

International Joint MS Programme of Design Research for Interaction Admissions to the Programme

It is firstly expected that candidates who apply to the programme must fulfil the admissions criteria of both universities. As the first semester of the programme will be carried out in METU, admissions will be made to METU. Below are the application criteria for the programme.

Method of application to the Programme

The programme applications take place in the Spring Semester. Applications must be submitted within the dates announced in the METU Academic Calendar. Firstly, the applicants complete the necessary documents for METU Graduate Programme applications, and then submit them to the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences. It is also necessary for the applicants to hand in a copy of the application documents to METU Department of Industrial Design.

Documents to be submitted to METU Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences

- Application form.
- In the field of Industrial Design / Product Design, a diploma indicating that the applicant earned an undergraduate degree or a document showing that the applicant is in the graduation semester.
- An overall success of 75 % from GPA.
- Two reference letters.
- Letter of intent (maximum 2000 words):
 - The motivation behind applying the programme.
 - Three research subjects suggested as a thesis study, and explanations on the reasons behind the interest on these topics.
 - A maximum 250 words summary of the graduation project or graduation thesis that was prepared for the undergraduate degree. The credits of the courses, the final grades and the workload should also be specified.
- *For Turkish applicants:*
ALES examination score letter; ALES score ≥ 55
- *For foreign applicants:*
The score letter of GRE or another equivalent test; GRE Quantitative score ≥ 610
- The official score letters of the TOEFL, IELTS, KPDS or METU-EPE (*Turkish applicants are obliged to take the METU-EPE examination*) English qualifying exams. Information on the English proficiency exam score equivalencies can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1. English proficiency score equivalencies for students who apply to the joint programme

ODTÜ İYS METU-EPE	KPDS/ ÜDS	TOEFL IBT	TOEFL CBT	TOEFL (previous)	IELTS
65	70	79	213	550	6.5

Documents to be submitted to METU Department of Industrial Design

The applicants hand in a copy of the documents that they submitted to the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences to METU Department of Industrial Design as well. The applicant's official academic transcript, digital portfolio that is saved on a CD and an English CV are also required to take place in this file.

- *Portfolio contents:* selections from the education projects, (if there are any) personal and professional works, etc.
- *CV contents:* academic successes, publications, competitions, awards, internships, professional experience, etc.

Application evaluation (admission) procedure

The files of the candidates whose applications are accepted by the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences are sent to the Department of Industrial Design. The files are evaluated by the *applicant evaluation commission* of the two universities conducting the joint program. If it is considered necessary, the applicant can be called up for an interview or invited to have a phone or internet conference. The applicants are informed about the results by the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences.