

WELCOME TO
YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
DAVUTPASA CAMPUS

1 GETTING TO CAMPUS

A) From İstanbul Airport:

1. The most cost-effective and time-efficient way to reach Davutpaşa Campus is by using the airport shuttle (**HAVAİST**). Take the **HVİST-5** shuttle to Esenler Otogar and a taxi to the campus. The shuttle fare is 158 TL (approximately 4.2 EUR), and the cab from Esenler Otogar to the campus costs around 150 TL (approximately 4 EUR).
2. Alternatively, you can take the airport shuttle to **Bakırköy İDO** and then a taxi to Davutpaşa Campus. The shuttle fare is 181 TL (approximately 4.8 EUR), and the taxi fare from Bakırköy to the campus is approximately 250 TL (around 6.7 EUR). You can pay the shuttle fare in cash or by credit card, while taxis accept cash only in Turkish Lira.

B) From Sabiha Gökçen Airport:

1. Take the **HAVABUS** shuttle and get off at Taksim.
2. From **Taksim** take the Metro **M2** to **Yenikapı** (Metro 2 – Direction: Yenikapı).

C) From Sultanahmet:

1. Take the Tram line **T1** from Sultan Ahmet to **Zeytinburnu**. (Direction: From Kabatas to Bağcılar - 15 stops after Sultanahmet)
2. From Zeytinburnu, take metro **M1** and get off at **Davutpaşa- YTU** (Metro 1 Direction: From Airport to Yenikapı - 2 stops after Zeytinburnu)

D) From Taksim:

1. Take **M2** from Taksim to Yenikapı (Direction: From Hacıosman to Yenikapı - last station).
2. From Yenikapı, take **M1A** and get off at Davutpaşa- YTU. (Metro 1A - Direction: From Yenikapı to Airport - 9 stops after Yenikapı)

ATTENTION!!! NO TRAIN OR METRO BETWEEN 00:00 AND 06:00 am!!

E) From all directions, you can also take a Taxi.

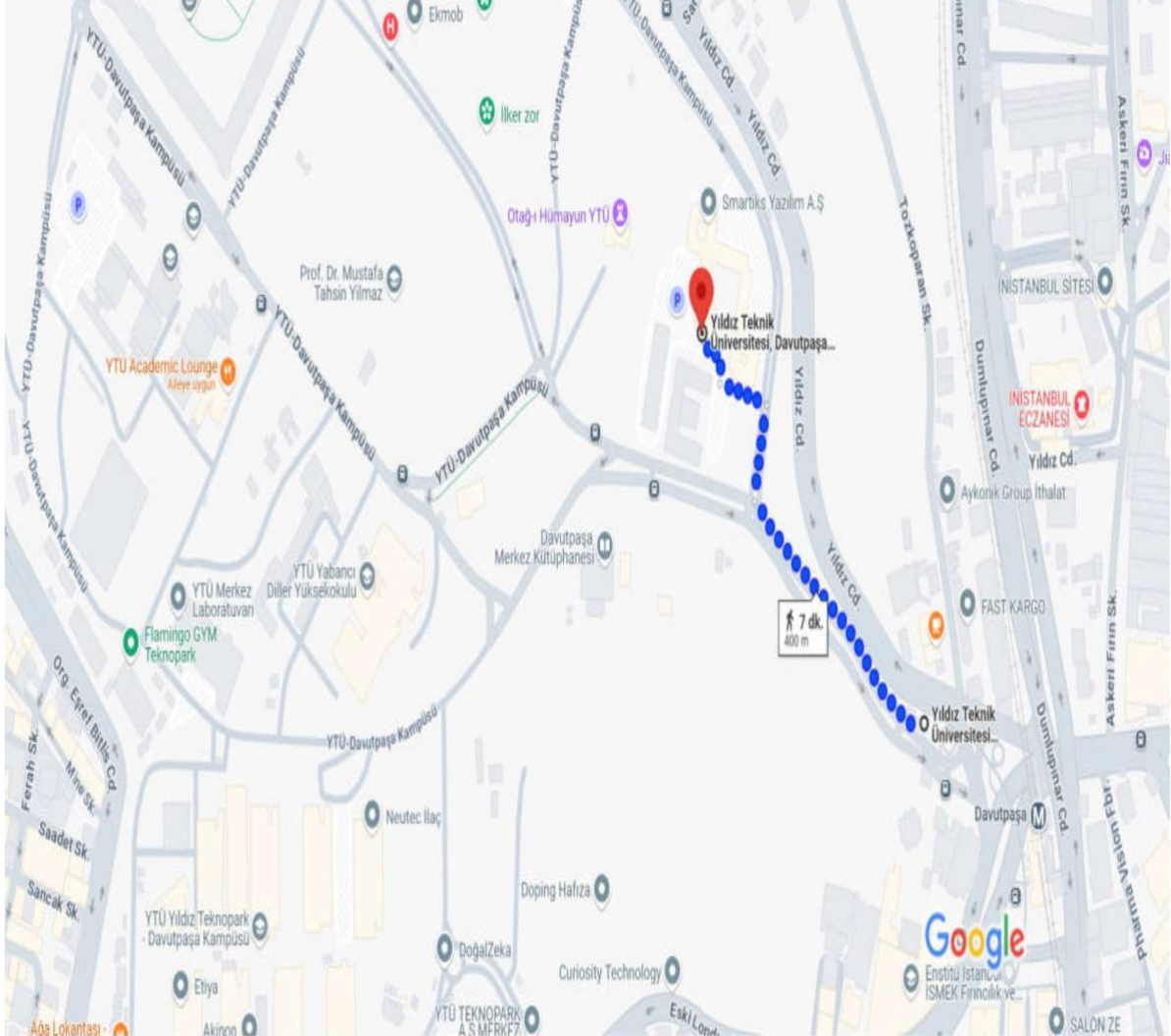
Campus Address for Taxi:

