RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University extends warm greetings to all!

COMU is committed firstly to providing a superior education for all its students. The university is distinguished by its rich diversity of academic subjects and the quality of its study programmes. We offer a wide range of bachelor's, master's and doctorate programmes which are successfully balanced between theory and practice. We are committed to high-quality teaching and aim to prepare students for the professional world by developing their critical thinking, problem solving and positive communication skills. We make every effort to equip them for rewarding careers in which they can have a positive impact on their culture and community.

As well as the provision of a good education, COMU also emphasizes the importance of research. The university’s research fund is at the disposal of academic personnel and encourages the progress and development of society by financing scientific research projects in various disciplines. In addition, COMU actively seeks to develop and propose projects within international research programmes. Seminars and conferences on a wide range of topics are regularly organized by the university, to keep researchers informed of new developments.

We are also extremely aware of the significance of international collaboration in research and education and consequently stress the importance of developing our international activities. We strongly believe that, in the long-term, educational, cultural and scientific cooperation benefits the whole of society, by raising academic standards and encouraging peaceful coexistence. A crucial element of international cooperation in the wider sense is to be able to welcome overseas academics and students for short- or long-term stays at COMU. We also believe that international students and researchers, who come from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures, greatly enhance and enrich life at the university.

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University occupies an important position in the social, cultural and economic life of the province. The province, in turn, provides a natural laboratory and open air museum just waiting to be explored by scholars and scientists. A visit to COMU is well worthwhile.

We look forward to welcoming you in Çanakkale.

Prof. Dr. Sedat LAÇİNER
Rector
ABOUT COMU

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University was founded in 1992 and developed rapidly in terms of the number of students, staff and facilities, spurring the opening of new faculties and colleges. There are several campuses in Çanakkale itself, and some of the academic units are located in other towns of the province.

COMU is a modern civic university, committed to world-class academic excellence. The reputation and popularity of COMU in Turkey are backed up by the high quality teaching and learning experience available to students in the University.

In order to reach its educational, scientific, cultural and social goals, the university has introduced an international marking and assessment system, updated the contents of courses, introduced new programmes, increased facilities for foreign language and computer training, and modernized and extended the library.

COMU has a solid foundation on which to build future success and we would like to be part of our achievements.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

In 2011 COMU attracted millions of euros in research grant and contract income from a variety of funders including Turkish Research Council (TUBITAK), Turkish Development Ministry, Turkish National Higher Educational Council, charities and the EU.

COMU’s strong research profile enables it to attract top academics from across the country and the world whose experience and expertise enables the University to provide research-led teaching of the highest quality.

We are one of the top 20 universities in Turkey to be targeted by graduate employers in many areas.

We contribute to major international research networks.

The number of students at COMU has increased to 33,500 in October 2011. Our Terzioğlu Campus is home to a thriving postgraduate student community of around 300 students from over 30 countries worldwide.
STUDENT LIFE

COMU is structured around the philosophy of being a "student-centred" university. Students are encouraged to participate in the many varied activities that are organized on campus, often by the students themselves. Students have their own radio station, weekly newspaper, and several web sites. Some departments have published their own magazines.

Social And Cultural Activities For Students

In addition to academic studies, conferences, and open lectures on varying topics, COMU organizes an extensive programme of activities including sports competitions, musical and theatrical performances, exhibitions, folk dancing, and other events that ensure something is happening almost every day of the year. The Student Council takes part in all important decisions made by the University's Senate.

Spring Festival

Each year in May, the university holds a Spring Festival in cooperation with all the student clubs. Fun and interesting social and cultural activities take place during the day and the concerts are held in the evenings. It is an opportunity for students to mingle, relax, and see what has been accomplished over the year by members of other departments.

Student Clubs

COMU student clubs enrich and add dynamism to university life. These clubs contribute to the development of students as individuals as they learn to work cooperatively and to improve their social skills. At the same time, students' capacity for self-learning and virtual learning, as well as their enterprise and self-confidence are all enhanced.

Students can choose from a wide spectrum of activities depending on their abilities and interests. The clubs are organized by the students themselves and coordinated by the Health, Culture and Sports Office.

There are currently 120 student clubs, including the following: Young Entrepreneurs Club, Public Relations Club, Photographic Club, Radio Club, Communications Club, Gallipoli Campaign Research Club, Management Club, Yenice Culture and Art Club, Underwater Club, Folk Dancing Club, European Union Student Exchanges, Archaeology & Art History, Astrophysics, Bridge & Chess, Mountaineering & Trekking, Biology, Theatre-going, Ceramics, Scouting & Camping, Underwater Sports, Tourism, Modern Dance, Turkish-Greek Friendship, Latin Dance, Informatics, Turkish-Japanese Friendship, Local History, Cinema & Media, Drama, and many others.
HALLS & CENTRES & SOCIAL FACILITIES

Dardanos Campus

This campus is a former holiday village situated next to the small beach resort of Dardanos, just a few kilometers from Çanakkale, on a quiet bay overlooking the Dardanelles. The university organizes national and international meetings and summer schools here. In addition, the campus offers excellent opportunities for water sports such as wind surfing. In fine weather, staff, students, and local residents make use of the beach and catering facilities (restaurant, cafeteria, and bar) for a pleasant day out.

Accommodation for up to 178 guests is available in the hotel and bungalow terraces for those who wish to enjoy a peaceful holiday. There is also a games and television room, a sports hall and outdoor courts. A disco and bar provide additional entertainment amenities.

The faculties of Fisheries and Agriculture both utilize areas of this campus to carry out educational and scientific projects. In addition, it provides students of the School of Tourism and Hotel Management with the opportunity for practical training.

An excavated tumulus from the ancient city of Dardanos is situated within the grounds.

Manfred Osman Korfmann Troia Cultural Centre

The cultural centre is located on the Terzioglu Campus and has a modern conference hall with a seating capacity of 550 people and 4 lecture rooms, each with a seating capacity of 150. The Conference Hall and lecture rooms are equipped with modern audio and video systems. It hosts various academic and cultural activities, such as conferences, workshops and performance shows.

Süleyman Demirel Conference Hall

The Süleyman Demirel Conference Hall on the Anafartalar Campus has a seating capacity of 360 and is fully equipped to host conferences, seminars, talks, ceremonies, film shows, and musical or theatrical performances. Exhibitions are regularly held in the foyer of the hall.

