



Ege University

Access to Lifelong Learning Policy

In line with a research university, Ege University attaches importance to lifelong learning, which is the process of completing personal, social, and professional expertise development in order to improve the quality of life of both themselves and the individuals with whom they live, as well as providing quality and qualified education with its scientific studies in line with a research university. In this context, Ege University's lifelong learning policy covers the following issues:

Ege University organizes trainings that support lifelong learning through centers such as the "[Continuing Education Center \(EGESEM\)](#)" and the "[Distance Education Application and Research Center](#)".

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- The educational activities prepared by Ege University for lifelong learning through its education centers, faculties, and colleges are open to all members of society regardless of ethnicity, religion, language, disability, or gender.

Ege University, which has been among the leading universities of our country in terms of both scientific research and educational activities since its establishment, also reveals its goal of being a pioneer in supporting "lifelong learning" with the educational activities it carries out for all members of society, and increases its number every year.

In the Strategic Plan of Ege University, which was prepared in 2019, updated for the years 2024-2028, a policy was also adopted to increase the "number of certified programs organized for the society within the scope of lifelong education" and "the number of certificates given in trainings organized within the scope of lifelong education".

Ege University Strategic Plans: [2019-2023](#), [2024-2028](#)

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Lifelong Learning Measures

Through its multidisciplinary, community-focused programmes, Ege University contributes meaningfully to sustainable development and public wellbeing. The university implements numerous outreach and education programmes within the scope of lifelong education, and selected examples are presented below.



Ege 3rd Age University (U3A)

Ege 3rd Age University (U3A) was established in 2016 within the Ege University Faculty of Medicine to help individuals over the age of 60 preserve their knowledge, skills, and abilities, acquire new ones, and strengthen the foundations of healthy aging. Ege U3A takes a multidisciplinary approach to promote active and healthy aging, using the "lifelong learning" model to achieve this goal. The curriculum, comprising both theoretical and practical courses, equips older adults with knowledge about their specific needs and provides them with new skills and competencies. The program awarded its first diplomas in 2020. Through U3A, Ege University demonstrates its strong institutional commitment to educating the wider community in line with the principles of sustainable development, offering free, accessible, and multidisciplinary learning opportunities that promote social inclusion and active aging. [For more detail about Ege U3A ...](#)

U3A provides free, structured, and multidisciplinary education to individuals aged 60 and above, covering topics closely linked to the social dimension of sustainable development, such as healthy living, gerontology, psychology, communication, oral and dental health, legal rights, wellbeing, cultural heritage, and active aging. The program also includes practical activities—yoga, folk dancing, psychodrama, photography, culinary workshops, handicrafts, creative writing, choir and aikido—supporting social inclusion, mental wellbeing, and resilient communities.

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/11/02/ege-3-yas-universitesiinde-2023-2024-egitim-ve-ogretim-yili-basladi/>

The initiative is delivered by approximately 400 volunteer instructors, ensuring accessibility and enabling broad community participation. Beyond regular classes, U3A organizes open public seminars that raise awareness on health, social wellbeing, intergenerational solidarity, and active citizenship. Ege U3A participants also collaborate with non-governmental organizations on community service and intergenerational communication projects, further extending the programme's societal impact. [For more...](#)

Ege 3rd Age University is a member of [the International Association of Third Age Universities](#), reflecting Ege University's sustained commitment to global standards in community education and lifelong learning.



