The Department of Basic English provides basic academic English education for METU students through the use of the opportunities made available by advanced technology and by using self-prepared books and materials in order to cater for the students’ needs to the full, and thus it brings the students’ English proficiency level to a degree that will enable them to follow and fulfill the requirements of the first-year courses. The department also prepares the students for the social and academic environment at the university, and contributes to their development as individuals who prioritize ethics and science, who are aware of their responsibility as autonomous learners, who are equipped with critical thinking skills, and who are open to change.

The Department of Basic English trains its new instructors in accordance with the teaching principles of the institution, and emphasizes the importance of professional development by providing opportunities for this purpose. To this end, with the aim of contributing to the professional development of instructors and teachers of English in other institutions, it organizes teacher education programs and conferences, and makes the textbooks it has prepared available for public use.