UGA Connections in Turkey
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UGA Students in Turkey:
Turkey has hosted well over 100 UGA students over the past decade. Interest is mainly drawn from the College of Environment and Design through its program centered around “Cultural Landscape and Urban Form,” as well as the School of Public and International Affairs, whose Center for the Study of Global Issues (Globis) operates an Italian study abroad program which often includes a stay in Turkey. These and other programs resulted in Turkey’s hosting of a total of 37 UGA students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Istanbul Technical University:
UGA’s Department of Geological Sciences has collaborated since at least 2007 with Istanbul Technical University (ITU), performing research in the fields of mineralogy, petrology, hydrogeology and geochemistry. Funding has largely come from Turkish entities including TUBITAK (the Turkish equivalent of the NSF) and YOK (the Turkish federal education department). Additionally, the College of Environment and Design is developing a joint Master’s of Landscape Architecture with ITU.

Duzce University:
Faculty in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources have been engaging in collaborative research with Duzce University, focusing on Turkish and Mediterranean forestry and culture and applied forest planning and management in Turkey. Duzce University plays an important role in the modernization of Turkish forestry by educating forest managers and innovating Turkish forestry policy.

Istanbul University:
Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources faculty have also been working to develop a UGA study abroad program hosted by Istanbul University, exploring Mediterranean forestry and culture. Additionally, faculty members plan to conduct joint research involving the development and use of heuristic planning methods to address long-term, complex forest planning issues.

Ordu University:
Faculty from UGA’s Department of Crop and Soil Sciences have been partnering with Ordu University to research composting of agricultural wastes and related carbon and nitrogen transformations. UGA has hosted Turkish scientists involved in these efforts.

Turkish Students and Scholars in Athens:
For the 2014-2015 academic year, UGA has hosted 16 Turkish scholars and 58 Turkish students. All Turkish students hosted by UGA are pursuing graduate degrees, mainly in the fields of Psychology and Education.