

Transfer from Ataturk International airport to Koc University

Below you find directions on how to reach the university (Koc University) from Ataturk International airport (there is another international airport, so be check where you land). The transfer is complicated, takes time but is not very expensive. Follow the careful instructions here below!

An alternative to the use of public transport is to take a taxi. There is place for four in a taxi and the trip from the airport to the Koc university will cost approximately 85 TL + 5 TL tips (40 euro) and take about one hour, dependent on traffic which can be very heavy during rush hours.

1 TL (Turkish Lira) = 0.44 euro today.

You need to pay in Turkish lira. This means you have to exchange some money to Turkish lira at the airport. This can be done at several different banks and money exchange centers within the vicinity of the airport.

The transfer with public transport is divided in three phases:

FROM ATATURK AIRPORT TO TAKSIM:

There are three ways to to reach Taksim:

- 1- Airport bus Havas,
- 2- City Bus,
- 3- Metro system

1 Airport bus line Havas (a private transportation company working in the airport) costs 10 tl (~ 4.50 euro) per person, and takes appr. 40 minutes to Taksim. This shuttle bus departs every 30 minutes between 04:00 AM to 01:00 AM. This is the easiest mean of transportation from the airport to Taksim. Here is a map of the journey (click on the right on Havaalani (=airport)-Taksim):

http://www.havas.net/fileadmin/media/Otobus/kroki/istanbul_Animasyon.swf

At the airport, you can follow the signs to the Havas shuttle. The fee should be paid within the shuttle.

2 City Bus: There is a direct bus line from airport to Taksim, bus number 96T, it takes about one hour to Taksim. Hours are fairly frequent as in the link:

[http://www.iett.gov.tr/en/saat/orer.php?hid=hat&hatcode=96T&BtnSaatler.x=22&BtnSaatler.y=9,](http://www.iett.gov.tr/en/saat/orer.php?hid=hat&hatcode=96T&BtnSaatler.x=22&BtnSaatler.y=9)

left half of the list, from 3:30 AM to 1:30 AM. In order to use buses in Istanbul, you need to buy a single or five-in-one ticket, which is about 1.5 tl (~ 0.65 euro) per ride. During your visit to Istanbul you can buy tickets (single & five-in-one) in major bus stations such as

Taksim and Sarıyer. In this case you buy the tickets at the airport. The bus stop is just outside of the airport building, across the gates.

3 Metro-tram. Lastly, you can use metro-tram system but you need to change twice. Attached is the map of rail-transportation throughout Istanbul. At the airport, you follow the signs to enter Metro (it is inside the airport). You start with the M1-line (red one in the map). You get out at the last stop, Aksaray (this takes about 30 minutes), and here you change to the T1-line (dark blue in the map). In order to do this change, you have a bit of walking, but signs will direct you. Line T1 is a tram, more like a train than a metro. The stop you enter is called Yusufpaşa and you should go in the Kabatas direction. Again, you need to get off the T1-line at the last station, Kabatas (this should take about 20 minutes). Here, you change to the F1 line, which is a funicular (goes up the hill); only one-stop trip (F1-line, yellow in the map, 5 minutes) and finally you are in Taksim. The advantage of this route is that you do not have to deal with the hectic Istanbul traffic, but you have to change twice and walk a bit. Tickets: you pay three times, when you enter M1, T1 and F1. You need to buy a token/ticket. The price a token is 2 tl (~ 0.87 euro) and you need three, so total cost of this trip is 6 tl. At the airport, the tickets can be bought near the entrance of metro station.

FROM TAKSİM TO SARIYER:

From Taksim, transportation is quite easy.

You take the direct bus line 25T from Taksim to Sarıyer. The bus station is in Taksim Center, close to the Metro station. You should follow the "MEYDAN ÇIKIŞI" exit from the Metro and be able to see buses as soon as you get to the surface. See the attached Taksim map for reference.

Line 25T goes almost every 30 minutes between 6:30 AM and 00:00 AM, please refer to the following link for exact times:
<http://www.iett.gov.tr/saat/orer.php?hid=hat&hatcode=25T%3ASARIYER+-+TAKS%DDM&BtnSaatler2.x=42&BtnSaatler2.y=10&BtnSaatler2=BtnSaatler.x%3D43%26BtnSaatler.y%3D16>,
on right half of the list (is gunleri: Monday-Friday, Cumartesi: Saturday, Pazar: Sunday).

A single bus ticket costs 1.5 tl (~ 0.65 euro) and the journey will take about 45 minutes. Please note that you should NOT get off at the last station this time. You should watch the electronic station screen inside the bus and get down in SULAR CAD. (SARIYER) stop, just after S.MİTHAT YILMAZ CAD. stop and that is after HACI ÖMER MEYDANI stop.

FROM SARIYER TO KOC UNIVERSITY:

Now we are almost done. If you get down at SULAR CAD.(SARIYER) stop, then you will see minibuses (DOLMUS in Turkish) with Koc University sign in front of them. This costs 1.5 tl (~ 0.65 euro) and takes about 15-20 minutes. You pay at the driver. It will directly enter in the Koc University campus.

ENTRANCE IN THE CAMPUS OF KOC UNIVERSITY

At the campus gate, security will stop you and you MUST show your PASSPORT. Tell to the guard that you are here for the PWCYPS 2012 conference and they will direct you to the meeting place. It is better for you to bring a copy of your invitation letter with you for the entrance.

You can also refer to the map provided by the airport in the following link: http://www.ataturkairport.com/TR_EN_ist/index_en.html