



Atmospheric Sciences education in Turkey, and the role of recently established meteorology office at Istanbul Technical University.

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The onliest school on atmospheric sciences in Turkey is the Department of Meteorological Engineering, which was found at Istanbul Technical University (ITU) in 1953. Education is given by 14 academic personnel assisted by 10 research assistants at undergraduate and graduate level, offering B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees. Both undergraduate and graduate programs fit to American Meteorological Society's criteria. Moreover, the application of the department for ABET accreditation is under progress. In addition to the meteorological station and laboratories, a meteorology office has recently been established in departmental building in collaboration with Turkish State Meteorological Service, in order to improve the practical and operational skills of the students. The role of the meteorology office within the atmospheric sciences education in Turkey is evaluated.