

# Regulation on Higher Education Institutions' Joint Education Programs with Foreign Higher Education Institutions

From the Presidency of the Higher Education Council:

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INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

REGULATION

FIRST PART

Purpose, Scope, Basis and Definitions

Goal

ARTICLE 1 - (1) This Regulation aims of higher education institutions in Turkey, Higher education in higher education institutions abroad with a powerful party recognized by the Board by bringing together and co-operation in education and to provide students with the best education and training opportunities within the framework of the academic standards they possess and to establish a program for granting joint diplomas or to organize the procedures and principles for the students enrolled in higher education institutions to receive joint diplomas by studying at higher education institutions abroad.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 - (1) This Regulation shall apply to the joint education and training programs at the pre-license, undergraduate or graduate level for the granting of joint diplomas by higher education institutions in Turkey or abroad, curriculum, examinations, attendance to courses, permission, maximum duration of study, graduation requirements, tuition fees and other related fees for students enrolled in the programs of higher education institutions abroad to receive joint diplomas.

It covers provisions related to private sector.

Base

ARTICLE 3 - (1) This Regulation has been prepared on the basis of the first paragraph (d) of Article 43 of the Higher Education Law dated 4/11/1981 and numbered 2547 of the Higher Education Law, as well as articles 50 and 65.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 - (1) In the scope of this Regulation;

a) Credits: determined by the Higher Education Council according to the qualifications of higher education for the level and area of diploma in which the related program is included; the hours of theoretical or practical lesson clearly defined by the learning achievements expressing the contribution of the lesson to the knowledge, skills and competences the student will gain and the other working hours for the other activities foreseen for the students,

b) Joint diploma: A joint, interconnected, dual or independent diploma, organized by the two or more higher education institutions in the name of the student at the end of the course,

c) Joint program: A joint program is a program that is recognized by the Higher Education Council of a higher education institution, opened jointly with one or more higher education institutions abroad,

teaching program,

d) Student: In collaboration with higher education institutions abroad for higher education institutions in Turkey

the person who registers with the programs being conducted,

d) Foreign students: Higher education institutions in all grades and studying in the branch of the non-citizen of the Republic of Turkey,

e) Higher education institutions: Higher education institutions subject to the Law numbered 2547 within the country and the higher education institutions abroad to carry out the joint program within the scope of this Regulation,

f) Recognition of the higher education institution and its program: It means that the institution and program of the diploma giving higher education institution and the authorized authorities of the country in which it operates, or the quality assurance and accreditation bodies authorized by these authorities and the institution and program authorized by the Higher Education Council to award academic degrees.

## SECOND PART

### Joint Programs

#### Opening the partner program

ARTICLE 5 - (1) The protocol establishing the mutual rights and obligations between the higher education institutions that will carry out the joint program shall be prepared and submitted to the appropriate opinion of the Higher Education Council before it is signed.

The available protocol is sent to the Council of Higher Education for approval after signing by the parties.

(2) The joint program shall be initiated if the application made for student acquisition after approval of the protocol by the Higher Education Board is deemed appropriate by the Higher Education Council.

(3) Amendments to be made in the protocol are subject to the procedure mentioned above.

#### Admission of students to joint programs

ARTICLE 6 - (1) Admission of students to the joint programs shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions that the relevant higher education institutions seek for students.

(2) For Turkish associate and undergraduate programs, to enter the exams of the Student Selection and Placement System for the Turkish students, to be successful in the type of points related to the joint program by placing them among their preferences.

In addition, the student must also meet the conditions for admission to an overseas higher education institution.

(3) Conditions to be accepted for the acceptance of the joint program by foreign students shall be specified in the protocol signed for the joint program.

(4) Common undergraduate and graduate programs in international test scores applied to foreign students admission in higher education institutions in Turkey, foreign students and high school graduation rate criteria like joint program

It is also applied to acceptance. The minimum level of these criteria shall be approved by the Higher Education Council.

#### Tuition fee

ARTICLE 7 - (1) Training in joint programs is jointly agreed. The annual increase rates of this fee and the services covered by it are announced by the parties through guides, brochures and the internet. Domestic tuition fees to be obtained from students at state universities shall be determined by the protocol not less than eight and not less than the second tuition fees determined by the Council of Ministers every year for equivalence or similar secondary education programs. Foundation universities, students determine the domestic education fees to be taken by their own procedures. Tuition fees of the foreign institution cooperating are determined by the related institution. The fees specified are paid by the student to the relevant higher education institution, the relevant account of the institution. The estimated amount of expenditures of the pupil outside of the tuition fee to be paid by the institution abroad is also announced in advance.

#### Payment of tuition fee

ARTICLE 8 - (1) Tuition fee is paid in two equal installments. The first installment is paid during registration or renewal at the beginning of the academic year and the second installment is paid at the beginning of the second period during the renewal.

