#### ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY

# DIRECTIVES FOR THE APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

#### **Purpose**

**Article 1-** Purpose of this directive is to determine the procedures and rudiments which are related to the admission of foreign students from overseas in Istanbul Aydın University and to determine the minimum scores.

# Scope

**Article 2** – This directive includes the application and registration admission procedures of foreign students to Istanbul Aydın University.

#### Reference

**Article 3-** Board of Higher Education Law No. 2547, No. 2922 Law Related to Foreign Students Studying in Turkey, and the Regulation Relating to Foreign Students Studying in Turkey.

#### **General Conditions**

#### Article 4-

- **a**) On condition that the applicants are high school seniors or in graduate status, the following students are accepted in Istanbul Aydın University;
- 1) Those who have foreign nationalities,
- 2) Those who have certified documents in writing that they have the Document Related to the Use of Rights Recognized by Law No. 5203 of which under-age children get that they are Turkish citizens by birth, yet are registered in the Out of Turkish Citizenship Certificate by the Ministry of Internal Affairs,
- **3**) Those who have TR (Turkish Republic) or TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) citizenship, but who have completed their whole high school education in a foreign country except for TRNC.
- **b)** The following applicants are not accepted in Istanbul Aydın University;
- 1) Those who have either TR or TRNC citizenship, those who have dual nationality both TR and also TRNC (apart from those who have completed their whole high school education in a foreign country except for TRNC),

- 2) Those who cease to be a citizen of TR or TRNC while they have dual citizenship and have completed their whole high school education in Turkey or in TRNC,
- 3) Those who have TR citizenship and have completed their high school education in TRNC,
- **4)** Those who have the disciplinary punishment of expulsion from school from a board of higher education in Turkey.

# **Examinations and Minimum Scores Required for Application**

- Article 5- In the applications which are done according to the results of Examination for Foreign Students (YÖS) in 2009 or 2010, Turkish Test score is not taken into consideration in student placement. On condition that the score shall not be less than 40 standard points in Basic Learning Skills Analysis Test, those who get points of equal value or higher points than the ones determined by the faculties and graduate schools can definitely apply to Istanbul Aydın University. Furthermore, foreign student candidates who get the minimum scores from the following International Examinations which are taken as equal to YÖS can apply to Istanbul Aydın University;
- **a.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 500 math points out of 1000 in SAT I examination,
- b. Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 21 points in ACT examination,
- **c.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum degree of A level in GCE examination at least in two subjects and at least one of which shall be related to the area applied for,
- **d.** Foreign student candidates who have International Bachelor's Degree and have a diploma grade of minimum 28 points,
- **e.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 4 points in ABITUR examination, foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 70 points arithmetic average of all the subjects in Scientific Stream branch according to the results of Tawjihi examinations which are held in Jordan and Palestine.
- **f.** Foreign student candidates who have a diploma grade of minimum 13 points in the Scientific Stream branch according to the results of the Bachelor's Degree examinations held in Lebanon,
- **g.** Foreign student candidates who have gold, silver, or bronze star medals in the International Science Olympics which TÜBİTAK (Turkish Scientific and Technical Researches Institution) accepts, recognizes and attends itself,

- **h.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 450 points from the field type score of the department applied in the university entrance exam (Gaokao) which is held in the People's Republic of China,
- **i.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 190 points out of 210 for the departments which accepts students according to their Math and Equiponderant scores and have a minimum of 170 points for the other departments in the Al-Shahada-Al-Thanawiyya (Baccalaureate) examination which is held in Syria,
- **j.** Foreign student candidates whose minimum high school diploma grade is 12 in the French Bachelor's Degree,
- **k.** Foreign student candidates from Iran whose minimum Diploma Debirestan grade is 12 out of 20 and who also have a minimum of 12 points out of 20 in Pisdanesgahi final examination,
- **l.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 12 points in Senegal Bachelor's Degree,
- **m.** Foreign student candidates who have Matura Certificate which has been accepted by the Austrian Government, candidates who have Abitur Certificate,
- **n.** Foreign student candidates who have a minimum of 80 points out of 100 in Kazakhstan National University Test,
- **o.** Foreign students who apply to the departments which accept students with Special Aptitude Test must have taken YÖS examination or must have any of the test scores which are internationally valid. Furthermore, those same students shall certainly take the Special Aptitude Test which is held by Istanbul Aydın University and they shall be successful enough to get the required scores.
- **ö.** Foreign student candidates who are to apply to our university from the countries which are not mentioned in this directive must have the minimum conditions that are required in order to enter the Higher Education Institutions in their own countries.
- p. Foreign students who do not have the above-mentioned certificates and test scores can be accepted in Istanbul Aydın University on space-available basis through taking an exam which shall be conducted by a commission constituted by Istanbul Aydın University Senate.

Period of validity for the above-mentioned International Exams which can be accepted as YÖS and/or as equal for YÖS is two years.

