

Yasar Univeristy (Turkey)

Established in 2001, Yasar University has quickly become an ideal environment for research, personal development and learning by its 9 faculties (Law, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Engineering, Communication, Art and Design, Science and Letters, Architecture, Business and Humanities), 2 graduate schools, vocational school, EU Research Centre, Open and Distance Learning Centre, Knowledge & Technology Transfer Office and Continuing Education Centre. Yasar University serves 7574 students in total including 930 associate degree students, 6110 undergraduate and 534 graduate and postgraduate students. The University has 662 staff involving 450 academic and 212 administrative staff. Over 62 degree programs are offered in its departments and institutions with English as the medium of instruction for most of the programmes.

Since 2005, Yasar University has participated in over 110 EU funded projects, established international partnerships and developed strong links with business sector and other universities. Currently, Yasar University is involved in 21 EU funded projects in Erasmus+ and HORIZON 2020 Programmes as coordinator and partner institution. One of these projects is Opening More Employment Gates for Art and Music Students (OMEGA), coordinated by Yasar University and completed successfully in 2016, under the Erasmus+ Programme Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices. The context for this project was lied in the discrepancy between the skill sets required by the greater music/arts industry and the traditional education available at music/arts departments of European Conservatories and Music/Arts departments of European Universities.

Yasar University's Music Department, part of the Art and Design Faculty, opened in the 2008–2009 academic year. It is the first private music school in the system of Foundation Universities in the city of Izmir. Internationally recognized performers and teachers assure the highest of academic standards. The school boasts the latest in technology and supports a fine University Chamber Orchestra.