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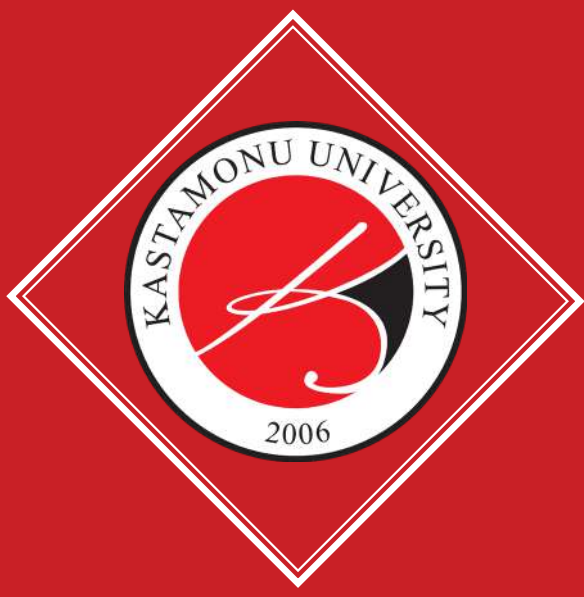
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Our Rector Pays a Congratulatory Visit to YÖK President Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar



Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, paid a courtesy visit to Prof. Dr. Erol Özvar, who has been reappointed as the President of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK).

During the meeting, consultations were held on the YÖK 2030 Vision, which aims to advance Türkiye's progress in higher education.

Our Rector expressed his belief that this vision, which seeks to enhance quality in higher education, will contribute to placing universities in a more respected position nationally and internationally.

Visit by Our Rector to Nedim Akmeşe, Director General of Personnel at the Ministry of Interior

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, and Hitit University Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Osman Öztürk, visited Mr. Nedim Akmeşe, Director General of Personnel at the Ministry of Interior, in his office.

During the visit, views were exchanged on the cooperation opportunities between our University and the Ministry of Interior and the ongoing projects.



Visit from Hitit University Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Osman Öztürk to Our Rector



Hitit University Rector Prof. Dr. Ali Osman Öztürk visited our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, in his office on August 15, 2025.

During the visit, the two rectors exchanged ideas on potential joint projects and areas of cooperation between the two universities. Opportunities for collaboration were discussed across a broad range of fields, from academic exchange programs to scientific research projects, as well as cultural events and student activities.

Two Separate Cooperation Protocols Signed Between Kastamonu University and Düzce University

Our Rector, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi Topal, visited Düzce University Rector, Prof. Dr. Nedim Sözbir, on August 1, 2025. As part of the visit, two separate cooperation protocols regarding academic, scientific, and quality processes were signed between the two universities. Our Vice Rector, Prof. Dr. Ömer Küçük, also accompanied the visit.



Visit from the Association for Solidarity with Special Individuals and Their Families to Kastamonu University

Huriye Boyraz, President of the Kastamonu Association for the Solidarity of Individuals with Special Needs and Their Families, along with association members Seyhan Şahin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Havva Kaçan, and an individual with special needs, Cengizhan Koç, visited Prof. Dr. Selahattin Kaymakcı, Vice Rector of Kastamonu University, in his office on August 6, 2025.

During the visit, the participation of individuals with special needs in social life, equal opportunities in education, and the collaboration possibilities between universities and non-governmental organizations were discussed.



Kastamonu University Took Part in the Western Black Sea Development Union Meeting

The Western Black Sea Development Union (BAKAB) meeting was hosted by the Mayor of Düzce and Union President Dr. Faruk Özlü at the Düzce Culinary Arts Center.

The meeting was attended by the governors and mayors of Düzce, Zonguldak, Karabük, Bartın, Kastamonu, and Bolu provinces, as well as university rectors, provincial extraordinary administrations, presidents of chambers of commerce and industry, and the TÜR-SAB Western Black Sea Regional Representative Committee.



Kastamonu University Achieves 99.45% Enrollment Rate in 2025 YKS Placement Results

ACCORDING TO THE 2025 YKS PLACEMENT RESULTS

KASTAMONU UNIVERSITY OCCUPANCY RATE



The 2025 Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS) placement results have been announced. Kastamonu University again ranked among the top choices in higher education this year, achieving a total occupancy rate of 99.45%.

According to the placement results, associate degree programs at our University reached 100% occupancy, while undergraduate programs achieved 98.90% occupancy. Additionally, all newly established programs in artificial intelligence, green transformation, healthcare, and digital technologies in agriculture reached 100% occupancy.