[For more...](#) <https://www.instagram.com/egeucuncuyas/>



Example course program of Ege 3rd Age University (U3A)

Ege 3. Yaş Üniversitesi 2024 - 2025 Güz Dönemi 7. Hafta Ders Programı	
16/12/2024 Pazartesi	18/12/2024 Çarşamba
Psikodrama (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Prof. Dr. Sevnaz Şahin / Psikodramatist Tülay Ocal 13.30-14.45 Haluk Kilimci Salonu	Kahkaha' Yogası (1 Grup) (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Prof. Dr. Yasemin AKÇAY 14.00-14.50 Haluk Kilimci salonu
Dostluk Korusu (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Nilgün Evin 15.00-16.30 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Tiyatro Temel Oyunculuk Eğitimi ve OyunÇıkarma Atölyesi Yiğit Mert Şengün 14.00-16.30 20 Mayıs Amfisi
Halk Oyunları (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Gül Çam 15.00-16.15 Tören Şölen Alanı	Yeni başlayanlar için İngilizce (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Öğr. Bedia Güzel 15.00-16.30 Haluk Kilimci salonu
Fiziksel İsinma ve Spor Ayşel Eren / Miray Gökalt / Osman Tartılcı 17.00 - 17.10 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Fiziksel İsinma ve Spor Ayşel Eren / Miray Gökalt / Osman Tartılcı 16.45 - 17.00 20 Mayıs Amfisi
Kozmoloji Güneş sistemi nasıl çalışır? M. Ozan YAPICIOĞLU Kozmoloji 17.10-17.50 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Mikrobiyoloji Kan yolu ile bulaşan enfeksiyonlar Prof. Dr. Selma Erensoy 17.00-17.45 20 Mayıs Amfisi
Farkındayım Sağlıklıyım Fiziksel Aktivite ve Denge hareketleri Doç. Dr. Mehmet Özkeskin Dr. Öğ. Üyesi Emre Uysal 18.00-18.30 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Tarih Birinci Dünya Savaşı 1 Tolga Sepetoğlu 18.00 - 18.45 20 Mayıs Amfisi

Ege 3. Yaş Üniversitesi 2024 - 2025 Güz Dönemi 8. Hafta Ders Programı (23-25-26 ARALIK 2024)		
23/12/2024 Pazartesi	25/12/2024 Çarşamba	26/12/2024 Perşembe
Psikodrama (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Prof. Dr. Sevnaz Şahin / Psikodramatist Tülay Ocal 13.30-14.45 Haluk Kilimci Salonu		Kahkaha' Yogası (2 Grup) (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Prof. Dr. Yasemin AKÇAY 14.00-14.50 Haluk Kilimci salonu
Dostluk Korusu (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Nilgün Evin 15.00-16.30 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Her Unutkanlık Alzheimer midir? Prof. Dr. Sevnaz ŞAHİN Alzheimer Derneği İzmir Şube Başkanı 15.30 - 16.15 20 Mayıs Amfisi	Tiyatro Temel Oyunculuk Eğitimi ve OyunÇıkarma Atölyesi Yiğit Mert Şengün 14.00-16.30 20 Mayıs Amfisi
Halk Oyunları (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Gül Çam 15.00-16.30 Tören Şölen Alanı	Çello sanatçısı Yağmur Gönül Müzik dinletisi 16.30-16.45 20 Mayıs Fuaye alanı GÜLE GÜLE 2024 HOŞ GELDİN 2025 Geleneksel Yeni Yıl Eğlencesi 16.45-18.00 20 Mayıs Fuaye alanı	Yeni başlayanlar için İngilizce (Bu derse sadece listede ismi olanlar katılacaktır) Öğr. Bedia Güzel 15.00-16.30 Haluk Kilimci salonu
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Palyatif Bakım Bakım Verenlerin Sağlığı Doç. Dr. Yasemin Kılıç ÖZTÜRK Dr. Öğ. Üyesi Gönül DÜZGÜN 17.10-17.50 20 Mayıs Amfisi		İşitme Sağlığı İşitme Kayıpları ve İşitme Cihazları Prof. Dr. Pelin Piştav AKMEŞE 17.00-17.45 20 Mayıs Amfisi
Kozmoloji Işık nedir? M. Ozan YAPICIOĞLU 18.00-18.45 20 Mayıs Amfisi		Tarih İkinci Dünya Savaşı Tolga Sepetoğlu 18.00 - 18.45 20 Mayıs Amfisi