#### Use of tuition fees of joint programs

ARTICLE 9 - (1) In the state universities, the tuition fees for domestic education received from students who are enrolled in these programs are recorded as income on the special budget until the end of the following month. This amount is recorded in the university administration

At least 30% of the amount to be determined at the time of establishment is used for the purchase of goods and services of the university with all the necessities of the execution of the program. Additional tuition fee to be paid to the instructors who actually teach in these programs,

Taking into consideration the provisions of Article 11 of the Higher Education Personnel Act dated 11/10/1983, except for the first sentence of the Law on Higher Education Personnel Law, in the fourth paragraph of the said article, the tuition fee is determined by the university's board of directors, taking into consideration the performances of the titles and instructors in the program, not exceeding five times the examination fee stipulated in the same article.

(2) At the foundation universities, the tuition fees from the students enrolled in these programs are recorded in the university budget.

#### Grants

ARTICLE 10 - (1) Each year the Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree Programs, the Measurement, Selection and Placement Center (OSYM)

The quotas determined by the ÖSYM Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guidelines, which are issued by the General Assembly of Higher Education and which are notified to the students by the 30%

Based on the success of the student selection examinations, students can be granted partial scholarship or free scholarship for their tuition fees. Scholarships given to students placed in scholarship quota, student

This includes the normal duration of the undergraduate and graduate program and the preparatory class, provided that the status continues.

(2) A scholarship program may be applied to students who are more successful than peer students in the program they are attending, in the form of a partial or full exemption from tuition fees, except for the students mentioned in the first sentence, not exceeding 30% of the total number.

#### Training periods

ARTICLE 11 - (1) pre-degree, undergraduate and graduate level programs in the period and total loans of partners, Turkey Higher Education Qualifications Framework and the time set for each level can not be less than the total loan.

(2) At least half of the undergraduate and graduate programs to be carried out under the joint program shall be completed in the relevant higher education institution in the country. It is stated in the protocol that the courses and applications will be completed at the higher education institution.

(3) Within the scope of the joint program, the minimum and total duration of the student's stay at the relevant higher education institutions shall be stated in the protocol.

#### Teaching language

ARTICLE 12 - (1) In which language or languages the joint programs will be carried out shall be determined in the protocol.

(2) In order for pupils to start their education in a joint program, they need to certify that they are adequately informed of the language (s) or languages (s) in which the joint program is delivered. Examinations that will determine that the language to be taught is well known and the minimum grades to receive from the exams are stated in the protocol.

(3) Students with inadequate foreign language knowledge will receive foreign language preparation training until they provide the foreign language condition.

Foreign language preparation training is maximum two years.

(4) At the end of the maximum number of students, the undergraduate and graduate students who can not provide the foreign language condition may register an equivalent program in the language of instruction at the higher education institution in which they are enrolled, or they may register the higher education institution with the base point condition any programa may be placed by the Center for Measurement, Selection and Placement for a time.

#### Visa

ARTICLE 13 - (1) The students who are admitted to the joint programs are subject to the visa applications of the country where they will study.

#### Academic failure

ARTICLE 14 - (1) The joint program student who is suspended due to academic failure from the higher education institution in the country shall be dismissed from the joint program according to the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) According to the provisions of this Regulation, while studying at a higher education institution abroad, the academic relationship is broken due to academic failure;

a) Students in the associate degree and undergraduate joint program will be awarded a certificate in the Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree in the Higher Education Institutions published in the Official Gazette dated 24/4/2010 and numbered 27561.

According to the provisions of the Regulation on the Transition between Programs, Double Major, Minor and Institutional Credit Transfer Principles, Turkish program in its own higher education institution; In the absence of the Turkish program can transfer to another higher education institution in Turkey in an equivalent program.

b) If the student in the graduate and doctoral program has a Turkish language program in the same field in the higher education institution in the country, this program can make an undergraduate transfer. If the student has a higher education institution undergraduate transition to the graduate program is subject to the relevant provisions of the Graduate Education and Training Regulation published in the Official Gazette No. 29690 dated 20/4/2016.

(3) Undergraduate transfers within the meaning of the second subparagraph may only be made during the transitional period following the unsuccessful educational period.

(4) Any student who has been suspended from a higher education institution for any reason other than those set out in the preceding paragraphs shall be dismissed from other higher education institutions.

## Diploma

ARTICLE 15 - (1) In the common education and training programs carried out within the scope of this Regulation, the students who fulfill all the conditions related to the graduation of the higher education institutions in Turkey and abroad,

A joint diploma is awarded by indicating that the program is a joint program of institutions.

(2) The denominations to be placed in joint diplomas shall be specified in the protocols signed between the parties.

(3) Students may not be entitled to receive any of the common diplomas without fulfilling all the requirements for graduation from the parties to the joint program.

