shopping centres and restaurants. We observed that most of the students that come within the frame of ERASMUS mobility to Turkey, prefer to live near Taksim Square.

If you fancy going shopping, we notice that most of the Erasmus students prefer Sişli, Galata, Şişhane and Nişantası, close to Taksim as well. The areas are renowned for their high street fashion shopping and upscale nightlife and restaurant scene with foreign brands in excess.

Tarlabası area, which is close to Taksim, might be seen as a good choice. However, it might not be as safe as other areas mentioned above.

Bakırköy, Ataköy and Şirinevler are the closest areas to the university. Bakırköy is a residential neighborhood close to Atatürk International Airport. Besides, Bakırköy has its own center with restaurants, pubs and even a marina. Yenibosna which is also very close to the university can be regarded as a more conservative area. Avcılar – Küçükçekmece is also close to our university, whereas a bit far from the other parts of Istanbul such as Taksim, Sarıyer, the Bosphorous etc. Beylikdüzü, which is a bit farther away than Avcılar and Küçükçekmece, is a residential area and therefore is quiet and clean, though it has huge shopping malls and restaurants etc.

Situated at the heart of Istanbul’s central business district, Mecidiyeköy is dominated by large skyscrapers, modern Shopping malls and concrete apartment blocks. Living in Mecidiyeköy means you would be close to Taksim and the Metrobüs which goes from Mecidiyeköy directly to our university.

However, if you prefer to be living on the Asian side, Kadıköy might be a nice place though a bit far from the university. Kadıköy, situated on the seaside, has a lively restaurant, cafe and nightlife scene and is well connected to other areas of Istanbul by land and sea. Also, this area has Metrobüs that goes easily to our University.

You can also go through an estate agent to find accommodation, but they will charge you for their services.

As with any situation please be careful, scams can happen everywhere and all the time. Here are some pointers about how to spot a scam:

If the Landlord asks for a Money Transfer or a Deposit before you have seen or moved into the house make sure you give them their deposit and rent ONCE you have moved in. Check the address that is given on the website.
If you communicate only by e-mail, ask them to meet, if not possible, then ask for a phone number and communicate with them that way. Make sure you speak to them several times before handing over any money or bank details.

We wish you luck to find the best accommodation for you!