



Implementation of Landscape Design Projects at The University of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Campuses

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Abstract

The desire to live in comfortable, relaxed and aesthetic environments is among the essential needs of people. The environment we live in becomes less natural each day, as a result of increased urbanization, and life in urban areas keep going under dense technical pressure. Outdoor spaces in university campuses are as important as educational structures and other enclosed spaces and, in addition to accommodating various outdoor spaces, university campuses serve the urban community along with students, academic and administrative staff as public spaces at the larger scale. For this reason, in order to meet the academic, social, artistic, cultural and sportive needs of users, campus sites should be tackled under the framework of physical planning and design principles.

The University of Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart has a total of 15 campuses located both in the city and in the several town centers. In these sites there are landscape design and implementation projects being carried out to improve outdoor spaces. In this study, examples of landscape design and implementation projects carried out for the improvement of outdoor spaces in the main Terzioğlu Campus and in Ezine Vocational School are provided.

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INTRODUCTION

Established in 1992, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (COMU) is one of the leading universities in Turkey with its nearly 49.000 students and qualified academic and administrative staff. In the diversity of its students, its global outlook, and its outstanding research, the COMU is also a university of compelling change. Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University's remarkable global appeal continues to grow with 14 faculties, 4 institutes, 8 colleges, 13 vocational high schools, 32 research and application centers and a Research Hospital [1].

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University is an international university with the values of academic freedom, dynamism, transparency, flexibility and innovation. Our main objective is to increase our impact from a local to a global level. In order to achieve this, the COMU is increasing its academic and social activities by hosting national and international congresses, trying to meet international academic standards and developing high quality international strategic partnerships [1]. One of the major strengths of the COMU is the academic staff, committed to excellence in teaching and research in a dynamic and creative academic environment. In this respect, COMU is trying to prevail academic freedom for its academicians' strategic academic development. COMU offers a very wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Teaching is carried out through academic departments and interdisciplinary institutes, and in partnership with internationally renowned higher education institutions.

Each year, following National University Entrance Examination students with higher scores are attending to the COMU. With its beautiful view over the Dardanelles Strait, the COMU has one of the most beautiful modern and safe campuses in Turkey. Throughout the academic year, students can enjoy art exhibitions, concerts, cinema

and theatre and sports events as well as a variety of social and academic activities. The University also grants financial assistance to those in need. With its academic and student oriented strategic view, the COMU aims to be one of the most competitive universities in Turkey [1].

With its beautiful panoramic views over the Dardanelles, its clean air, beautiful natural environment and rich history and cultural heritage, COMU is situated on one of the most beautiful campuses in Turkey. Campus life is one of the university's greatest assets and a welcoming home-from-home for students who are living away from their home for the first time.

On the campus, in addition to finding all the facilities necessary for a comfortable daily life and successful academic study, students can enjoy cultural events, art exhibitions, concerts and sports events as well as a variety of social and academic activities organised by student clubs and societies in a friendly environment. COMU student clubs enrich and add dynamism to university life. These clubs contribute to the development and learning of students as individuals, as they learn to work cooperatively, as well as enhancing their enterprise and self-confidence. Students can choose from a wide spectrum of activities depending on their abilities and interests. The clubs are organized by the students themselves and coordinated by the Health, Culture and Sports Office [1].

THE CAMPUSES at ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART UNIVERSITY

Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University has fifteen campuses. Seven of the fifteen are in city center. The main Campus is Terzioğlu Campus (Figure 1). There are most faculty, high school and units in this campus. The campus is far a hundred meters from Dardanelles. It is surrounded

by forests. It has privileged natural beauty. Anafartalar campus is in city center. It contains Education Faculty, State Conservatory and Educational Sciences Institute. The campus is contact with city dynamics. The other important campus is Dardanos Campus. There are agricultural, marine science technology and touristical application areas in this

campus. In addition, It contains the social facilities of the University. Also, Dardanos Antique City is in this campus too. The campus is surrounded by Dardanelles. The fourth campus in the city center is Sarcaeli campus which contains technopark and agricultural facilities.