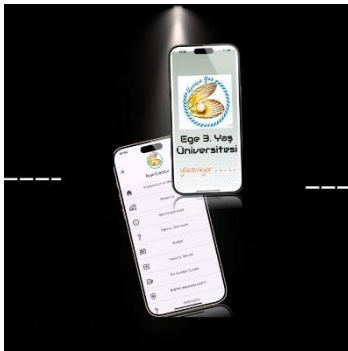


Since 2016, the university has encouraged individuals aged 60 and over to participate in lifelong learning processes and promote active aging, and has produced 500 graduates to date. As of 2024, 324 students are at the university.

Ege 3rd Age University App

This application is designed for Ege U3A participants. It includes information about training, a calendar of planned events, Q&A, awareness surveys, training videos, information for a healthier life, and future lecture notes.

[For user guides](#)





Inclusive Lifelong Learning Certificates

Ege University Continuing Education Center (EGESEM)

Ege University [Continuing Education Center \(EGESEM\)](#) offers training programs in Professional Development, Healthy Living, Sports, Foreign Language, Personal Development, and Skills.

Studies are ongoing under [the cooperation protocol](#), signed in 2022, between Ege University [EGESEM](#) and the Izmir Provincial Directorate of Migration Management to support the career development and social adaptation of migrants.

Within the scope of the protocol, there are social, artistic, cultural, scientific, and technological activities and courses in needed areas to support the adaptation processes of foreigners under temporary protection, international protection, and regular migration residing in Izmir to our national legislation and social life rules. Over the past five years, EGESEM has gained significant momentum, offering training programs for disadvantaged groups (local residents, older adults, migrants, and other vulnerable groups) 25,837 certificates in 2024. Moreover, in 2024, training was provided on 82 topics for the local community, and 18,758 people were certified ([EGESEM Annual Activity Report-2024, page 31](#)). In 2024, Ege University organized a total of 67 public events. All of these events were free and open to the general public, with a total of 4,179 participants ([For details](#))

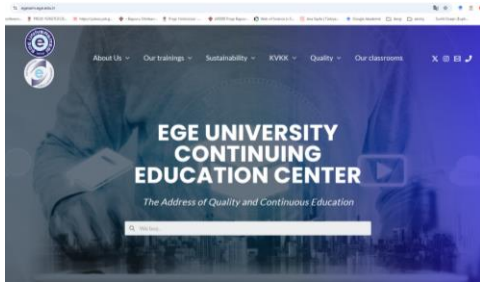
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Please see the links below for details of our university's [EGESEM](#) and [our educational programs and courses](#), which provide training for many, including alumni, local residents, and displaced persons.

[EGESEM-Lifelong Learning Free Asynchronous Certificate Trainings](#)

[EGESEM -Lifelong Learning Free Synchronous Certificate Trainings](#)

[EGESEM Annual Activity Report- 2024](#)



Social Responsibility Projects of EGE



Ege University demonstrates a strong institutional commitment to educating the wider community through a diverse portfolio of accessible, inclusive, and sustainability-oriented outreach programmes. These initiatives extend lifelong learning, skills development, and social inclusion opportunities to alumni, local residents, older adults, migrants, and other vulnerable groups, ensuring that education and public engagement reach far beyond the traditional student population.

As an institution that is sensitive to the expectations and needs of the society in which it lives, Ege University strives to strengthen its social and civil responsibilities by ensuring that Ege University employees and students work together to solve social problems.

Expanding social responsibility efforts to include our university's students, who will be the professionals of the future. Ensuring that students who are open to education and learning learn through experience while struggling with social problems; It is aimed to ensure that social benefit is achieved through the individual efforts of our university's academic and administrative staff.