## Common diploma between existing programs

ARTICLE 16 - (1) Programs for the students enrolled in the associate degree, undergraduate and graduate programs of higher education institutions and for obtaining diplomas by training in their existing programs with the same gains of the higher education institutions abroad can be conducted. This protocol will be presented to the Higher Education Council before the signing of a protocol establishing mutual rights and obligations between the higher education institutions that will carry out this program together.

Once the appropriate protocol has been signed by the parties, it is sent to the Higher Education Board for approval. The protocol can be modified in the same way.

(2) In order to be admitted to such joint programs, students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and undergraduate programs must have at least one half of their regular education period in their undergraduate and graduate programs except for the preparatory class and at least one semester in the undergraduate programs at the higher education institution higher education institution must also meet the requirements of the higher education institution abroad.

(3) Students enrolled in the current programs (3) must provide the foreign language condition of the program with the other conditions included in the protocol in order to start teaching education in the foreign higher education institution abroad. Even if the conditions are met, foreign language proficiency can not be provided and training can not be taken under the joint program.

(4) Students who are enrolled in the associate, undergraduate and graduate programs of higher education institutions and who continue to the joint programs established in accordance with the first paragraph, shall be paid tuition / tuition to be paid in the higher education institution is subject to the 46th article of the Law no. 2547 with respect to the wage obligations. These students pay only tuition fees determined by foreign higher education institution to foreign higher education institutions for the period they are studying abroad, except for the fact that there is a provision in the protocol for the tuition fees for students abroad. However, in the joint programs pursuant to this article, the provisions of Article 7, 8 and 9 shall not apply.

(5) Information on scholarships that may be given to enrolled students in current programs at higher education institutions is included in the protocol and announced to the students along with other conditions before the program is accepted.

(6) Students who are enrolled in the current programs and who meet the requirements of the higher education institution abroad will be dismissed from the joint program if they fail in the higher education institution abroad.

Students continue their education in the current program they are enrolled in their higher education institutions, taking into account the maximum duration of the program.

(7) Students enrolled in such joint programs shall be awarded a single diploma, jointly signed by the respective higher education institutions, or jointly authorized by the authorities of the relevant institutions, as they fulfill all the graduation requirements of domestic and foreign higher education institutions.

### THIRD PART

Curriculum, Grading Systems, Maximum Times, Permissions, Undergraduate Transfer and Disciplinary Provisions

#### Curriculum

ARTICLE 17 - (1) Curriculum of the Joint Program; definitions of activities such as the curriculum, laboratory, practice, internship and dissertation, and the division of the credits and the curriculum between the institutions conducting the program are specified in the protocol between the two institutions.

(2) The courses and / or thesis in the master's and doctoral programs will be carried out under the joint responsibility of the relevant higher education institutions and at the higher education institution through the same consultants.

#### Note systems

ARTICLE 18 - (1) The grading systems and the conditions of success applied by the participants of the joint program in their programs are defined separately. How and by which of the parties the lessons and how the overall grade average in the program will be calculated is specified in the protocol. In order for a student to graduate from a joint program, both institutions must meet the minimum academic requirements,

Academic requirements.

#### Maximum times

ARTICLE 19 - (1) For the associate and undergraduate programs of the students, the period indicated in Article 44 of the Law no. 2547; Post graduate courses for graduate education programs.

#### Permits

ARTICLE 20 - (1) For compulsory reasons and with the condition of being documented, the student may be allowed one semester or one academic year with the consent of both sides. The time spent on the track is not counted in the course of maximum teaching. The total length of leave that can be used during the learning period can not exceed half of the normal teaching period.

#### Disciplinary provisions

ARTICLE 21 - (1) The students are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the higher education institution they are in for education.

#### Undergraduate transfer

ARTICLE 22 - (1) Horizontal transfer (Undergraduate transfer) to another joint associate or undergraduate program carried out by the same university or another university within the same undergraduate or undergraduate program in which the student is studying in accordance with the provisions of.

(2) Transferring from a joint associate or undergraduate program to another pre-license or undergraduate program in the country or from a pre-license or undergraduate program in the country to a joint pre-license or undergraduate program in accordance with the relevant Regulation

(3) Transfer from post-graduate programs to post-graduate programs at other higher education institutions

According to the provisions of the Education and Training Regulation.

#### SECTION FOUR

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Other provisions to be applied

ARTICLE 23 - (1) In cases where there is no provision in this Regulation, the provisions of its own legislation shall apply to the institutions which carry out the joint program.

Regulation removed from enforcement

ARTICLE 24 - (1) Regulation on the Establishment of Joint Education and Training Programs with Higher Education Institutions Including Coverage Abroad of Higher Education Institutions published in the Official Newspaper dated 28/12/2006 and numbered 26390 has been removed from the enforcement.

Force

ARTICLE 25 - (1) This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Executive

ARTICLE 26 - (1) The provisions of this Regulation shall be executed by the President of the Higher Education Council.