

8. Information on the National Higher Education System

The Basic Structure of the Turkish National Education System consists of four main stages as pre-school education, primary education, secondary education and higher education.

Pre-school education consists of non-compulsory programmes whereas primary education is a compulsory 8 year programme for all children beginning from the age of 6. The secondary education system includes "General High Schools" and "Vocational and Technical High Schools".

Higher Education is defined as all post-secondary programmes with a duration of at least two years. The system consists of universities (state and non-profit foundation) and other types of higher education institutions (police and military academies and foundation vocational schools). Each university consists of faculties and schools offering First Cycle (Bachelor's level) programmes (240 ECTS), two year vocational higher schools offering Short Cycle (Associate's level) programmes (120 ECTS) of a strictly vocational nature and also graduate schools administering graduate programmes.

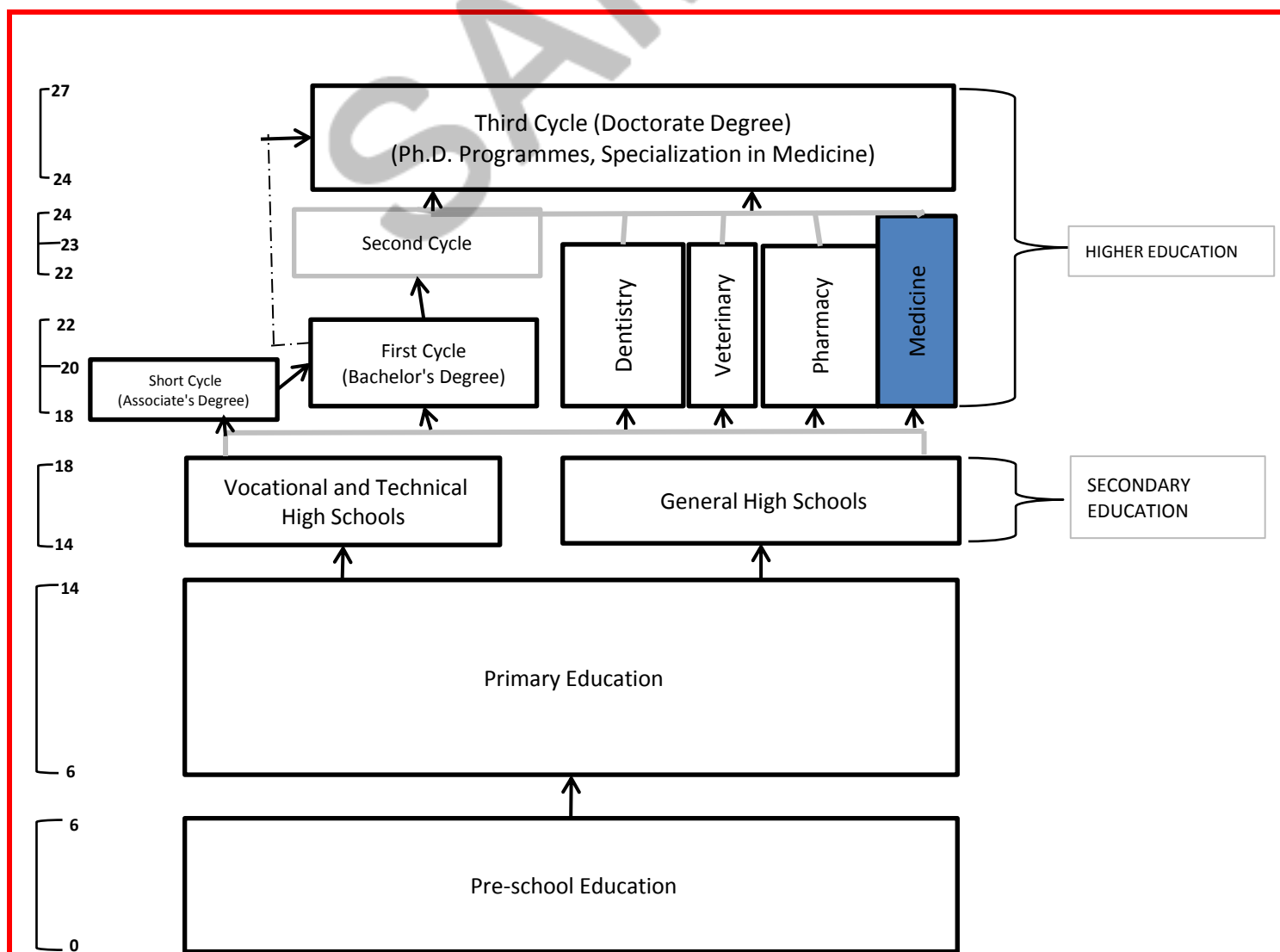
The Higher Education Law No. 2547 is the main law, which governs the higher education in Turkey. All universities (both state and non-profit foundation) are subject to the same law and regulations/rules. All state and non-profit foundation universities are founded by Law. The Higher Education System is regulated by the Council of Higher Education (Yüksek Öğretim Kurulu-YÖK) established in 1981, the Council regulates the activities of higher education institutions with respect to research, governing, planning and organization.