YILDIZ TENİK UNIVERSİTESİ, DAVUTPASA KAMPUSU, Davutpaşa Mah., Davutpaşa Caddesi, Esenler/İstanbul.

Map for Metro, Tram and Funicular Lines

2 GETTING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER (Davutpaşa Kongre Merkezi in Turkish)

- 1) you can walk 400 meters (7mn) from the campus entrance



- 2) you can use
 - Campus shuttles
 - 41AT (Purple Buses)

Which are free of charge from the bus station, after the gate. (see the campus map) **Please DO NOT get on the blue or white buses.**

After getting off at the library (kütüphane Buiding 11) stop, cross the road and walk for 2 minutes, and you'll see the entrance to the Convention Center

3) GETTING AROUND IN THE CAMPUS

3.1 Map of Yildiz Technical University Davutpasa Campus

The Convention Center is building number 10 on the campus map.



Cafeterias and Restaurants

- **Academic Lounge:** Available Lunch, Dinner and Snacks. (Weekdays 10:00 am – 08:00 pm)
- **Büyük Ev:** Available for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks.(Weekdays 08:00 am – 08:00 pm)
- **Hokka Cafe:** Available for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks (Weekdays 08:00 am – 08:00 pm).
- **Kayıntı Cafe:** Available for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks (Weekdays 08:00 am – 08:00 pm)..
- **Lal Cafe:** Available for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks. (In the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Faculty – Building E) Opening Time: Weekdays 08:00 am – 08:00 pm
 - **A101 Market:** Available for Daily Shopping. Opening Time: Weekdays 08:00 am – 08:00 pm

Wireless Connection:

You can access the wireless internet connection "yildiznet" from everywhere in Campus area. For Android Users: Ensure you have the "WiFi Advanced Configuration" App in your device. You can download the App from Play Store free of ch

4 GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ISTANBUL

Climate: In December, the weather in Istanbul is generally cold and often rainy. It's recommended to wear coats, sweaters, and waterproof jackets for outdoor activities. Average temperatures typically range around 10°C.

Visa Requirements: All participants are required a valid passport to enter Turkey. Citizens of some countries may obtain visas before arrival, and some may obtain them at the airport upon arrival. The most updated visa information can be received from the website of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For further information please contact the nearest Turkish Embassy or Consulate to check the visa regulations or the **Visa Information For Foreigners** (<https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>).

Liability and Insurance: The department cannot take any responsibility whatsoever for injury or damage involving persons and property during the conference. Participants are advised to take out their travel and health insurance for their trip.

Links on Istanbul:

Official city guide: <https://visit.istanbul/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/turkey/istanbul>

<https://muze.gen.tr/CityGuide>

<https://istanbulepass.com/>

Electricity: The electrical current in Turkey is 220 volts, 50 cycles alternating current (AC); wall outlets take Continental-type plugs, with two round prongs.

Currency: The monetary unit is the Turkish lira (TL), which comes in bank notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200. In Istanbul, traveler checks are rarely accepted. ATMs can be found in even the smallest Turkish towns. Most international credit cards or bank cards are accepted (a strip of logos is usually displayed above the ATM). ATMs have a language key to enable you to read the instructions in English.

Fine and Dine: The Turkish cuisine, which is one of the richest in the world, appeals to the eye as well as to the taste. Turkish food found today in Istanbul is truly a living synthesis of Eastern and Western and enjoys a very traditional background, enriched both by the sophisticated cuisine of the imperial palaces and the everyday eating practices of the common people.

In addition to the many restaurants that serve traditional and international menus to satisfy the varied tastes of their guests, many nightclubs, cafes and bars offer fine menus along with a wide range of entertainment choices.

Working Hours and Holidays: Banks are open weekdays from 9 am until noon and from 1 pm to 5 pm in the afternoon. Museums are generally open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm and closed on Monday.

Palaces are open the same hours but are closed on Thursday. In Istanbul shops and bazaars are normally open Monday through Saturday during the day and closed all day on Sunday. But most stores in shopping malls and in common streets are open seven days a week. You can find restaurants or cafes open virtually at any time of the day or night during the week.

Shopping In Istanbul

Istanbul is a shopper's paradise for carpets, leather goods, jewels, gold and fashion. Shops are open, in general, from 9 am to 8 pm Monday to Saturday; The Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar open their gates at 8:30 am and close at 7 pm. Big shopping malls open from 10 am to 10 pm seven days a week. Shops do not close for lunch

GETTING DOWNTOWN

In Istanbul, the concept of "downtown" is not as clearly defined. However, some areas are considered the main commercial and cultural hubs:

1. **Taksim Square / Beyoğlu:** This is often considered the heart of modern Istanbul and could be seen as the "downtown" equivalent. It includes Istiklal Street, a bustling avenue filled with shops, cafes, and cultural venues.
2. **Sultanahmet:** While not "downtown" in the traditional sense, Sultanahmet is the historical core of Istanbul, home to landmarks like the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and Topkapı Palace.

From İstanbul Airport to Sultanahmet:

You can take the **HVİST-12** shuttle from İstanbul Airport to Beyazıt Meydan (the last stop). From there, transfer to the T1 Kabataş-Bağcılar tram, heading towards Eminönü or Kabataş, and get off at Sultanahmet.

From İstanbul Airport to Taksim:

You can take the **HVİST-16** shuttle from İstanbul Airport to Taksim (the last stop). The shuttle price is 204 TL (around 5.4 euro). OR

1. Take M11 (Direction: From Airport to Gayrettepe) and get off at Gayrettepe. Transfer to line M2
2. Take M2 (Direction: From Gayrettepe to Yenikapı) and get off at Taksim.

From Sabiha Gokcen Airport to Sultan Ahmet:

1. Take the bus HAVABUS and get off at Taksim.
2. From Taksim take the F1 (Funicular Line) to Kabataş. (Its entrance is the same as the metro station (M2).)
3. From Kabatas take T1 (Tram 1 - Direction: From Kabatas to Bagcilar) until Sultan Ahmet. (8 stops after Kabatas)

Ticket Prices:

Bus:

- From İstanbul Airport to Taksim (**HVİST-16**): 204 TL
- From Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Taksim

For Tram, Train, Metro and Funicular:

- **Tokens:** 30 TL/Token

You can buy tokens from token machines at the entrance of each station. It's recommended to bring some coins (Turkish Liras) for these machines.

- **IstanbulKart (electronic card for traveling):** 130 TL Card Price + Charging (any amount of money you want)

You can buy from any kiosk (that sells newspapers, magazines, etc.)

- **Multiple Ticket Cards:** Ticket Card Types:
 - BİRgeç (Ticket card, available for one pass): 30 TL
 - İKİgeç (Ticket card, available for two passes): 50 TL
 - ÜÇgeç (Ticket card, available for three passes): 80 TL
 - BEŞgeç (Ticket card, available for five passes): 120 TL
 - ONgeç (Ticket card, available for ten passes): 225 TL