



**Hacettepe Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi İngiliz Dili ve Edebiyatı Bölümü Erasmus  
Incoming Students Feedback**

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**a. Cultural Feedback**

When I was in France, I was offered several destinations to go as an Erasmus student. I have chosen Turkey, because I considered this option as a great way of discovering a new culture. Indeed, I did not know anything about Turkey before, just that it was very different from my own country, France. I wanted to discover something new, an original destination.

I could discover a new country, a new culture, a new language. It was really a great experience, because when you are Erasmus in Turkey, you can feel that the other students really want to make you discover the best of their country. Turkish people are easy-going and will always help you to solve all the problems you could have during your Erasmus experience.

Culturally speaking, this experience was unique. I would never have had the opportunity to learn Turkish and to discover such an amazing people and country without the Erasmus Program. I am feeling much more open-minded than many of my friends. I probably came in Ankara because I am very curious, but how proud I am for having been so curious. I will come back as soon as possible.

Türkiye çok seviyorum.

**b. Academic Feedback**

Hacettepe University is a perfect place to study, I lived in the Beytepe campus, out of Ankara, but several buses transport you to Kizilay (Downtown). About my classes, there were all in English (and I was very surprised by that, because in France, I just have few classes in

English) but all the Erasmus students also had some special Turkish class for beginners. It was useful, now I am able to speak a little bit Turkish and I'm very proud of it.

In France, my university was very small, so when I first came in Ankara, I was stumped. I thought that I would never been able to do anything in such a big university and such a big city. It was my first impression, however some weeks later I was able to go alone in the city.

On an academic point of view, I really enjoyed my Erasmus experience, because I could study in a different environment, in an important and renowned university. I think I learnt much more that I would have learn by staying in my own country.