Open Days Started at Kastamonu University

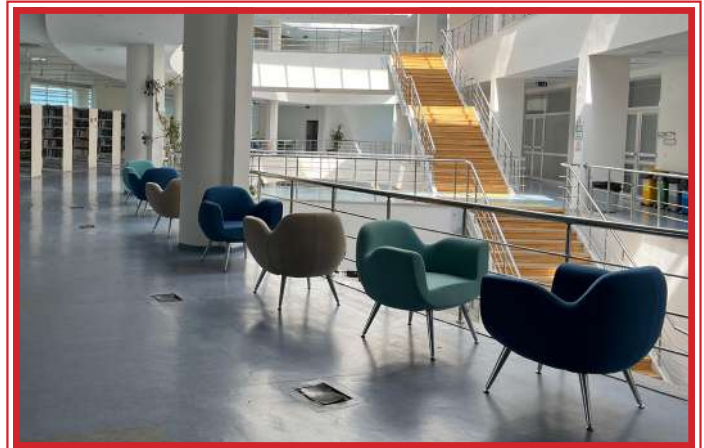
The Open Days for prospective students who will make their choices based on the results of the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS), organized by the Career Development, Application, and Research Center of Kastamonu University, started on August 4, 2025, at the Central Library. On the first day of the event, a large number of students and families showed interest in the booths set up by the academic units.



Kastamonu University Central Library Stands Out with Its Rich Resources and Award-Winning Accessibility

With nearly 500,000 resources, spacious and modern study areas, and award-winning accessibility practices, Kastamonu University Central Library is a hub where students and researchers can easily access information. As the new academic year begins, the library is ready to welcome its students again.

Spacious Facilities and Study Opportunities. Covering a total area of 12,000 square meters, our library is designed to meet diverse study needs. It includes three reading halls, 15 individual study rooms, 3 group study rooms, and two student conference halls. In addition, unlimited internet access provides a productive study environment.



MERLAB Remains Kastamonu's Science Center

With its scientific expertise, Kastamonu University Central Research Laboratory (MERLAB) is establishing a reputation for itself both nationally and regionally. The center, which is distinguished by its strategic objectives and advanced infrastructure, provides R&D solutions in a variety of fields, including academics, industry, the environment, and health.

The Higher Education Executive Board decided to create MERLAB on December 14, 2014, and it has been in operation since 2015. Its objectives are to organize courses, give testing and measurement services to the public and private sectors, and give faculty and postgraduate researchers opportunities for analysis and application.



Future Sports Professionals are Trained at Kastamonu University

Offering a broad spectrum of education through its Departments of Sports Management, Coaching Education, and Physical Education and Sports Teaching, the Faculty of Sport Sciences at Kastamonu University will admit 125 students in the 2025–2026 academic year. The Faculty equips its students theoretically and practically, enabling them to specialize in various sports fields.

Students of our Faculty pursue their education in classrooms and through hands-on practice in modern facilities such as the Combat Sports Hall, Dance Hall, Conditioning Hall, Squash Court, and Physiology Laboratory.



Sports and Social Life are Reshaping at Kastamonu University

The Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center, located on the Kuzezykent Campus of Kastamonu University, has become the intersection of sports, social life, and academia thanks to its diverse facilities. The center, built on a vast area of 36,103 m², serves both university members and the people of Kastamonu with its modern infrastructure and extensive facilities.

Kastamonu University, which was awarded the title of “Sports-Friendly Campus” by YÖK (Council of Higher Education), not only offers modern sports facilities with the Ay Yıldız Sports and Life Center but also successfully meets criteria such as strategic vision, sustainable social integration, and community participation.



Kastamonu University Prepares for the New Academic Year with Infrastructure and Sports Investments

Kastamonu University continues its investments aimed at strengthening campus infrastructure and modernizing living spaces in line with its student-centered vision. Two major projects being carried out simultaneously at the central campus and the Alsancak Sports Hall aim to provide students with a safer, more aesthetic, and better-equipped environment.

The “Central Campus Infrastructure and Landscaping Project,” whose contract was signed in 2025, has been implemented. The project involves various improvements to campus roads, infrastructure systems, environmental landscaping, and social areas.



A World of Books and Discovery for Children at Kastamonu University

Operating under the Child Education Application and Research Center of Kastamonu University, the Baby and Children’s Library has served children aged 0–8 with a development-oriented design since April 1, 2023. As one of the few examples in Türkiye, the library aims to introduce children to books early, foster reading habits, and help them explore different cultures.



Special Talent Exams for the 2025-2026 Academic Year Have Started at Kastamonu University Faculty of Fine Arts and Design

The special talent exams for the Departments of Plastic Arts (Painting, Graphic Design, Ceramics and Glass, Traditional Turkish Arts) and Musicology at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Kastamonu University, began on August 19, 2025.

