

NIĐDE ÖMER HALİSDEMİR UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE;

Dear Students;

You are all welcome to the family of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University.



This guide to be prepared for you aims to answer your most frequently asked questions related to health problems, insurance transactions, bank systems, residence permit etc.. you may meet during your stay, to make your adaptation easy and more comfortably.

If you have any questions that you cannot find answers in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact the International Relations Office at the following e-mail address.

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We wish you all the success throughout your university life and a happy and healthy life in our peaceful city of Niğde...

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1. About the City of Niğde

Geographically located in the middle of cities of Konya, Kayseri, Adana, Mersin, Nevşehir and Aksaray, Niğde is reached conveniently by car, bus and train.

Part of Cappadocia where the nature meets history, Niğde is located in the middle of Anatolia and described as the cradle of civilizations since several states ruled in these plains for 10 thousand years. Niğde is an important attraction city for tourists since Roman Pool, Gumusler Monastery, Kemerhisar Tyana Ancient Aqueduct, Kavlaktepe Underground City, early period Christian structures and historical artifacts of other civilizations, world-renowned mountain climbing locations of Demirkazik Mountain, Aladaglar National Park and Bolkar Mountains are all located in the borders of Niğde.

With its captivating historical and natural beauties and cultural conglomeration, Niğde became a college town parallel to the growth of Niğde University. Niğde appeals to the university students because of cheap cost of living, hassle-free transportation, sufficient accommodation facilities, low crime rate, and hospitable locals welcoming students.

2. About Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University:

Established in 1992, Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University is a state higher educational institution located in the city of Niğde, Central Anatolia in Turkey. A total of 27,000 students are enrolled in 14 faculties, 4 graduate schools, 3 schools, 6 vocational schools of higher education and 1 conservatoire. Today, about 938 academic faculty members (professors, associate professors etc.) are employed in the University.

Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University has undertaken to search and question in the fields of science, art and sports, to be participant and dynamic, to protect and own their own cultural values, to educate individuals, who think universally, to serve for the humanity by providing the developments of science and technology, and to contribute to the country and the region wealth as a duty.

3. Transportation to Niğde

There is no airport in Niğde, so our students can make direct flights to the nearest airport, Kayseri Erkilet Airport, Adana Şakirpaşa Airport or Nevşehir Cappadocia Airport. If their flights have to be transferred, they can be transferred from the airports in Istanbul or Ankara, in which the students will have to check out their passports and then leave for the

airport they want to fly to which is from the domestic terminal. It will take 1 to 1.5 hours to reach Niğde by bus after their arrival at the domestic airport. After the airport arrival they need to pass to the intercity bus station and buy a bus ticket to Niğde city. You can also search for Bus tickets at the following links;

www.obilet.com

www.biletbayi.com

www.biletall.com

www.biletall.com

If you choose Istanbul Airport or Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Airport or Ankara Esenboga Airport for your first your last destination, you must come to Niğde by bus.



Local Transportation: From Bus Terminal to Niğde city center and Campus (written on it KAMPÜS) buses are constantly serving. Student fee; 1.75 TL (card boarding) - 2 TL (without card boarding) as the fee. In order to travel with card boarding pass, you need to obtain a student boarding card (called as Kentkart) from the bus service company (Behind Sabancı Dormitory). To obtain this, you must apply with a photo, card fee and student ID paper taken from the Faculty (you must get a Student Certificate from the Student Affairs of your Faculty). www.kentkart.com Online Transactions. You can also use Kentkart application by downloading to your phone. You can also pay your city bus transportation costs with your NFC compatible mobile phones applications.

4. Accommodation;

Students who will be enrolled in the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technology regarding accommodation may have priority for the accommodation in Ayhan Şahenk Dormitory. Accommodation is provided to the other students if there is room left.

Students can apply to the State dormitories for KYK or private dormitories for accommodation in the city.