Admission to higher education is based on a nation-wide Student Selection and Placement Examinations (YGS and LYS). The examinations are held once a year and are administered by the Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM), which is affiliated to the Council of Higher Education. Candidates gain access to institutions of higher education based on their composite scores consisting of the scores on the selection examinations and their high school grade point averages.

Graduate level of study consists of the Second Cycle (Master's Degree) and the Third Cycle (PhD/Doctorate Degree) programmes. There are two types of Master's programmes: with or without a thesis. The Master's programmes with a thesis have 120 ECTS and consist of a minimum of seven courses, with a minimum of 21 national credits, one seminar course, and a thesis. The seminar course and thesis are non-credit and graded on a pass/fail basis. The duration of the Master's programmes with a thesis is four semesters. Non-thesis Master's programmes have 90 ECTS and consist of a minimum of 10 courses with a minimum of 30 national credits and a non-credit semester project. The semester project is graded on a pass/fail basis. Duration of the non-thesis Master's programmes is three semesters. PhD programmes have 240 ECTS and duration of eight semesters which consists of completion of a minimum of seven courses, with a minimum of 21 national credits, passing a qualifying examination, preparing and defending a doctoral dissertation. Specialization in Medicine accepted as equivalent to third cycle programmes are carried out within the faculties of medicine, university hospitals and the training hospitals owned by the Ministry of Health.

Since 2003, a change in the 1996 Regulations on Graduate Education allows Bachelor's degree holders to PhD programmes if their performance at the Bachelor's degree level is exceptionally high and their application is approved. For these students, the theoretical part of the PhD programmes consists of a minimum of 14 courses, with a minimum of 42 national credits.

*The national credit system is based on contact hours (i.e. theoretical or practical hours per week). 1.0 credit stands for each hour of lecture a week and 0.5 credit stands for each hour of laboratory or practical a week.



NB ----- Since 2003, the Bachelor's degree holders whose performance at Bachelor's level is exceptionally high can enlist directly to the Doctoral level programmes.



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This Diploma Supplement follows the model developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES. The purpose of the supplement is to provide sufficient independent data to improve the international "transparency" and fair academic and Professional recognition of qualification diplomas, degrees, certificates, etc.. It is designed to provide a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies that were pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. It should be free from any value judgements, equivalence statements or suggestions about recognition information in all eight sections should be provided. Where information is not provided, an explanation should give the reason why.

1. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

- 1.1. Family name(s) :
- 1.2. Given name(s) :
- 1.3. Place and date of birth :
- 1.4. Student identification number :

2. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

- 2.1. Name of the qualification (in original language):
Tip Lisans Programı
- 2.2. Main field(s) of study for the qualification:
Medical Doctor (MD)
- 2.3. Name and status of awarding institution (in original language):
Bezmialem Vakıf Üniversitesi, Vakıf Üniversitesi
- 2.4. Name and status of institution administering studies (in original language):
Same as 2.3
- 2.5. Language(s) of instruction/examination: **%70 Turkish and %30 English**

3. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF THE QUALIFICATION

- 3.1. Level of qualification:
Bachelor of Science in Medicine
- 3.2. Official length of programme:
6 year; 2 semesters per year, 15 weeks per semester (360 ECTS credits).
- 3.3. Access requirement(s):
High School or Associate Degree Diploma
Placement through centralized nationwide Student Selection Examinations
Certificate of English proficiency

4. INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED

- 4.1. Mode of study:
Full Time
 - 4.2. Programme requirements:
Students must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum.GPA) of not less than 2.00/4.00 and have completed all the courses with at least a letter grade of C/S in the program in order to graduate.
- Objectives:
The faculty's objective is to graduate medical doctors' who will have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to overcome the health problems as primary care physicians. Moreover they will be equipped to manage these health problems in accordance with ethical requirements. The graduates will be interested in medical research and will have up to date knowledge about the treatment strategies. Moreover; the curriculum of the medical education will provide a general professional education and prepare the medical students for entry into graduate medical education.