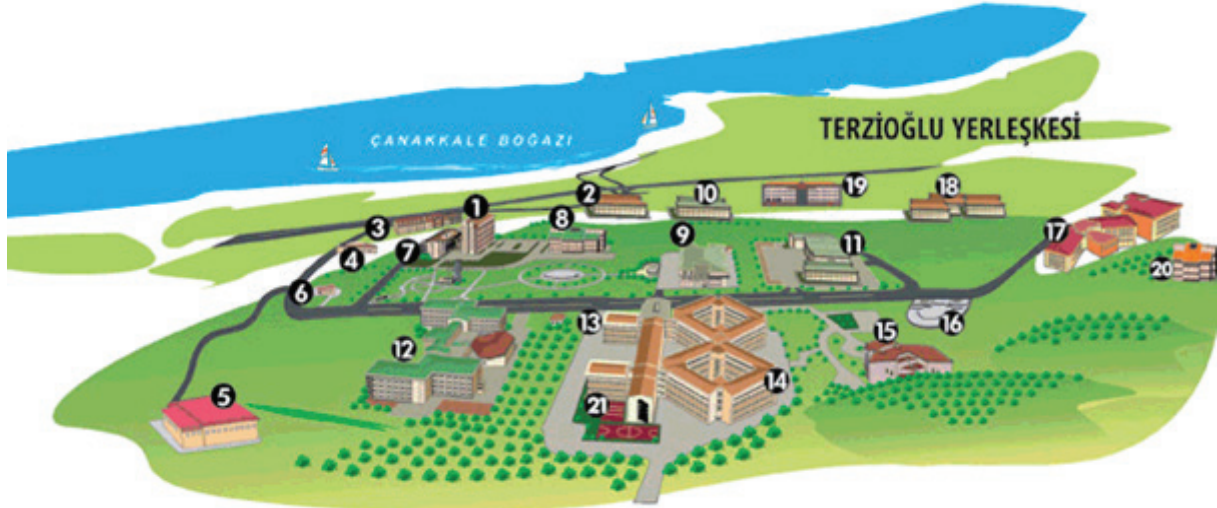


Figure 1. Terzioğlu Campus [1].

The fifth campus in the city center is Şekerpinar which contains Theology Faculty, İÇDAŞ Congress Center and Mosque. Some units of the University Hospital are in Kepez Town and some units of the University are in Nedime Hanım Campus. The other campus is Astrophysics Reserach Center and Ulupınar Observatory. It has one of the most important telescope in the World Literature.

Apart from these, there are campuses in Biga, Ayvacık, Bayramiç, Çan, Ezine, Yenice, Lapseki, Gelibolu, Gökçeada District.

IMPLEMENTATION of LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROJECTS at the UNIVERSITY of ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART CAMPUSES

A lot of landscape design projects have arranged to recreational and cultural needs for academic staff, administrative staff and students in campuses. Some of the them are landscape design projects of outdoor sport and exhibition area of Fine Arts Faculty, Clock Tower, The Observation Area of Çanakkale Müstahkem Mevkii Karargahı and Ezine Vocational High School.

Outdoor Sport and Exhibition Area of Fine Arts Faculty

In Figure 2, it has given recreational land uses. It contains sport areas, vistas, exhibition areas, amphitheatre, pergolas, green areas. Some applications in this area have been continuing (Figure 3).



Figure 2. Landscape design project of outdoor sport and exhibition area of Fine Arts Faculty



Figure 8. A view of The Observation Area of Çanakkale Müstahkem Mevkii Karargahı

Ezine Vocational High School

In Figure 9, it has given recreational land uses. It contains entrance gate, sport areas, vistas, amphitheatre, pergolas, green areas, 15 Temmuz Şehitleri Park, Ezineli Yahya Çavuş Monument and Atatürk's Bust. Some applications in this area have been continuing (Figure 10,11,12,13,14).

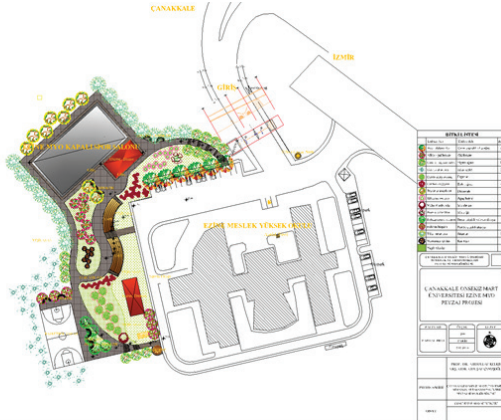


Figure 9. Landscape design project of Ezine Vocational High School



Figure 10. Entrance Gate



Figure 11. 15 Temmuz Şehitleri Park



Figure 12. Ezineli Yahya Çavuş Monument



Figure 13. Atatürk's Bust



Figure 14. Sport center

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