The addresses of the KYK dormitories;

NIĞDE İL MÜDÜRLÜĞÜNE BAĞLI YURT MÜDÜRLÜKLERİ

| YURDUN ADI | KAPASİTE | | TOPLAM | İLETİŞİM BİLGİLERİ |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|---|
| | Kız | Erkek | | |
| ERTUĞRUL GAZİ YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 0 | 1112 | 1112 | ADRES: KUMLUCA MEVKİİ SEÇKİN SK NO:5 AŞ. KAYABAŞI MH. TEL:0388 221 00 51-52-53-54 FAKS:0388 221 00 55 |
| MİLLİ PİYANGO YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 1132 | 0 | 1132 | ADRES: 27/1 CUMHURİYET MAH. NIĞDE ÜNİV.KAMP. TEL: 0388 225 0181 FAKS :0388 225 01 84 |
| SABANCI YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 480 | 0 | 480 | ADRES:BOR YOLU ÜZERİ AŞ. KAYABAŞI MH. TEL :0388221 00 58 - FAKS:0388 00 57 |
| SULTAN 1. KILIÇARSLAN YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 2000 | 0 | 2000 | ADRES:KAMPÜS YERLEŞKESİ FERTEK KÖYÜ TEL:0388 225 45 99 FAKS:0388 225 45 97 |
| SULTAN 2. KILIÇARSLAN YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 2000 | 0 | 2000 | ADRES:KAMPÜS YERLEŞKESİ FERTEK KÖYÜ TEL:0388 225 46 15 FAKS:0388 225 46 17 |
| BOR YURT MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ | 372 | 192 | 564 | ADRES:YÜKSEKOKULLAR CAD. NO: 12 FATİH MAH. TEL:0388 311 17 65-66 FAKS:0388 311 66 90 |
| FADİMANA HALİSDEMİR YURDU | 2000 | | 2000 | Cumhuriyet Mah. Teyfik Çalın Caddesi Merkez/Niğde |
| ÖMER HALİSDEMİR YURDU | | 1000 | 1000 | Cumhuriyet Mah. Teyfik Çalın Caddesi TEL:03882252512 FAKS:03882252525 |
| ULUKIŞLA ÖĞRENCİ YURDU | 90 | 90 | 180 | Kemalpaşa Mah. Kılan Cad. No:1 Ulukışla/Niğde TEL:03885113001 FAKS:03885113031 |
| TOPLAM | 8074 | 2394 | 10.468 | |

Students can also stay in private dormitories or rental houses. For students who want to rent a house, we recommend visiting the following search engines:

www.sahibinden.com www.emlakjet.com <http://www.emlak.net/niğde>

5. About Food & Beverages and Shopping

Breakfast: The breakfast is included in the accommodation price in the dormitories.

Lunch: Lunch is served at the central refectory/Dining Hall in the central campus of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University. The lunch fee for students at the Central Refectory is as of this year; 3 TL.

Food and beverage services are also available at Campus Shopping Mall and Cinar Cafe.

Dinner: In addition to the restaurants and cafes on campus, there are many restaurants in the city center for dinner. Prices may vary from restaurant to restaurant.

Many shops in the city center are suitable for shopping and there are also many cafeterias where students will spend time. In addition, mini markets and cafes on the Campus Bazaar have the capacity to meet the needs of the students in the Campus.

6. Bank / Post Office / Parcel Issues

Bank: Bank services are provided by branches in the city center. However, there are ATMs owned by banks on campus.

Working hours of banks; from 08:30 to 17:00. In order to begin your account transactions at the bank, you must have a residence permit and a temporary ID number.

Post Office (PTT): Post office operations are carried out in the campus bazaar. You can make your international and national cargo and mail transactions and money transfer transactions from both the Campus branch and the city center. Find out the PTT branch near you; <http://enyakinptt.ptt.gov.tr>

Cargo / Parcel: There are many cargo companies in Niğde, you can find the cargo companies below and you can make your national and international cargo transactions with these companies;

| Kargo Firmasının Adı | Adresi /Niğde Merkez | Tel. Numarası |
|----------------------|---|---------------|
| UPS | Şehit Polis Özmen Sk.No:1 | 0388 2121718 |
| MNG | Çayır Mh. Cumhuriyet Bulv. No:8/A | 0388 2135220 |
| Aras | Esenbey Mh. Şehit Mehmet Emin sk. No:2/1 | 0388 2132727 |
| Sürat | Esenbey Mh. Şht. Polis Emin Özmen sk. No:20 | 0388 2132085 |

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|---------|--|----------|
| Yurtiçi | Şahin Ali Mh. Cumhuriyet Bulv. Mehtur Apt. Altı No3a/3b | 388 0413 |
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7. Social and Cultural Life in Campus

The social and cultural activity areas in the campus are as follows:

