

Dear Students,

According to the Article 4 of “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Note: 1” by Council of Higher Education, all academic/administrative staff or students participated abroad activities (even if preplanned) such as education-training, academic exchange programs, social and cultural activities, sports competitions are cancelled until further notice. In the Article 10 of the same document, it is stated that higher education institutions should take necessary measures in order to avoid any injustice for the adaptation process of Erasmus students. You can check out the related document through the link below.

Similar to all Turkish higher education institutions, ITU is also taking actions in accordance with the rules that have already been taken or will be taken under “the coordination of the Council of Higher Education” during the coronavirus disease process. In case of any changes on current situation by the Council of Higher Education in the upcoming days, the new arrangements will be done by our institution and will be announced to our students/staff.

With the statement, “Course adjustment” stated in Article 10, the content restriction is imposed on the arrangements that could be done by higher education institutions. Thus, as ITU, we could only adapt to the courses stated in a document (Learning Agreement) at ITU. In accordance with the rules of the Council of Higher Education, it is not possible to take courses not stated in the LA document.

The LA document which will be taken into consideration during the adaptation process is the LA document which is approved after any changes. If you make any changes on the courses you took and get all necessary approvals to complete Change LA process, the final version of the LA is the document which will be taken into consideration.

For the preparation process of Change LA documents; you could be in contact with the host institutions via e-mail to get approval from them. The works will be carried out without wet signature because of the force majeure. The documents which will be sent to erasmus@itu.edu.tr by the responsible person of the host institution will be accepted as same as original.

As it is not certain whether the exchange programs will start again or not, the course registration will be done for the students who cancelled their Erasmus+ rights and would like to continue their education at ITU after giving their petitions for cancellation. The students who would like to wait a little bit more could wait at their own risk. For the students who would like to wait a little bit more to possible go back to the host institution, no deadline for course registration is given; however, it is also important to take into consideration that passing the course/obtaining a good score will probable get harder as the semester end approaches. The students, who are worried that they could not obtain a high score, could sign a petition for “Leave not be counted towards education time” until 30 April 2020 to ensure that the courses stated in their LA documents are not transferred to their transcripts for Spring Semester and their Spring semester not be counted towards education time.

https://www.yok.gov.tr/Sayfalar/Haberler/2020/coronavirus_bilgilendirme_1.aspx