

ORHUN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Orhun Exchange Program is an international exchange initiative that promotes student and academic staff mobility among universities in the Turkic World and strengthens academic cooperation. The program is conducted under the umbrella of the Union of Turkic Universities (TURKUNIB) of the Organization of Turkic States. Within the scope of the program, students pursue their studies at member universities abroad for one or two academic semesters. Likewise, incoming students from abroad participate in educational and instructional activities under the auspices of Ege University. Academic staff also engage in reciprocal teaching and research activities within the framework of the program. Joint academic events, seminars, cultural activities, and collaborative projects are actively supported.

In the 2019–2020 academic year, Ege University initiated the implementation of the Orhun Exchange Program as a pilot project within the scope of student mobility. The program aims to develop education and research areas based on shared history, language, and culture; to encourage mobility among students and academics; to facilitate the recognition of diplomas and academic achievements; to organize joint courses, seminars, projects, competitions, and cultural activities; and to strengthen cultural awareness and shared values within the context of the Turkic World. In line with these objectives, the program has also been implemented within the Ege University State Turkish Music Conservatory. Students from abroad were admitted to the Conservatory through the exchange program, completed their education, and subsequently returned to their home countries. Throughout their studies, these students also participated in artistic activities, thereby contributing to mutual cultural interaction.