This year, 168 applications were submitted for the Plastic Arts and Musicology departments. Sixty-four students took the Plastic Arts exam, with 56 students successfully passing. Forty candidates participated in the Musicology exam. While the Plastic Arts exam lasted 90 minutes, the Musicology exams were conducted individually and continued throughout the day.



Kastamonu University Tosya Vocational School Offers Industry-Ready Graduation and Job Guaranty to Students

The Furniture and Decoration Program at Kastamonu University's Tosya Vocational School (MYO), with its strong collaborations with the industry and application-oriented education, offers its students a guarantee of employment after graduation. The department provides an education opportunity intertwined with the industry thanks to its location in Tosya, one of Turkey's leading furniture production centers.



Kastamonu University Faculty of Communication: Qualified Education from Theory to Practice

The Faculty of Communication at Kastamonu University equips its students with theoretical knowledge and practical experience through its modern studios and workshops. With its state-of-the-art studio, editing room, radio studio, and student-run newspaper, the Faculty offers students extensive opportunities to develop their professional skills.

The accreditation of the Faculty's Radio, Television, and Cinema and Journalism departments demonstrates that the education provided meets national and international quality standards.



New Master's Programs with Thesis Launched at Kastamonu University



**NEW THESIS-BASED
MASTER'S
PROGRAMS
OPENED AT
KASTAMONU
UNIVERSITY**

Our Graduate Education Institute has received approval from the Higher Education Council (YÖK) for thesis-based master's programs in Nursing, Political Science and Public Administration (English), Musicology, Geography, and History of Science.

Kastamonu University has received approval from the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) to launch new master's programs with thesis, aiming to enhance academic diversity in graduate education and provide students with opportunities to specialize in different disciplines.

This framework has established new programs under the Graduate School of Education in Nursing, Political Science and Public Administration (English), Musicology, Geography, and History of Science.

A Climate and Art Bridge Carrying Hope from Kastamonu University to Antakya

Kastamonu University implemented a meaningful social responsibility initiative in Antakya, bringing hope and awareness to children via the unifying force of art. The “Dreams Blossoming with Fairy Tales: Climate and Art Workshop,” “Leave Your Mark: Paint, Print, and Have Fun,” and the “Dreams and Traces: Thru the Eyes of Children” Exhibition, led by Assist. Prof. Dr. Sofya Cihan Canbolat from the Department of Graphic Design at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, met with children at the Antakya/Defne Döver Primary and Middle School from July 24 to 29, 2025.



Kastamonu University Wins the Champion Award at TEKNOFEST with the “Champions League Pavilion”

Kastamonu University won the first prize with its Champions League Pavilion design in the 2025 TEKNOFEST Architecture and Visual Design Competition. The project brought together the architecture and technology of the future in an aesthetic, functional, and inspiring atmosphere, using the concept of a technology base equipped with the codes of the future. Our university has once again made its name known on a national scale in both architectural and technological design with this achievement.



Kastamonu University Offers Education and Internship Opportunities in Europe through Erasmus+



Within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program, Kastamonu University continues to offer its students and academic/administrative staff broad opportunities in education, youth, and sports. The activities carried out through the Erasmus+ Coordination Office under the Directorate of International Relations contribute significantly to the University's vision and mission of internationalization.

Growing International Partnerships Kastamonu University has signed bilateral agreements with 116 universities across 30 countries, providing students with diverse academic and cultural experiences.

Within the scope of the 2025-KA131 project, the University secured a grant of €388,210. This budget will fund 157 mobilities, including 60 student study mobilities, 32 student internship mobilities, 34 staff teaching assignments, and 31 staff training activities.

The International Project Partnered by Kastamonu University Has Been Awarded Support by Erasmus+

Kastamonu University has partnered with an international Erasmus+ project, aiming to enhance technical and vocational skills for combating land degradation through nature-based solutions (NbS). The project, in which our University takes part, has been awarded funding under the European Union Erasmus+ Program.



Titled "Enhancing Technical and Vocational Skills for Implementing Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) to Combat Land Degradation", the project will be coordinated by the General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion under the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change of the Republic of Türkiye. With a budget of €250,000, the project will be supported under the code 2025-1-TR01-KA220-VET-000357096.

With Kastamonu University's Erasmus+ ESC30 Project, Rural Girls are Empowered through Judo!



Kastamonu University continues to draw attention with its social responsibility projects. The project titled "Empowerment of Rural Girls through Judo," prepared within the scope of the Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps Solidarity Projects ESC30, has been approved for support by the Turkish National Agency.

The Erasmus+ ESC30 Project titled "Rural Girls are Empowered through Judo!" led by Associate Professor Dr. Bayram Ceylan and Res. Assist. Hasan Basri Taşkın has been awarded support by the Turkish National Agency.