- * Central Library * Campus Shopping Mall * Central Dining Hall
- * Lifelong Sports Center * Student Clubs * Reading, Internet, Billiards, Table Tennis Hall
- * Sports Facilities (Indoor Gym, Tennis Courts, Football and Carpet Pitch)
- * Swimming Pool and Indoor Sports Areas * Cafeterias

8. Required Registration Procedures

For the students who will study in the Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, Educational Sciences and Health Sciences; The documents required for the registration and the roadmap to be followed can be found on the institutes/ graduate school pages. Lack of documents creates problems during the registration so we recommend you to read the required documents carefully on the Institute/ Graduate school pages. Please note that as a student, you will also have to register at the beginning of each semester for your courses at the department. You can ask your questions about course registration to the related Institutes/ Graduate School.

Undergraduate students should follow the Student Affairs page for registration, and course registrations will be done on-line at the beginning of each semester. Each of our students has been assigned a teacher, if you have any problems with your course registrations, please get help from your advisor in the department.

Students will be able to make the payment for their tuition fees from the anywhere in Turkey by using the ATM machines of T.C Ziraat Bank or any branch of the related Bank. (During the payment you will be asked the student number given to you by our University.)

Since the tuition fee transactions are carried out online between the Bank and the University the automation system will be available from the moment of our students' payment confirmation. Students who have finished the payment will be able to register their courses by using the student number and automation password.

<http://www.ohu.edu.tr/oidb/sayfa/ogrenci-otomasyon-girisi>

After university registrations, you need to complete the following registrations and paperwork in a stepwise manner:

1. Social Health Insurance Registration

2. Application for Residence Permit

3. Application for Tax Number

4. Opening a Bank Account

8.1 Social Security and Health Insurance Registration

Healthcare in Turkey consists of a mix of public and private health services. Turkey has a universal health care under its Universal Health Insurance (Genel Sağlık Sigortası) system. Under this system, all residents registered with the Social Security Institution (SGK) can receive medical treatment free of charge in hospitals contracted to the SGK. The following medical treatments are covered by the SGK:

- Emergencies*
- Work accidents and vocational illnesses*
- Infectious diseases*
- Preventive health services (drug and alcohol abuse)*
- Childbirth*
- Extraordinary events (injuries from war and natural disasters)*
- Fertility treatment for women younger than 39*
- Cosmetic surgery deemed medically necessary*

While some SGK-contracted hospitals offer dental care, in most cases, patients must rely on private dental services and are responsible for covering the costs. In addition, patients must partially cover the cost of some prescription drugs and outpatient services.

The very next step after getting student registration certificate is to apply for your Social health insurance, or in other words Universal Health Insurance (Genel Sağlık Sigortası). The requirements may subject to change according to the policy declared by the Ministry of Health each year. In fiscal year of 2018, 853.20 TL/annum (or 71.10 TL/month) was declared by the ministry in order to activate your social health insurance. The students are supposed

to pay per annum amount of health insurance in advance in one single instalment. Social Health Insurance Registration 19 After the changes in the laws regarding the coverage of the foreign students on scholarship at our university by the Social Security Insurance, the right to conduct insurance procedures regarding our students has been taken over by Social Security Provincial Directorates and Social Security Centers. Therefore, those who would like to benefit from the Social Security services, as stated in the legal statements on next page, should apply within three months of their registration (the students registering for the first time at the university). Those who do not apply within the given time period CANNOT benefit from the Social Security services ever again. Those who have already registered at the time this article is published will be included in the general health insurance only if they apply within six months of the publication of this article. It is strongly recommended that our students (those who have the right to apply) apply to the Social Security Center ASAP, to prevent any inconveniences as this issue has a time limit.

In order to apply for Universal Health Insurance,

1. Complete a written application (see the example on the following page),
2. Apply in-person to the Social Security Center:

Address: NİĞDE SOSYAL GÜVENLİK İL MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ Selçuk Mah. Deniz Sok No:10 Merkez/NİĞDE E-mail: nigdesgim@sgk.gov.tr Phone: 0388-232-3545

Note: Social Security Center Personnel may not know English, therefore bring your written application form in Turkish and English. Ask for registration to Universal Health Insurance (In Turkish: Genel Sağlık Sigortası'na Başvurmak İstiyorum). Important Information;

SGK Applications will be done personally to the following address:

Address: NİĞDE SOSYAL GÜVENLİK İL MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ

Selçuk Mah. Deniz Sk. No:10 Niğde

E-Mail: nigdesgim@sgk.gov.tr Tel: +90 388 2323545

After filling out the following form please make your registration to the Social Security Service Center in the city of Niğde.