Terzioglu Conference Hall

This conference hall on the lower Terzioglu Campus is smaller and has a seating capacity of 150. It is fully equipped to hold conferences and seminars.

Stone Amphitheatre

The Stone Amphitheatre is located at Terzioglu Campus and hosts many cultural activities, such as theatre plays, dance shows and concerts.

Culture & Performance Centre

The university recently has converted a historical building into the Culture and Performance Centre. It is located in the city and provides a venue for theatre plays, music and dance performances, and exhibitions. It has become a valued center for city life.
SERVICES

Library

The main library and information centre is located on the Terzioglu Campus. It is equipped with the latest computerized indexing system and a special study room that provides online access for students. The library subscribes to a number of electronic databases, including ISI Web of Science, capable of accessing thousands of academic journals with an accordingly large number of scientific papers (full text and abstracts). The number of books on the shelves now exceeds 170,000, and there are 30,000 in digital form. The library also accommodates a “smart class” within the building for inter-university live lectures. It also has a “Self-Learning Centre” where students or lecturers can utilize software programmes and CDs to learn languages, etc. at their own time and pace.

Health Services

The university provides primary health services for our students & staff, including ambulatory care, emergency action, observation, injection, medical dressing, laboratory facilities, counseling, and psychological support. The health centre is equipped with modern equipment and has three ambulances for emergencies. Students not covered by health insurance also can benefit from our free health services.

Student Consultation Unit

The Student Consultation Unit is concerned with the psychological well-being of students and offers them a place to share their problems in private. Consultation subjects include Physical-Sexual Growth and Development, Personal Hygiene; Healthy Life and Nutrition; Physical Exercise; Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Addiction; and Safe Sexual Life. Student Consultation Units also organise workshops, seminars, conferences, etc. Furthermore, they coordinate a peer education system in our university, which helps new students adapt to the university quickly, easily and free of stress.

Restaurants & Cafeterias

All campuses have dining halls for the use of staff and students. Menus are prepared weekly considering the nutritional value of the food. Students also can relax in various outdoor and indoor cafes located in each faculty. In addition, staff and visitors can dine at Yarnac Cafe on the Terzioglu Campus, alongside the Hüseyin Akif Terzioglu Park containing many interesting plants, trees and ornamental features.
Sports Facilities

The new Sports Centre on the Terzioglou Campus, the largest in the region, provides facilities for students and staff. The Sports Centre also incorporates a wrestling hall, sauna, dance saloon, weight-lifting room, climbing wall, fitness centre, and basketball courts. There are also outdoor courts for basketball, tennis, volleyball, and mini-football in many faculties. Dardanos Campus is eminently suitable for water sports such as windsurfing.

Disability Support Unit

The Disability Support Unit helps disabled students integrate into the active and social life of the university. It also aims to find solutions for their problems and to support them to be independent individuals. Moreover, the unit organizes activities to raise awareness about disabilities among students and staff.

Transport

Çanakkale is a small city and many students walk from their hostels or homes to Anafartalar Campus. Students at Terzioglou Campus usually catch a minibus. Private and public minibuses circle the city all day long and most locations are within easy reach of campus. Students also travel by bicycles and scooters.

Student Social Activity Centre (OSEM)

The Student Social Activity Centre is located at Terzioglou Campus and houses a large dining hall, a cafeteria, a stationery shop and other shops.
ACADEMIC STRUCTURE AT A GLANCE

INSTITUTES
Responsibility for organization and coordination of all postgraduate programmes lies with the four graduate institutes.

- Institute of Social Sciences
- Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences
- Institute of Health
- Institute of Education

FACULTIES
Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University offers a wide range of programmes at undergraduate level with ten faculties and a state conservatory running degree courses.

- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Communication
- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering and Architecture
- Faculty of Fine Arts
- Faculty of Fisheries
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Sciences and Arts
- Faculty of Theology

SCHOOLS
There are seven schools offering four-year programmes with an emphasis on practical training activities.

- School of Health Sciences
- School of Tourism and Hotel Management
- School of Physical Education and Sport
- Gökçeada School of Applied Sciences
- School of Foreign Languages
- School of Applied Sciences, Biga
- Conservatory

VOCATIONAL COLLEGES
Vocational Colleges offer a wide variety of two-year technical programmes, many of which are of specially relevance to the region in which the particular college is located.

- Ayvacık Vocational College
- Bayramiç Vocational College
- Biga Vocational College
- Çan Vocational College
- Çanakkale Technical Sciences Vocational College
- Çanakkale Social Sciences Vocational College
- Ezine Vocational College
- Gelibolu Pir Reis Vocational College
- Gökçeada Vocational College
- Health Services Vocational College
- Lapseki Vocational College
- Yenice Vocational College
INSTITUTES

Institute of Social Sciences

The Institute of Social Sciences was established to provide in-depth education for graduate students and opportunities for research in the humanities and fine arts. The institute aims to ensure that training is of a high quality and to promote excellence in these fields.

Master's (MA) Programs: Public Administration, Economics, Business Administration, International Relations, Public Finance, Labor Economics and Industrial Relations, History, Art History, Turkish Language and Literature, Geography, Archeology, Western Languages & Literature, Tourism Administration, Islamic Sciences, Philosophy and Religious Sciences, Ceramics, Painting & Drawing

Doctorate (PhD) Programs: Economics, Business Administration, International Relations, Art History, History, Turkish Language and Literature, Geography, Archaeology, Tourism Administration, Islamic Studies.

Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences

The purpose of the institute is to coordinate postgraduate studies and ensure a high standard of education in the natural and applied sciences. The institute also encourages the publication and dissemination of academic writings which meet international standards.

Master's (MSc) Programs:

Doctorate (PhD) Programs:
Institute of Educational Sciences

The Institute, not only train specialists and contribute to advances in science through Master’s and Doctorate programs, but also plays an important role in improving the quality of education by increasing the professional knowledge and qualifications of teachers.