Kastamonu University's Erasmus+ Project Success: KA131 and KA171 Applications Accepted

Kastamonu University has achieved another significant success in line with its vision of internationalization. In the 2025 application period, the KA131 and KA171 projects prepared under Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility of Individuals were deemed worthy of support and accepted by the Turkish National Agency.



Kastamonu University Qualified for a Grant Under the European Solidarity Corps Program

Kastamonu University has been awarded a grant of 30,216 euros for a volunteer action that will be carried out under the European Union's European Solidarity Corps (ESC) program. The project, to be carried out in collaboration with partner institutions from Greece and Italy, will make significant contributions to the university's internationalization goals. As part of the program, volunteer students will participate in projects abroad for a specified period.



Non-Violent Communication Project through Gamification Supported by Erasmus+ at Kastamonu University

Kastamonu University has participated in another international project to be implemented within the 2025 Erasmus+ Key Action 2 – Cooperation Partnerships in School Education (KA220-SCH) call. The project, titled “Cultivating Peaceful Communities: Non-Violent Communication via Gamification”, has been awarded funding with a budget of €250,000 under the project number 2025-1-TR01-KA220-SCH-000365821.

Coordinated by our University, the project will be led by Prof. Dr. S. Tunay Kamer, Faculty Member of the Department of Educational Sciences at the Faculty of Education and Coordinator of Artificial Intelligence Studies. The 24-month initiative will be carried out with partner institutions from Italy, Estonia, Germany, Poland, and Türkiye.



Kastamonu University in the top 10 in Türkiye for TÜBİTAK Projects



The Higher Education Council (YÖK) prepared data for the "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report 2024," which shows that Kastamonu University achieved great success in the number of projects supported by TÜBİTAK, ranking 9th nationwide. In the first place on the list, Yıldız Technical University had 1,434 projects, followed by Ege University with 1,319 projects in second place and Gazi University with 1,150 projects in third place.

Women are Empowered in Local Government with the TÜBİTAK-Supported Project of Kastamonu University



The "Increasing Political Representation of Women in Local Governments: Barriers, Opportunities, and Solutions" 1002-A Rapid Support Project, prepared under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eray Aktepe, a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at our university, has been deemed eligible for support by TÜBİTAK. The project, which received a budget of 75,260 TL, is considered an important step for women to have a greater say in local politics.

Kastamonu University will Investigate Resistance to Hormone Therapy in Breast Cancer with TÜBİTAK 1001 Support

Kastamonu University Faculty of Medicine has added a new achievement to its success in the field of scientific research. The project, led by Assist. Prof. Hakan Küçüksayan, a faculty member of the Department of Medical Biology, has been granted support under the TÜBİTAK 1001 – Program for Supporting Scientific and Technological Research Projects.



The project titled "Investigation of the senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP)-mediated regulatory role of HOXC4 transcription factor in the resistance of estrogen receptor positive breast cancer to tamoxifen" aims to contribute to the identification of new therapeutic targets, particularly in breast cancer patients who develop resistance to hormone therapies.

Digital Transformation in Forestry Supported by TÜBİTAK from Kastamonu

Kastamonu University Faculty of Forestry has signed another project that will lead the digital transformation in the field of forestry. The project titled "Determination of Some Tree and Stand Parameters in Pure Black Pine Stands Using Different UAV Based Sensors: A Case Study from Taşköprü Forest Management Directorate," led by Prof. Dr. Fatih Sivrikaya, a faculty member in the Department of Forestry Engineering, has been awarded support under the TÜBİTAK 1001 Program.



TÜBİTAK Supports Kastamonu University's New Research on Foal Immune System

A project titled "Investigation of the Effects of 1,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D3 on TLR-4 and Cytokine Responses in LPS-Stimulated Neonatal Foal Neutrophils", led by Dr. Ömer Deniz, faculty member of the Department of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kastamonu University, has been awarded funding under the TÜBİTAK 1002 Rapid Support Program.

In the project, with Research Assistant Serkan Bozacı and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kenan Çağrı Tümer, as a researcher, will examine the role of vitamin D in regulating innate immune responses.



TÜBİTAK Supports Kastamonu University's Vegan Sunscreen Project

The project titled "Investigation of the Potential Use of Haloarchaeal Bacterioruberin in Vegan Sunscreens", prepared under the supervision of Dr. Fevziye Işıl Kesbiç, Lecturer at Kastamonu University Central Research Laboratory, has been awarded support within the scope of the TÜBİTAK-3501 Career Development Program.

Within the project, Prof. Dr. Özgür Kaynar, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and faculty member of the Department of Biochemistry, will be an advisor. Dr. Aslı Uğurlu Bayarslan, faculty member of the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Serkan Erol, faculty member of the Department of Biochemistry at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Balıkesir University, will serve as a researcher.





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