NİĞDE SOSYAL GÜVENLİK İL MÜDÜRLÜĞÜ'NE

NİĞDE

T.C. Niğde Ömer Halisdemir Üniversitesi Fakültesi Bölümündeprogramına yeni kayıt yaptırdım. 5510 sayılı Kanunun 60'inci maddesinin yedinci fıkrasında 6486 sayılı Kanun ile yapılan değişiklik kapsamında Genel Sağlık Sigortası tescil işlemlerimin yapılmasını arz ederim.

TO SOCIAL SECURITY PROVINCIAL DIRECTORY IN NIGDE

I registered as a new international student toprogramme in the Department of..... in the Faculty of at Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University. Pursuant to the amendment made on paragraph 7 of Article 60 of the Law No. 5510 in accordance with the Law No. 6486, I request registration of my Universal Health Insurance.

Tarih/ Date:

İmza/ Signature:

Adı- Soyadı /Name -Surname:

Pasaport Number/ Passport Number:

Uyruğu/Nationality:

Öğrenci Numarası/ Student Number:

Ekler/Attachments:

- 1. Pasaport kopyası 1 adet (One copy of Passport)**
 - 2. Öğrenci Belgesi (Student Certificate Document taken from Students' Affairs Office of the Faculty)**
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There are two public hospitals in Niğde. Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Training and Research Hospital is a fully equipped state hospital. There is also a State Hospital in Bor district. As a private hospital, Private Niğde Hayat Hospital and Yaşam Polyclinic can be considered.

We advise you to make an appointment before going to Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Hospital by calling 182 or You can make an appointment by using the following web site; <https://www.mhrs.gov.tr/Vatandas/>

You can find the Pharmacy especially close to the hospitals as well as in the city center

Emergency Words:

Doktor: Doctor Hemşire: Nurse Acil Servis: Emergency Service

İlaç: Medicine Eczane: Pharmacy

Health services are provided by the Doctors called as "Aile Hekimi" in the central campus. Our Family Medicine polyclinic is in the Health Center behind the Shopping Mall. Tel: +90 388 2252570 <http://www.ohuasm.com>

Students who wish to get examination at the Campus Health Center need to register to the Family Health Center by filling out "Aile Hekimi Talep ve Değişirme Dilekçesi" (Family Doctor Request and Change Petition) from the Family Health Center Advisory Office. Students staying in the campus may request petitions from the security unit at the entrance as well. Working Hours: 08:30 - 17:00 (Weekdays)

Another health service in the central campus is for students who need psychological guidance and guidance. A Psychologist works at the Youth Counseling Center in our university behind Shopping Mall. Students who want to make an appointment can fill in the form at the following link: <http://ohu.edu.tr/gdmbasvuru>

8.2 Residency Permit Applications:

After applying to the social health insurance, next step is to apply for your residence permit in the Department of Immigration and Registration of Foreigners of Niğde. Please be aware that failing in providing social health insurance number to the police station may lead towards delaying your residence permit. According to the new law by Turkish Ministry of Health and Department of Immigration and Registration of Foreigners, the residence permit will not be issued to the candidate who fails in providing the active social health insurance certificate from Ministry of Health. All the necessary procedure is given at <https://e->

ikamet.goc.gov.tr/. Select "I lodge an application for residence permit for the first time" and select "I would like to lodge a new application" on the next page. Fill the pre-registration form and take a print-out. Make sure you download and read all necessary information about how to register for student residence permit by following the link on the same webpage. The system will give you an appointment time and date to visit Police Station Department (Emniyet Müdürlüğü)

8.3 VAT Number Application Issues:

You will receive your ID number after filing your residence permit application. The ID card will be sent to your address in Turkey, or you can pick it up from PTT. Next step is to get a tax number from the Department of Accounts (Valilik). It is necessary to have a registered tax number for opening a bank account for your scholarship transactions. Bring your passport and student certificate to Valilik.