**Master's (MA) Programs:** Educational Administration Supervision Planning and Economics, Educational Administration and Supervision, Educational Programs and Teaching, Pre-school Education, Primary School Education, Geography, Education, History Education, Turkish Language and Literature Education, Turkish Language Teaching, German Language Teaching, English Language Teaching, Art Education, Computer and Instructional Technologies Education, Science Education

**Doctorate (PhD) Programs:** Educational Administration and Supervision, Educational Sciences, Turkish Language Teaching, English Language Teaching

Institute of Health Sciences

The Institute of Health Sciences was recently established with the goal of equipping students with the skills needed to conduct independent research, carry out the comprehensive questioning, examination, and interpretation of scientific facts, and reach new syntheses.

Master’s and Doctorate programs are designed to enhance health research and its dissemination, encouraging the development of evidence-based health policy and practice. Program details will be announced in the next academic year.
FACULTIES

Faculty of Agriculture

The Faculty of Agriculture is located on the main Terzioglu Campus in Çanakkale. It has areas reserved for crops and planting on the Terzioglu and Dardanos campuses, and an animal-husbandry section for domesticated farm animals in the village of Saricaeli, 2-3 km from Çanakkale. All students follow a common programme for the first three years then specialize in their final year of studies. The aim is to provide graduates with both a general knowledge of all aspects of agriculture and an in-depth knowledge in one particular sphere. Departments:

- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Agricultural Construction and Irrigation
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Mechanization
- Field Crops
- Horticulture
- Landscape Architecture
- Plant Protection
- Soil and Plant Nutrition
- Zoology

Faculty of Communication

The Faculty provides an innovative and technical environment to study and research different aspects of media and society. The main aim of the faculty is to educate students as qualified professionals, well-informed specialists and individuals who have learnt all the technological developments of today and are prepared for the media sector and communication world. Departments:

- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Visual Communication Design
- New Media
- Communication Sciences
- Cinema and Television
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences

The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences is located on the Prof. Dr. Ramazan Aydın Campus in the town of Biga, approximately 90 km. from Çanakkale.

The faculty encourages active involvement by staff and students in the education process to equip them for a role in our increasingly technologically-dominated world. Emphasis is placed on providing a wide range of both educational and extracurricular activities in which students can participate and develop their skills and character. The faculty thus aims to be a dynamic component of the local and wider community and to enhance graduates’ competitiveness in the job market. Departments:

- Business Administration
- Econometrics
- Economics
- International Relations
- Labour Economics & Industrial Relations
- Public Finance
- Public Administration

Faculty of Education

This is the largest faculty of the university and is located on the Anafartalar Campus in the centre of Çanakkale.

The main aim is to train qualified educators who will teach at all levels of primary and secondary education, from pre-school to university entrance level. Students receive theoretical instruction and undertake teaching practice. Emphasis is placed on raising the standards of teacher education by following the latest scientific, technological and theoretical developments. Departments:

- Computer and Educational Technology Teaching
- Educational Sciences
- Fine Arts Teaching (Art & Music)
- Foreign Language Teaching (English, German, Japanese)
- Primary School Teaching
- Pre-School Teaching
- Religion Culture and Ethics Teaching
- Secondary School Social Sciences Teaching
- Secondary School Science & Mathematics Teaching
- Special Education (Mental Disabilities)
- Turkish Language Teaching
Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture is located on the Terzioglu Campus. The faculty aims to provide students with a high standard of education and the skills necessary to find employment in as wide a variety of sectors as possible. Students conduct field work at sites around Çanakkale province. The faculty is heavily involved in research and projects in collaboration with other universities in Turkey and with European institutions. Departments:

- Architecture
- Computer Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Food Engineering
- Geomatics Engineering
- Geology Engineering
- Geophysics Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Material Science and Engineering
- Urban & Regional Planning

Faculty of Fine Arts

The Faculty aims to educate young artists who will raise the profile of contemporary Turkish art, to develop relationships with relevant commercial sectors, to help create and strengthen the local artistic scene, and to encourage the preservation of traditional arts. The Faculty also participates in undertakings to enhance the appearance of various sections of the university and city.

- Basic Art Education
- Ceramics
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Stage Design & Performing Arts
- Textiles
- Traditional Turkish Handicrafts

Regular exhibitions of art works, textile designs, ceramics, and photography are held at various venues. Stage and film shows are given by students in the Performing Arts and Cinema & Television departments. Departments:
Faculty of Fisheries

The Faculty is involved in a range of domestic and international research activities. The facilities and equipment available include two vessels for biological and fishery surveys; BILIM-1 (16 m, 185 hp), the main research vessel, equipped with trawling system, GPS, and Echosounder; and UNI-DARDANOS, a 6m fibre boat with 50 hp engine. The Faculty also has a laboratory with over 50 aquariums, a fish food formulation and analysis laboratory; 8 marine research cages, and a public exhibition room.

- Aquaculture
- Fishing & Processing
- Fish Breeding

COMU
Faculty of Fisheries
Piri Reis Maritime Museum and Gallery

This museum is located within the Faculty of Fisheries and takes its name from the famous Turkish admiral, Piri Reis, who was born nearby in Gallipoli (Gelibolu). The goal of the museum is to inform students and the public alike about the riches of maritime life found in the waters of the Dardanelles (Çanakkale province has over 700 miles of shoreline) and the seas surrounding Turkey. Preserved specimens and living creatures may be observed in the galleries and aquariums of the museum. Faculty members are happy to show visitors and school groups around.

The museum displays more than 200 different species of fin-fish, cartilaginous fish, and marine invertebrates such as cephalopods, crustaceans, and mollusks. Fishing gear which has made an impact on fishing is displayed in the gallery. The museum also includes a herbarium collection of macro-algae, with both scientific and economic applications, and endangered species such as the sea turtle (Caretta caretta) and the Mediterranean monk seal (Monachus monachus).

The museum mounts exhibitions for a duration of two months and, in this way, works hard to be not only a provider of education but also to pass on the culmination of its knowledge to visitors.
Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine undertakes research into human health and disease and apply our findings to improve patient care. The faculty is located at the Terzioglu Campus and provides service at three divisions and 42 departments. The curriculum melds the study of basic science and the clinical practice of medicine into a cohesive learning program. This foundation is reinforced by individualized research that allows students to pursue deeper understanding of the ideas that inspire them.

The aim of the COMU Faculty of Medicine is to train enlightened, research-minded, and scientifically-oriented people of integrity and good character. By reaching the overall aim, the members of this institution will utilize this outcome for the benefit of the country and society.