The studies are carried out by the [Social Responsibility Projects Office](#). Ege University carried out **1567** social responsibility projects in line with the Sustainable Development Goals in 2023-24 academic year ([Ege University Annual Activity Report-2024, page 91](#))

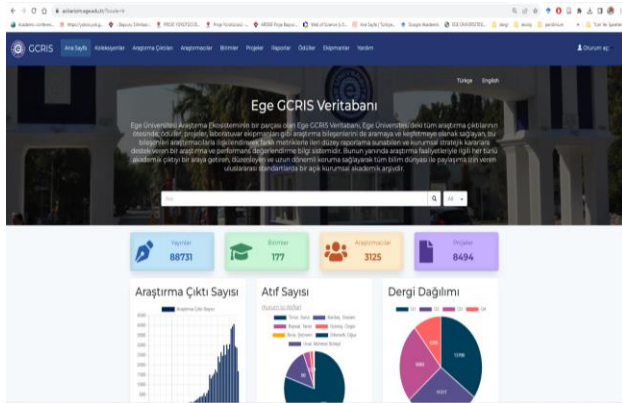
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Please review the link below for **Social Responsibility project details for each SDG**.

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Ege University's Open Science and Open Access policy

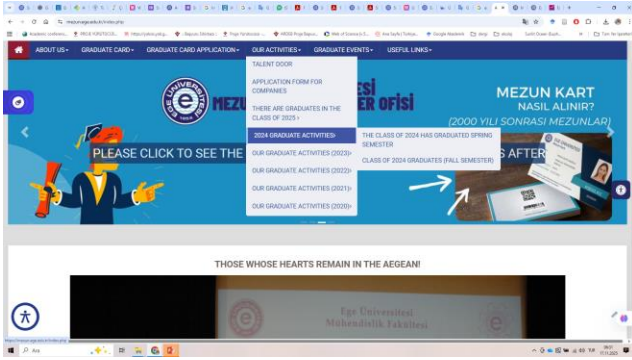


Ege University's Open Science and Open Access policy "Open Academic Archive System-DSpace@Ege"

Adopting an open access policy, Ege University developed the "[Open Academic Archive System-DSpace@Ege](#)" at international standards and established the "[Ege University Open Science and Open Access Commission](#)" in 2019 to ensure integration with the "[European Open Access Infrastructure \(openAIRE\)](#)". Our university has made its entire academic archive available to the public with the database it created. Please see the links for details.

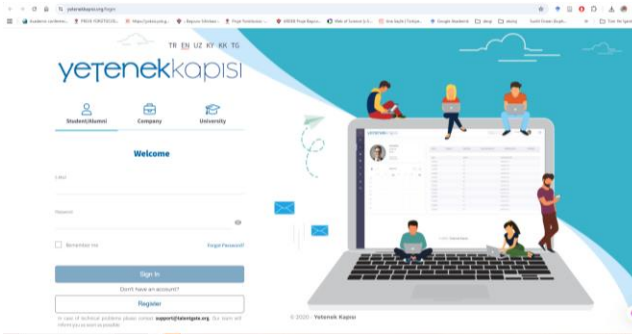


Lifelong Learning Scope Ege University Alumni Relations Office



THERE IS A GRADUATE IN THE CLASS OF 2024!

https://mezunform.ege.edu.tr/?page_id=10451



One of Türkiye's distinguished universities has adopted the principle of strengthening its relationship with its alumni and ensuring continuity of communication.

Ege University Alumni Relations Office collaborates with the online career platform Talent Gate, which enables higher education students/graduates, public institutions/organizations, private sector employers, and university career centers to maintain continuous communication regardless of time or place. The Office aims to develop and sustain our collaboration with alums, helping them transfer their academic knowledge into the business world, adapt, and support their transition through a range of training programs and seminars. It also supports the personal development of our alumni and prospective alumni, fostering individuals who can create value for society..

As the Alumni Relations Office, we have developed the Alumni Card application to ensure our alumni continue to benefit from our University's opportunities for their academic, personal, social, and professional development, and to foster their social and cultural ties with the University. This strengthens our relationships with our alumni, ensures ongoing communication, and allows us to monitor their progress after graduation.