

PREPARATION PROGRAMMES DIRECTIVE

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SECTION ONE Purpose, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of the present Directive is to define the principles and procedures about the execution of English preparation programmes at Işık University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) The present Directive consists of provisions about determination of English proficiency levels of students placed at Işık University's programmes via university exam, lateral or vertical transfer by the School of Foreign Languages, as well as the execution and examinations of the preparation programme.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) The present Directive has been prepared on the basis of the Law of Higher Education No: 2547, and the Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Directive of Işık University.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – (1) Definitions of some of the terms used in the present directive are as follows:

- (a) Exit Examination: The examination consisting of the complete curriculum of the preparation programme,
- (b) Rector: The Rector of Işık University,
- (c) University: Işık University,
- (d) YADOK: Işık University's School of Foreign Languages.

SECTION TWO

Placement Examination, Proficiency Examination, Exemption Examination and Equivalency

Placement Examination

ARTICLE 5 – (1) All the students that have registered at the university as a result of central placement shall enter the placement examination on the dates announced with the academic calendar.

(2) All the students that have registered in a programme at the university via lateral or vertical transfer from an external institution of higher education shall enter the placement examination.

(3) In light of their score in placement examination, the compulsory English lessons that students registered in programmes that provide education in Turkish will be exempt from, shall be determined.

Proficiency Examination

ARTICLE 6 – (1) Students registered in programmes that provide education in English, who score 55 points or higher over 80 in placement examinations, shall enter the proficiency examination.

(2) Students who score 70 points or higher over 100 in the proficiency examination shall be exempt from the preparation programme and directly begin their academic programme.

(3) Students that have been entitled to enter the Exit Examination previously can enter the Proficiency Examination.

Exemption Examination

ARTICLE 7 – (1) Students registered in an English programme, who have succeeded in the proficiency examination can enter the exemption examination to be exempt from first level English lessons in their academic programmes by applying to their academic unit.

Equivalency

ARTICLE 8 – (1) The equivalencies of national or international examination results with success results in the English proficiency examination held at the University are as follows:

- (a) TOEFL IBT: 80
- (b) TOEFL CBT: 220
- (c) TOEFL PBT: 560
- (d) PTE Academic: 71
- (e) e-YDS/YDS/ÜDS/KPDS: 70

(2) TOEFL and PTE Academic examinations are valid for 2 years and e-YDS/YDS/ÜDS/KPDS examinations are valid for 5 years.

(3) Students who make lateral transfer between the University's two programmes that provide education in the same language shall not enter the placement, proficiency, or exemption examinations.

SECTION THREE Education

Levels

ARTICLE 9 – (1) The preparation programme shall be executed in three different educational routes, which are Track 1, Track 2 and Track 3.

(2) Students registered in the preparation programme shall be placed in the appropriate route according to their levels in light of their results in placement and proficiency examinations.

(3) The contents, courses, examinations, and success criteria of the routes shall be determined by the YADOK.

Class Attendance

ARTICLE 10 – (1) 85% attendance is compulsory for the preparation programme. Students who fail in sufficient attendance cannot enter the Exit Examinations held in the end of fall and spring semesters.

SECTION FOUR Exit Examinations

Exit examination dates

ARTICLE 11 – (1) Exit examinations shall be organized three times during a year, which shall be in the end of both semesters and in the summer period.

(2) In compulsory cases, additional Exit Examinations may be held by the Administrative Board's decision.

Right of entry in the Exit Examination

ARTICLE 12 – (1) Students of the Track 3 route who have duly attended the classes and achieved a semester grade of 70 over 100, and students who had gained the right to enter the Exit Examination previously can enter the Exit Examination held in the end of fall semester.

(2) Students who have met the attendance requirement and students who had gained the right to enter the Exit Examination previously can enter the Exit Examination held in the end of spring semester.

(3) All preparation programme students can enter the Exit Examination held in the end of the summer period.

Success in exit examination

ARTICLE 13 – (1) Students who scored 65 points or higher over 100 in the Exit Examination, and the average of the Exit Examination result and final grade point average is at least 70 points over 100 shall be deemed to have successfully completed the Preparation Programme and be entitled to begin their academic programme.

(2) Students who failed in the exit examinations shall enter the next Exit Examination or Proficiency Examination.

(3) The final grade point average shall not be considered in the Exit Examinations held in the end of the summer period. Students who receive a minimum of 70 points over 100 in this Exit Examination shall be deemed to have successfully completed the Preparation Programme and begin their academic programme.

SECTION FIVE Miscellaneous Terms

Preparation Summer School

ARTICLE 14 – (1) Students who fail in the Exit Examinations held in the end of spring semester can attend the Preparation summer school programme, if they apply to the YADOK.

Optional preparation

ARTICLE 15 – (1) Students placed in programmes that provide education in Turkish, and students who passed the Proficiency Examination can apply to their academic units and participate in the preparation programme.

(2) Students who register in the optional preparation programme shall be subject to the same rules with students that attend to compulsory preparation programme.

Objection to Examinations

ARTICLE 16 – (1) The objections to examinations held in the preparation programme and their evaluations shall be carried out in accordance with the Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Directive.

Effective Date

ARTICLE 17 – (1) The present Directive shall be effective as of its date of acceptance by the Senate.

Execution

ARTICLE 18 – (1) The present Directive shall be executed by the Rector.

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