Individuals are expected to become hardworking and adhere to the principles of medicine. In addition, physicians are expected to serve the best interests of their country and humanity with a sincere attitude, and to act responsibly towards their patients. Physicians are to promote opportunities for developing.

Basic Sciences
- Anatomy
- Medical Biophysics
- Biostatistics
- Biochemistry
- Physiology
- Histology
- Microbiology
- Medical Biology

Medical Sciences
- Forensic Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Dermatology
- Infectious Diseases
- Medical Pharmacology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Thoracic Medicine
- Public Health
- Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Radiodiagnosics
- Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine
- Medical Genetics
- Pathology

Surgical Sciences
- Surgical Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Pediatric Surgery
- General Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Cardiovascular
- Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics and Traumatology
- Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
- Urology
COMU
University Research & Training Hospital

The compassion of our highly skilled and dedicated professionals is what truly defines COMU University Research Hospital. By pursuing the newest and best technologies, hiring and retaining highly skilled staff, and promoting a culture of safe and excellence, University Hospital has forged an impressive quality record. The hospital provides safe, effective, patient centered, efficient care to the patients and families.

The University Research Hospital has 130-bed capacity, equipped with latest modern equipments. The faculty has a Department of Underwater and Hyperbaric Medicine, which is very rare in Turkey.

We are also well underway in the construction of our new, state-of-the-art hospital which will provide world-class medical, surgical and emergency health care services. At COMU University Hospitals, our commitment to quality and patient safety is our top priority.
Faculty of Sciences and Arts

The Faculty of Sciences and Arts is located at the Terzioglu Campus. Its main aim is to offer a high-standard education to students and to emphasize the importance of research and publishing, for which the faculty has established laboratories and other facilities to enable students and staff to carry out their research projects. Departments:

- Archaeology
- Art History
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Western Languages and Literature
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Physics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Space Sciences and Technology
- Turkish Language and Literature

Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology is located on the lower Terzioglu Campus; it has three departments. The Faculty also participates in interdisciplinary, regional, and international projects. Every year the Faculty holds a series of seminars and participates in national and international conferences. Departments:

- Basic Islamic Studies
- Islamic History & Art
- Philosophy & Religious Studies
SCHOOLS

There are seven schools offering four-year programmes with an emphasis on practical training activities.

School of Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences is located in the centre of Çanakkale and offers four-year programmes to B.A. students in three departments. The courses combine the highest level of teaching with hands on experience. Departments:

- First Aid & Disaster Management
- Management of Health Institutes
- Midwifery
- Nursing

School of Tourism and Hotel Management

The School of Tourism and Hotel Management is located on the Terzioglu Campus and offers four-year courses to B.A. students in two departments.

Tourism is an important sector for increasing intercultural understanding and universal peace. During their training, students are made aware of this and of their responsibility as visible representatives of their country. Each summer, students spend approximately 3 months getting practical experience working in hotels, restaurants, travel agencies or similar touristic organizations. Departments:

- Accommodation Management
- Travel Management

School of Physical Education and Sport

The School of Physical Education and Sports is located on the Terzioglu Campus and offers 4 year courses in four departments.

Activities are carried out within the new Sports Complex, which has a sports hall having seats for 2000 spectators, a weight lifting room, a climbing wall, a basketball court, a fitness studio, a dance salon, a wrestling hall, and a sauna. In addition to on-campus sporting facilities, the varied geography of the Çanakkale region is also ideal for outdoor (nature) sports such as rock climbing, hiking and for water sports. Departments:

- Coaching Education
- Physical Education and Sports Teaching
- Recreation
- Sports Management

Conservatory

The Conservatory was established in 2009 and offers programmes leading to BA degrees with the objective of training students to become qualified artists, musicians, instructors and experts. The Conservatory aims to prepare and inspire students to perform at the highest level in their art and foster their creativity that will lead to professional and personal fulfillment.
Gökçeada School of Applied Sciences

The School of Applied Sciences is situated on the island of Gökçeada and offers 4-year degree programmes with practical training. Students take theoretical and practical lessons as well as foreign languages and computer training. The island of Gökçeada is reached by ferryboat from Kabatepe and Çanakkale.

- Cultural Heritage Management
- Fishing Technology
- Gastronomy and Cuisine
- Organic Farming Management
- Restoration and Conservation
- Tourism Management

School of Applied Sciences, Biga

School of Applied Sciences, Biga focus on the needs of industry and build its curriculum accordingly. The students are provided both theoretical and practical learning experiences. The academic staff are providing high quality teaching in an exciting and stimulating environment.

- Banking and Finance
- Transportation and Logistics

School of Foreign Languages

The School of Foreign Languages was established in 2009. It is responsible for overseeing foreign language courses in all departments of the university. The School coordinates the compulsory and elective foreign language courses provided for all students of the university as well as the obligatory and elective one-year prep classes offered to students enrolled in foreign language, archaeology, physics, fine arts, computing, food engineering, shipping and harbour management, accounting, tourism and hotel management, public relations and advertising, and foreign trade programmes.
VOCATIONAL COLLEGES

Vocational Colleges offer a wide variety of two-year technical programmes, many of which are of special relevance to the region in which the particular college is located.

Ayvacık Vocational College

- Business Administration • Banking & Insurance • Carpet and Rug Making
- Cookery • Tourism and Hotel Management • Tourist Guiding

Bayramič Vocational College

- Child Development • Fisheries • Food Processing Technology
- Forestry and Forestry Products • Landscape Agriculture • Marketing
- Public Relations and Promotion • Seed Growing

Biga Vocational College

- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Animal Breeding • Automotive Technology
- Business Administration • Child Development • Clerical and Secretarial Services
- Cooperative Enterprises • Electricity • Food Technology • Furniture & Decoration
- Greenhouse Production • Leather Technology • Local Management Systems
- Marketing • Mechanics • Milk & Dairy Products Technology

Çan Vocational College

- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Ceramics, Glass and Decorative Tiles
- Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution • Electronic Technology
- Exploration Technology • Industrial Glasswork & Ceramics
- Jewellery Design and Manufacture • Logistics • Marketing
- Mechatronics • Mining Technology

Çanakkale Technical Sciences Vocational College

- Communication Design and Media Production • Computer Technologies
- Construction Technology • Electricity & Energy
- Food Processing • Graphic Design • Machinery and Metal Technologies
- Materials and Material Processing Technologies • Ship Construction
- Textile, Clothing, Shoes and Leather

Çanakkale Social Sciences Vocational College

- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Clerical and Secretarial Services
- Marketing and Foreign Trade • Motor vehicles and Transport Technologies
- Nursing and Care Services
- Visual and Audio Communication Design and Media Production

Ezine Vocational College

- Accounting & Tax Administration • Food Technology
- Foreign Trade • Management and Organization
- Marketing and Advertising • Public Relations and Promotion
Gelibolu Piri Reis Vocational College
- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Tourism and Hotel Management
- Shipping & Harbour Management

Gökçeada Vocational College
- Business Administration • Foreign Trade
- Public Relations & Promotion • Tourism & Hotel Management
- Tourism and Travel Services

Health Services Vocational College
- First and Emergency Aid • Medical Imaging Techniques
- Medical Laboratory Techniques

Lapseki Vocational College
- Agricultural Products Preservation and Storage Technologies
- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Laboratory Technologies
- Landscape Agriculture • Landscape and Ornamental Plants
- Organic Farming • Plant Growing • Plant Protection • Public Finance

Yenice Vocational College
- Accountancy & Tax Administration • Banking & Insurance • Business Administration
- Foreign Trade • Forestry and Forestry Products • Logistics • Marketing
- Milk and Milk Products • Textile Technology • Traditional Handicrafts
RESEARCH

The university has a research fund to encourage the progress and development of society by financing scientific research projects. In addition, COMU actively seeks to develop and propose projects within international research programmes. Regular seminars and conferences are organized to keep researchers informed of new developments. Some of our academic staff are already participating in projects and others are seeking partners for collaboration under this programme. Most researchers are supported by grants or funding from local, national, and international organizations.

Publications

A university must prove the worth of its scientific research through the publication of books, papers and articles in national and international periodicals. COMU strongly encourages academic staff to increase efforts in this area, especially in the case of internationally refereed journals. In the last few years, there has been a dramatic increase in both the quantity and quality of publications emerging from Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, and it is hoped that the university will continue to gain strength through this medium. This success demonstrates the importance placed on research by the administration and the increased determination by academicians to contribute to scientific debate.

Scientific Research Projects Commission (BAP)

The purpose of the Scientific Research Projects Commission is to encourage university staff to engage in scientific research, to evaluate and monitor research projects and to provide or secure funding for such projects. It also seeks to work to increase the quality and quantity of national and international publications.

Research Centres

A number of Research and Training Centres have been established by the university to provide the facilities and opportunities necessary for scientific research and professional training. Some of these have been active for some time while others have only come into being fairly recently:

- Astrophysics Research Centre and Observatory
- Atatürk and Gallipoli Campaign Research Centre
- Distance Education Research Centre
- Environmental Issues Research Centre
- Energy Resources Research Centre
- Handicrafts Research Centre
- History of the Turkish Republic and Atatürk's Principles Research Centre
- Ida Mountain Research Centre
- Laboratory Animals Breeding Research Centre
- Remote Sensing Research Centre
- Sea Turtles Research Centre
- Strategic Research Centre
- Turkey and Australia Studies Research centre
- Turkish Language Teaching Research Centre
- Underwater History and Archaeology Research Centre
- Women's Studies Research Centre
COMU
Astrophysics Research Center
Astrophysics Observatory

Ulupinar Observatory (UPO) is located 410 meters above sea level on the southern hill of the "Radar Peak", 10 kilometres from downtown Çanakkale near the village Ulupinar. The general aim of the Center is to plan and conduct activities in the field of Astrophysics. There are 3 computer-controlled optical telescopes with several other instruments. There is also an automated meteorological station that is fully active at the observatory. The Center includes a library, a workshop, a classroom, a conference hall and living quarters for night-observing astronomers.
Agnieszka Sobocinska,
Lecturer,
National Centre for Australian Studies at Monash University

On staff exchange to COMU for one semester, working in the Turkish-Australian Cultural Centre and teaching in the English Language and Literatures program.

"I am very pleased to be working at COMU for this semester. Çanakkale is a beautiful town, and both the staff and students at COMU have been very welcoming.

While I am here, I am lecturing on Australian culture and literature. I've really enjoyed teaching here, and have a wonderful group of students. I am also working in the Turkish-Australian Cultural Centre (Türk-Avustralya Kultur Merkezi). This is a wonderful resource with its own library of English and Turkish language materials relating to Australia, and close links to the Australian Consulate in Çanakkale.

Australians consider the Gallipoli battles to be very important to their national identity, and many come to Gallipoli to commemorate Anzac Day every year. Being in Çanakkale has given me the opportunity to gain another angle on the Gallipoli story. The centenary of the Gallipoli campaign is coming up in 2015, and both COMU and Monash University will be involved in a major international conference to commemorate this event. Being here has given me a new perspective on this phenomenon."
INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

The dawn of the 21st century brought with it accelerated global networking and the expansion of the European Union. Our university has seen a progression of developments that has enabled it to cooperate much more closely with universities and academic colleagues around the world. From the beginning, COMU has participated fully in these initiatives, in the belief that educational, cultural and scientific cooperation will benefit everyone in the long-term by raising academic standards and encouraging peaceful coexistence.

ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)

All departments of the university offer ECTS credits alongside local credits. An online ECTS Course Catalogue is available which gives information about the courses, credits, lecturers, teaching methods, assessment, reading lists, etc.

Diploma Supplement

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University provides students with a Diploma Supplement in English. This document aims to facilitate academic and professional recognition of qualifications across Europe by detailing all components of a study programme carried out in order to graduate. It is used by students who wish to continue their studies at a higher level, or by graduates seeking employment.

European Union (EU) Programmes

COMU actively involves in European Education and Culture programmes, such as Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig programmes.

International Relations Office

The International Relations Office coordinates all activities with an international dimension; they assist incoming and outgoing students with all necessary procedures and provide support to academicians during the preparation and administration of these projects. It is one of the most dynamic and rapidly developing units of the university and is often the first point of contact for institutions and individuals from overseas.
EU Erasmus Programme

"Erasmus" aims to promote a European dimension and to improve the quality of higher education by encouraging cooperation between participating countries. Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has been participating in Erasmus Mobility Programmes since 2004. Erasmus office provides the necessary organizational support for:

- Student Study - Internship Mobility
- Academic Staff Teaching Mobility
- Administrative Staff Training Mobility

Our university has got over 120 Bilateral Erasmus agreements with higher education institutions in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

In addition to mobility activities, our university is also active in Erasmus Intensive Programme. Moreover several departments have become members of Erasmus Thematic Network projects, which enable an exchange of information and ideas, networking, and the development of partnerships, with consequent inclusion in other EU multinational projects.
Interviews with Erasmus Students

Neringa Jurgaityte and Vaida Samulionyte
Erasmus Students from Lithuania

Why did you decide to go abroad with Erasmus and choose Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University?

We decided to go abroad with the Erasmus mobility programme for these reasons: Firstly, we think it is a great opportunity to get more practical experience in a variety of management subjects. Secondly, being Erasmus student you can contact with many different people and we think communication with people in Turkey will improve our English language skills. Thirdly, Erasmus - international exchange student programme helps us to expand our knowledge about different cultures and traditions.

We came to Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University because our Department Coordinator - Brigita Stanikuniene offered this university and we are very glad of this choice.

What do you think about the school and the school facilities?

The University is located in a very nice place (on top of the hill) and you can notice that very nice surroundings opens from there! We think that the university facilities are in high level! We are very appreciative that we had an opportunity to study here (honestly).

Would you recommend the school to your friends? Why?

Dear incoming Erasmus students if you have choice and opportunity to study in Turkey we can recommend this university and also for our friends as well because everything there is wonderful! Of course everything depends of everyone expectation!

Pablo Crespo
Erasmus Student from Spain

"I like very much the university campus and the facilities. The location is exciting, overlooking to the Dardanelles, with a great sea view."
EU Youth Programme

The “Youth” programme is the EU’s mobility and non-formal education programme designed for young people aged between 15 and 30. COMU student clubs have organized and taken part in several youth projects.

Youth and Cultural programmes are coordinated by a unit within the International Relations Office. This unit aims to introduce the “European Union Youth in Action” programme to COMU students, give them the opportunity to carry out international social responsibility projects, and send them to European countries as volunteers with the EVS (European Volunteer Service) programme. These programmes provide intercultural interaction between European youth and local students and give hands-on experience in teamwork, leadership, project cycle, and budget management to develop character and initiative.

Riza BAYSAL
Legal Responsible of the “Chess Sea” Youth Project

Could you give us the details of the Project “Chess Sea”? What is the contribution of cooperating with COMU EU Youth Office?

We have applied to this project as the “Chess Youth Club”. The “Chess Sea” Project was approved by the National Agency among 128 applications and chosen in the first 28 projects which made us very happy. In the context of the “Chess Sea” Project, there have been some activities regarding “the universality of sport, voluntarism, team-work and cooperation with target aims”. The Italian, Spanish and Bulgarian participants cooperated with our organization under this theme. Our target is to follow up this project in other countries.

COMU EU Youth Office has supported us with the process of project application, implementing, coordinating and reporting. By doing this, we have achieved our dream. If you have any kind of youth idea, you should visit this unit.
EU Leonardo da Vinci Programme

"Leonardo da Vinci" is the EU action programme for implementing vocational training policy. It aims to promote transnational cooperation to improve skills, promote innovation, and support the European dimension of vocational training systems and practices. Mobility and pilot projects have been carried out at COMU since 2004. COMU academicians have also taken part in research or other multinational projects intended to stimulate innovation and to enhance the quality of training and vocational guidance. Students and recent graduates were involved in work training activities for several months in various European countries.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Çelik
Faculty of Agriculture

Can you tell us about your LdV projects?
I have 6 EU projects, and working, searching for this kind of project since 2004. I can say that, it is one of the most important education projects for academic staffs. Everyone believes that the LdV projects are important to funding, presentation of the country and universities.

How many counties participated in the project?
Most of my project partners were 8-10 from 5 countries at least.

What are the outcomes of the project?
It depends on the projects and what coordinator has decided, for example our projects outcomes are books, web-portals, teaching modules, zip-sticks, DVD room, related conferences and meetings......etc.

Have you got any suggestions for researchers to prepare this kind of project?
Firstly, they should have a good English or other EU project languages (GE,FR). If not, unfortunately they don’t have much chance. Also they must have a strong international connections. This will allow them to gain main advantages. There is something more important that "the more you study, the more you learn" This is the success of the magic sentence, thank you!
The Grundtvig Programme aims to provide adults with more ways to improve their knowledge and skills, facilitate their personal development and boost their employment prospects. The programme funds a range of activities, particularly those supporting adult learning staff to travel abroad for learning experiences, through exchanges and various other professional experiences. Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has participated in several Grundtvig projects.

Assistant Professor Dr. Çağdem ŞAHİN TAŞKIN
Faculty of Education, Department of Primary Education

Can you tell us about your European Union Grundtvig project?
I have participated DYPATEC Project (Dyslexia-Parents’ and teachers’ Collaboration) between 2006-2007. It was a European Union Socrates/Grundtvig 2 project. The project focused on specialists and adults particularly parents who have a dyslexic child. In this Project, we have prepared a guide for parents about dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning disability of information processing that manifests itself in difficulties with reading, spelling and writing. The problems such as recognizing and remembering words, poor spelling, visual problems etc. can be seen in dyslexic people. The guide involves problems that arise at home as well as at schools, information about learning styles and strategies for dyslexic students and the way dyslexic students can be supported during their learning of foreign languages as well as mother tongue. Within this project, in order to disseminate the guide a symposium was organized in Luxemburg in June 2007. I believe the project have a significant impact on parents as well as teachers in understanding dyslexia and the way dyslexic children can be supported throughout their learning.

How many country participated in the project?
The countries participated in the project are Luxemburg, Austria, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Malta (3rd year) and Turkey (3rd year).

What are the outcomes of the project?
This project aimed to help parents who have a dyslexic child and specialists in this field. Since, the institutions participated the project involve specialists from different disciplines (linguists, educators, parents who have dyslexic children etc.), participants found opportunities to gain different views about dyslexia. Besides, as I have mentioned above, the symposium organized in Luxemburg have provided an interaction between specialists of various disciplines and parents. Through the symposium, we have gained feedback about the first version of the guide for parents.
Comenius Programme

Several projects are currently underway for this programme and students take part under the “Comenius Assistant Teacher” scheme. In addition, members of the university have been involved in multilateral projects and several Comenius-Grundtvig in-service training programmes have been held.