8.4 To Open a Bank Account

For the students availing scholarship from Ayhan Sahenk Foundation, it is necessary to have an account in T.C Granti Bank because the scholarship foundation uses to deliver scholarship via this bank according to some already signed agreements. Students should apply in-person for opening a bank account. 2 locations in Niğde city center:

- Derbent Branch: Selçuk, Dr. Sami Yağız Cd. No:73, 51100 Niğde Merkez/Merkez*
- Niğde Branch: Ayhan Şahenk Bulvarı Bankalar Cd. No: 18, 51200 Merkez*

Working hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (weekdays)

For application; bring your passport, student certificate, tax number and residence permit number.

9. Security Warnings:

It's generally safe to travel in majority of Turkey (except for Syrian border and South-eastern Anatolia), but you should take additional safety precautions as a general common sense precautions; you should be alert to your surroundings and remain vigilant in crowded places popular with tourists. Niğde is among the safest cities in Turkey. The rate of crime and robbery is very low. Locals help students and foreigners. Always carry your ID card with you and keep your passport and any other important documents in a secure place. Students staying in the dormitory have a place where they can lock valuables.

The number which will be called at an Emergency situation;

Polis - Police : 155

İlk Yardım/ Ambulans- First Aid/Ambulance : 112

İtfaiye- Fire Brigade : 110

Trafik- Traffic: 154

10. Life Costs in Niğde;

Cost of living in Turkey is 37.20% lower than in United States (aggregate data for all cities).
Rent in Turkey is 69.87% lower than in United States (average data for all cities).

Currency: Turkish Lira (TL) 1 USD = 5,80 TL 1 Euro: 6,37 TL (as of Oct. 2019)

Banknotes (Turkish Banknotes) and Coins



Expenditure Items for Students;

One Way Bus Ticket: 1,75 TL Dining at a cheap restaurant: 15 TL

Coca-Cola / Pepsi (0,33 lt bottle): 3 TL

Hamburger menu: 15 TL. Loaf Bread: 1 TL Bagels: 1,5 TL Milk (1 lt): 3,25 TL Water (5 Liters): 2,5 TL Tea (1 Glass): 1,5 TL Coffee (1 Cup): 5 TL

Monthly Average House rent: 750 TL

11. Mobile Phone Registration

If you brought your mobile phone from your country, after coming to Turkey you will need to register your phone within 30 days. To do so, you must pay 300 TL (subject to change) to any tax office. You can make your payment invoice, your passport and your phone by going to the subscriber registration center of any telephone company (Turkcell, Vodafone, Turk Telekom, etc.) and then you can register your personal phone there.

12. To Make a Phone Call From Turkey

Turkey's International area code: +90 (0090)

There are 81 provinces in Turkey and has an area code for each. For example; Ankara; 0312, Istanbul European Side; 0212, Asian Side: 0216, Izmir, 0232, Niğde; 0388.

To call a local phone in Niğde from outside the city, first dial the area code: 0388 and then the phone number, 2322320 (0.388.2322320). If you want to call the mobile phone number, first dial 0 then the number; 0.530.5851111

13. To Make The Payments of Bills in Turkey

You can pay many of your bills (including electricity, gas, cell phone etc.) online through the website of the operator, or in any bank branches, or in bill payment kiosks (Fatura Tahsilat Bürosu), or in post office (PTT), or through online banking (need an active online banking account). Residency water is used through pre-paid cards in Niğde. You can deposit money in your water card at Niğde Municipality Collection Unit (1st floor) or kiosks distributed all over the city.

14. The Things To Do in Niğde before going back

While you are in Niğde, do the followings:

- Visit Nigde Museum which was nominated to European Museum in 2003.
- Observe the Alaaddin Mosque and Head of the Crowned Lady with magnificent stone craftsmanship dating from the Seljuk Empire.
- Go trekking in Aladağ Mountains that is thought to be the capital of mountain tourism in Turkey.
- See the Gümüşler Archaeological Site and Monastery important for religious tourism, and Smiling Virgin Mary Fresco in the Monastery.
- Eat Tahinli Bread cooked in stone ovens in Nigde.
- Eat Nigde tava and soğurme (meat dishes).

- Drink famous Nigde Soda (Gazoz).
- Visit Vineyards and eat apples.
- Eat delicious potatoes.
- Drink ice-cold water coming from the mountains while visiting the highlands.
- Observe Critically Endangered Taurus Frogs (Rana holtzi) endemic to Bolkar Mountains.
- Take pictures of colorful mountain flowers growing steep hills.

DO NOT GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY WITHOUT DOING THE ABOVE ONES..