4.3. Programme details and the individual grades/marks Obtained:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Category	Credit	Grade	ECTS Credit
TDL 1101	Turkish Language I	Required			2
ATA 1101	Ataturk's Principles and History of Turkish Revolution I	Required			2
INGTF 1101	Medical English I	Required			4
TDL 1201	Turkish Language II	Required			2
ATA 1201	Ataturk's Principles and History of Turkish Revolution II	Required			2
INGTF 1201	Medical English II	Required			4
TF 1001	Cell and Tissue Systems I	Required			9
TF 1002	Cell and Tissue Systems II	Required			9
TF 1003	Cell and Tissue Systems III	Required			9
TF 1004	Cell and Tissue Systems IV	Required			9
INGTF 2101	Medical English III	Required			4
INGTF 2201	Medical English IV	Required			4
TF 2001	Circulatory blood and respiratory systems	Required			13
TF 2002	Gastrointestinal system and metabolism	Required			10
TF 2003	Nervous system	Required			11
TF 2004	Endocrine and Urogenital systems	Required			10
TF 3001	Biological Basis of Diseases- I	Required			7
TF 3002	Biological Basis of Diseases- II	Required			6
TF 3003	Cardiovascular and Respiratory System Disease	Required			7
TF 3004	Gastrointestinal System and Hematologic Diseases	Required			10
TF 3005	Endocrine and Genitourinary System Diseases	Required			11
TF 3006	The Neuromusculoskeletal System Diseases	Required			10
TF 3007	Public Health and Forensic Medicine	Required			7
TF 3008	Medical Skill Training	Required			2
TF 3001	Biological Basis of Diseases- I	Required			7
TF 3002	Biological Basis of Diseases- II	Required			6
TF 3003	Cardiovascular and Respiratory System Disease	Required			7
TF 3004	Gastrointestinal System and Hematologic Diseases	Required			10
TF 3005	Endocrine and Genitourinary System Diseases	Required			11
TF 3006	The Neuromusculoskeletal System Diseases	Required			10
TF 3007	Public Health and Forensic Medicine	Required			7
TF 3008	Medical Skill Training	Required			2
TF 5001	Anesthesiology and Reanimation	Required			3
TF 5002	Neurosurgery	Required			3
TF 5003	Pediatric Surgery	Required			1
TF 5004	Dermatology	Required			3
TF 5005	Infectious Diseases	Required			3
TF 5006	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Required			3
TF 5007	Eye Diseases	Required			3
TF 5008	Chest Diseases	Required			5
TF 5009	Cardiology	Required			5
TF 5011	Cardiovascular Surgery + Thoracic Surgery	Required			4
TF 5012	Otorhinolaryngologic diseases	Required			3
TF 5013	Neurology	Required			5
TF 5014	Nuclear Medicine	Required			1
TF 5015	Orthopedics and Traumatology /Sports Medicine	Required			5
TF 5016	Plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery	Required			3
TF 5016	Radiology	Required			3
TF 5017	Radiation oncology	Required			1
TF 5018	Pschiatry	Required			3
TF 5019	Urology	Required			3
TF 6001	Internal Medicine	Required			12
TF 6002	Pediatrics	Required			9
TF 6003	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Required			9
TF 6004	General Surgery	Required			9
TF 6005	Public Health	Required			9
TF 6006	Psychiatry	Required			6
TF 1301	American Culture Through Literature and Media	Elective			2
TF 1302	Exceptional Circumstances and Disaster Medicine	Elective			2
TF 1303	Medical Arts and Culture	Elective			2
TF 1304	Communication Skills	Elective			2
TF 1305	Medicine and Philosophy	Elective			2
TF 1306	Computer	Elective			2

Total credits :
Total ECTS credits : 360

4.4. Grading Scheme and Grades

For each course taken, the student is given one of the following grades by the course teacher. Letter grades, grade points are given below:

Letter Grades	AA	BA	BB	CB	CC	F
Grade points	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00	0.00

Other Grades: LA: Leave of Absence, R: Repeat, S: Satisfactory, U: Unsatisfactory, T: Transfer.

Grade Point Averages: The student's academic standing is calculated in the form of a semester GPA and cumulative GPA out of a scale of 4.00. Grade point averages are calculated by the division of the sum achieved by the multiplication of the credit value of each course taken in that / in all semester(s) with the coefficient of the grade received from the course by the sum of the credit value of all courses taken in that / in all semester(s).

4.5. Overall Classification of the qualification:

Cum. GPA : out of 4.00

5. INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION

5.1. Access to further study:

This Diploma enables the holder to take the centralized nationwide residency program selection examinations.

5.2. Professional status conferred:

This degree enables the holder to exercise the profession.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1. Additional Information

Medical school website is <http://medicine.bezmialem.edu.tr>

6.2. Further information sources

University web site: www.bezmialem.edu.tr

Online University catalogue: <http://katalog.bezmialem.edu.tr>

Office of International Affairs: <http://international.bezmialem.edu.tr>

The Council of Higher Education web site: www.yok.gov.tr

The Turkish ENIC-NARIC web site: www.eric-naric.net/members.asp?country=Turkey

7. CERTIFICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

7.1. Date :

7.2. Signature :

7.3. Capacity: Director of Student Affairs :

7.4. Official stamp or seal :