Ferdiye Guner
Recent graduate of Education Faculty

As The Socrates / Comenius Language Assistant, I stayed in Rotterdam- Holland between January 2011 and July 2011.

The at first hand, I would like to express my great pleasure for having such a great experience at Emmauscollege in Holland. During my collaboration at the school as a language assistant, I not only worked with my supervisor, but also I worked with my other colleagues. Since I was the youngest English teacher and the one who was good at dealing with technical stuff and searching, I also developed materials for my supervisor and for my other colleagues that were suitable for the curriculum apart from my teaching hours.

I assisted on the oral examinations which were held for 5HA-5HD (5th Grades) to observe the students and to familiarize the Dutch education much more closely on my first days at school.

As far as I could observe, the level of the students in English were rather high and most of the students were highly motivated to learn English especially in upper classes. For instance, especially some students; when they were really prepared, they were able to present it in an excellent and creative manner.

At the same time, with the aim of letting students know Turkey and Turkish culture more closely and widening their knowledge and their sense of European citizenship, I prepared some particular lessons and presentations with some visual materials such as videos, Power Points and pictures about Turkey, and its culture and history. Thanks to my colleagues, I was able to present them in different classes.

Furthermore, I made special tutorials with some students who have problems in understanding some points in English. So, I tried to help these students voluntarily by arranging lessons from time to time.

Having such an experience in abroad especially in a country where you can easily survive in by speaking English like Holland I must say that I am very lucky and satisfied as Dutch people are brilliant at using and communicating in English. This is basically because of their education system.
International Cooperation Agreements

With the increase in globalisation in the new millennium, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University is aware of the importance of encouraging, developing and supporting educational, cultural and scientific cooperation with overseas higher education institutions and others. The international outlook of the university is based on the concepts of developing a “knowledge society” and of “life-long learning”.

COMU has made it its purpose to take steps on the path to international cooperation and has been successful in developing scientific, educational and cultural relations with an increasing number of universities abroad. In this respect, agreements of cooperation have been signed with institutions over the world.

Interview with Jessica Haddy and Victor Au Yeung from Monash University, Australia

What kind of activities & training & courses have you held in Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University? Does your programme meet your expectations?

The programme has definitely met our expectations and beyond. Our placement is primarily in-hospital training so we don’t actually attend courses at the university itself, which is what we were hoping. It would have been difficult for us to attend the courses due to the language barriers. The teaching at the hospital has been fantastic. We have also been actively involved in the cardiac catheterisation lab which is something that not many students in Australia would have been able to do.

Have you found time (or do you plan to) to visit historical & natural attractions in and around Çanakkale? Could you tell us what do you think about them?

Our weekends in Çanakkale have been filled with plenty of travelling! As many of us know, the Gallipoli fields are especially important to the Australian people and our visit the fields have been an incredibly moving experience. To see where these battles took place and to imagine the countless lives lost on both sides was gut wrenching to say the least. We recommend any Australians coming to Çanakkale to make the effort to go visit the fields. Along with Gallipoli, we’ve also travelled to Troy, Pamukkale, Ephesus and Pergamon which have all been fantastic. There aren’t any historical sites quite like them in Australia given our island isolation so we were marveled by the ingenuity of these ancient civilizations in their construction and design. It was sad to see however that many artifacts and archaeological sites have been taken to other countries as to see them in their natural location would have made the experience so much more rewarding. Not to mention that we’ve also done a walking tour of Çanakkale to see its local sites and our housemate who’s a local student has been happily taking us out to experience the night.
Fulbright Program

English Teaching Assistants
Partnership with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University

The Fulbright ETA Program places Americans, often recent graduates, as English teaching assistants in schools or universities overseas, thus improving foreign students' English language abilities and knowledge of the United States while increasing the ETA's own language skills and knowledge of the host country. ETAs may also pursue individual study and/or research plans in addition to their teaching responsibilities.

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University participates in this programme and benefits from Fulbright scholars who teach at language classes.

Bill Grebe
Fulbright Scholar

"Fulbright is a program started in 1949 in an effort to encourage positive cultural exchange between nations. It lets students and scholars from the US study in other countries, and vice versa.

I applied last year because I thought that teaching in Turkey would allow me to pursue my intellectual interests, which include classical and medieval history and religious interaction, while also learning about a new culture and my own culture in the process.

At the university, I teach Listening and Speaking courses to English students in the Preparation Class, and facilitate conversation clubs for academicians. One club watches and discusses movies, the other talks about classics and religion, which are my two fields. When I'm not at the university, I do everything I can to immerse myself in the Turkish culture and way of life. I've done everything from making my own köfte to seeing the whirling dervishes. It's very exciting! Çanakkale is a great place for me, since it is close to lots of ancient sites and has an important spot in history. Of course, I love the sea view, too!"
Studying Full Time at COMU as an International Student

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University graduates a large number of foreign students each year. The students coming to Çanakkale to receive education from all over the world state that they want to remain at the university as an instructor while they are expressing their appreciation of the education they received at COMU.

461 foreign students have received education at COMU since 2005 when COMU started to incorporate foreign students into its education programs. The total number of foreign students continuing their education between the years 2005-2012 is 299.

Foreign students generally prefer the Faculty of Education (162 students). It is observed that English Teaching is the most enrolled department (41 students).

The greatest interest for Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University comes from Turkmenistan. To date, 85 students from Turkmenistan have graduated from COMU.

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University which opens its doors to foreign students, is again the choice of many foreign students from different countries this year.

Admission Requirements to be an International Student

Admission Requirements

- Having graduated from high schools, lyceums or equivalent institutions.
- Holding the nationality of a country other than the Republic of Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and not having dual nationality rights, one of which is for the countries named above.

Language Requirements
The medium of instruction in the University is Turkish but the students’ knowledge of Turkish will not be taken into consideration when placing the student. The students will have to take Turkish Lessons before they start to the programme if their Turkish is not sufficient.
Ibrahim İdris Yerima
(Nigeria-Western Languages and Literature)

“This is my second year at COMU Western Languages and Literature Department. I heard about COMU from one of my Nigerian friends studying in Turkey. I decided to study at COMU at the recommendation of my friend. When I came to Çanakkale, I saw that Çanakkale was much more beautiful than my friend told me. I didn’t speak any Turkish before I came here. I learned Turkish easily thanks to my instructors. I thank them on my own behalf and my friends. When I graduate from COMU, I want to return to my own country and take master’s degree and work there. Turkish people are so friendly and helpful. I thank them all for their interest.”
ÇANAKKALE

The province of Çanakkale lies in the northwest of Turkey, its shores touching both Europe and Asia. Çanakkale is the name of both the city and the province, which includes the legendary citadel of Troy, the ruins of Assos where the famous Temple of Athena was built, and the battlefields of Gallipoli. Archaeologists say there are up to 200 ancient sites in this region, many still unexcavated, so it is possible you may be wandering among ruins thousands of years old without even knowing it! There are also many Ottoman structures still standing; castles, bridges, mosques, mansions and Turkish baths.

Although you will occasionally feel as if you have stepped back in time, Çanakkale has firmly embraced the first century of the new millennium when it comes to the essentials of living, and you will have no difficulty finding an internet cafe, fax facilities, cornflakes, cash points, and other conveniences. Statistics show that half of all families in the city of Çanakkale own a car, about half use a mobile phone and the city has one of the lowest crime rates in Turkey. Those of you curious about history will find plenty to satisfy your interest in the area. There are also lots of uncrowned corners where you can paddle along the shore, stretch out on the sand, scuba dive, or just park yourself in the shade, sipping something exotic and gazing out at the sea hoping for a glimpse of some playful dolphins.

When night falls, most of the socialising takes place on or near the seafront, where there are cafes, bars, tea gardens and discos to suit everyone’s taste. In short, the city and province of Çanakkale present a spectrum of entertainment, beliefs, larger-than-life characters, customs and history awaiting exploration by the inquisitive mind.
GALLIPOLI PENINSULA
HISTORICAL NATIONAL PARK

To honor the hundreds thousands of soldiers who lost their lives on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the First World War, the area is now a national park preserving the memory of that period in history. It includes memorials, monuments, cemeteries, and the natural beauty of the Ariburnu Cliffs and Salt Lake.

Driving around the park today, the visitor is struck by the peaceful atmosphere of the pristine coastal forest, green hills, sandy beaches and blue water, in sharp contrast to the fierce battles which were once fought there. All visitors feel the special spirit of this place which played such a significant role in the birth of the Turkish nation.

The huge Turkish memorial at the tip of the peninsula can be seen immediately upon entering the Straits. The French and British memorials, along with other Turkish memorials and Seddulbahir Castle, are also nearby. One of the most moving memorials in the area is in the ANZAC Cove: the ANZAC Cemetery and the Ariburnu Monument. The words of Ataturk are inscribed on the monument and capture the heart of this area. Every year on the 25th of April, ANZAC day is commemorated with ceremonies attended by visitors from all over the world.

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country
Therefore rest in peace
There is no difference between the Johnnies and
Mehmets in this country of ours
You, the mothers
Who sent thier sons from far away countries
Wipe away your tears
Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are at peace
After having lost their lives on this land
They have become our sons as well

K. Atatürk

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, 1934
TROY

Ancient Troy is famous for the legendary Trojan Horse from the times of the legendary couple Helen and Paris. Homer immortalized Troy with his narration of the stories of King Priam, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. Excavations on the site have revealed at least nine separate periods of settlement. The ruins include a temple, a theater and the foundations of other constructions. Today, a modern wooden copy of the famous Trojan Horse stands at the entrance to the site to recall its legendary origin.
MOUNT IDA

You can visit the Altar of Zeus in the shadow of Ida Dagi. Also nearby is situated the beautiful Mount Ida National Park, with magnificent landscapes, peaceful green areas and several hot springs. Take a moment to consider mythology, because here the world’s first beauty contest was held between Aphrodite, Hera and Athena.

According to the story, the Evil Goddess of Discord, Eris, was not invited to an important marriage banquet for King Peleus and the sea nymph Thetis. Enraged, Eris threw into the banqueting hall a golden apple marked 'For the Fairest'. All the goddesses wanted it, but in the end the choice was narrowed down to three: Aphrodite, Hera and Athena. They asked Zeus to judge them but he refused and told them to go to Mount Ida where the young prince Paris was keeping his father’s sheep. He was a shepherd because his father Priam, the King of Troy, had been warned that this Prince would some day be the ruin of his country, and so he had sent him away. All the goddesses offered him bribes. The choice was not easy. Hera promised to make him Lord of Europe and Asia; Athena, that he would lead the Trojans to victory against the Greeks; Aphrodite, that the fairest woman in all the world should be his. He chose the last and gave Aphrodite the golden apple.

That was the judgment of Paris, famed everywhere as the real reason for the Trojan War. Knowing mythology, however, is not a pre-requisite for enjoying the beautiful, restful green of Mount Ida with its hundreds of fresh springs and beautiful trees shadowing picnic areas, as well as the invigorating hot-springs of Gure.
ASSOS

Assos, the famous center of learning in antiquity, lies 87 kilometers south of Çanakkale in the county of Ayvacik. Aristotle, Plato’s most famous student, was invited to Assos and spent over three years living and teaching there. He married the niece of Hermeia, founded a school of philosophy and conducted his early exploratory work in zoology, biology and botany during this period.

The acropolis of Assos is 238 meters above sea level. The Temple of Athena was constructed on this site in the 6th century B.C.E. This Doric temple is being restored to its glory when the city enjoyed its role as guardian of the Biga Peninsula and Gulf of Edremit. Linger to see the moonlight scattered through the temple ruins, or rise early for the gently awakening dawn over the acropolis. From the top you can take in the magnificent vista of the Gulf of Edremit and appreciate why this heavenly location was chosen. On the terraces descending to the sea are agoras, a gymnasium and a theatre. From the northern corner of the acropolis, you can see a mosque, bridge and a fortress, all built in the 14th century by the Ottoman Sultan Murat I. Down below lies a tiny and idyllic ancient harbor. Assos has gained the reputation of being a center of the Turkish art community with its lively, friendly and bohemian atmosphere. It is a place you will remember for years to come.