#### **Documents Required for Application:**

#### Article 6-

- 1- Application Form for Foreign Students.
- 2- The original copy or notary certified sample of the **Exam Results** which are related to any of the examinations mentioned in Article 5 of this directive and which are YÖS or as equal to YÖS,
- 3- High School Diploma: Notary certified copy of high school diploma (if not in Turkish or English, notary certified translation is required) P.S. 'Equivalence Certificate' which shows that the high school diplomas of foreign student candidates are equal to the ones taken from Turkish High Schools and which can be obtained either from T.R. Ministry of Education or from the Turkish Embassies in their own countries, shall be required during registration.
- 4- Academic Transcript: Transcript shows the lessons, subjects, and grades of foreign student candidates which they have taken when in high school. And, they shall present the official transcripts in closed and sealed envelopes which are approved by the high school directorate. If the transcript presented is not in Turkish, notary certified translation of it into Turkish shall also be presented together with the original copy of the transcript.
- 5- 2 portrait photos which shall be at the size of 4.5 x 6, which shall be taken within last 6 months, and which shall be appropriate for the legislative rules about dressing and clothes.
- 6- Pre-registration payment slip.

## **Assessment of Applications**

Article 7- Among the foreign student candidates who apply to Istanbul Aydın University, those who get the minimum scores which are mentioned in article 5 of this directive are accepted in an interview, oral examination. Students who fulfill to be successful with reference to the results of these interviews are accepted in the order of their points on space-available basis. For the departments who choose their students with reference to the results of Special Aptitude Test, foreign student candidates are also subject to take a special aptitude test which has to be according to the procedures and principles mentioned in the Directive for Istanbul Aydın University Special Aptitude Test.

In order to register for the candidates who get the right to be registered after all the conditions are met according to the results of both written and also oral examinations, they have to have an A or B level of Turkish Language in the year which they get the right to be registered. For the candidates whose Turkish Language level is of C which means insufficient level of Turkish Language skills, they are to increase their level to A and/or B level, sufficient level of Turkish Language skills, during one year when they are considered to be on leave.

A Level: Sufficient Turkish Language Skills. Student can start his/her education.

B Level: Student can improve his/her Turkish Language Skills in a short period of time. Student can start his/her education.

C Level: Insufficient Turkish Language Skills. Student can start his/her education only after s/he gets one year of Turkish Language Skills education.

#### **Announcement of Results**

**Article 8-** Results of the applications are announced via internet in the web page of Istanbul Aydın University. An acceptance letter is also sent to the address which the foreign student candidates who are accepted to our university proclaimed beforehand in their application documents.

It is required for the candidates that together with this letter sent from our university, they shall apply for an 'Educational Visa' and get it from the Turkish Embassy. This visa is definitely required and asked in order to have an access in and enter Turkey as well as being required to register the university.

# **Medium Language of Instruction and English Preparatory School**

# Article 9- Those who register in the departments the medium language of which is Turkish and in which English preparatory education is not compulsory

For the foreign students who get the right to be registered in the departments the medium language of which is Turkish, it is required that the score result of the Turkish test which they have taken in YÖS shall be minimum of 'B' level in order to start their undergraduate studies. Those whose Turkish Language level is of 'C' are considered to be on leave for one year in order to learn Turkish Language and its skills, yet those students are subject to improve their Turkish Language to 'B' level within one year. In this case, those who are subject to improve their Turkish after one year of study are also to certify that they have taken a minimum of 'B' level by submitting the results of the proficiency exam which shall be held by TÖMER (Turkish Language Education Centre) (that these centres are only in Istanbul and Ankara).

Among students who register with an equivalent examination certificate except for YÖS, those whose Turkish Language level is considered to be sufficient according to the results of the proficiency exam to be held by TÖMER can start their undergraduate studies. The application of methods and the processes to be carried out for the students whose Turkish Language level is considered to be insufficient are certainly the same as the students who register through YÖS.

# Those who register in the departments both the medium language of which is English and also in which English preparatory education is compulsory

Those who fail two consecutive years in the education English Preparatory School shall be dismissed from the university.

Those following students are exempted from the education of English Preparatory School; those who succeed in the proficiency exam which is held by our university's School of Foreign Languages, or those who get the required scores from the exams considered to be as equal to the proficiency exam which are 500 points from TOEFL paper-based; 200 points from TOEFL computer-based; 80 points from TOEFL internet-based; on condition that the reading part score shall be at least 5.00 points, a total of 6.0 points from IELTS (academic); A, B, C scores from CAE, CPE, and FCE; or those students who certify that they have 65 or above 65 points from KPDS/UDS exams.

Among students whose Turkish test score result from YÖS is at least 'B' level or who register with an equivalent examination certificate except for YÖS, those whose Turkish Language level is considered to be sufficient according to the results of the placement (proficiency) test to be held by TÖMER can start their English Preparatory education. Those who have succeeded in English Preparatory School proficiency exam or who have certified that they have the required equivalent exam scores and documents mentioned above can start their undergraduate studies.

Among students whose Turkish Language level is of 'C', those who have succeeded in English Preparatory School proficiency exam of our university or who have certified that they have the required equivalent exam scores and documents mentioned above shall start their undergraduate studies ( who have not succeeded or who have not certified their scores by documents shall start their English Preparatory education), yet they shall be subject to the regulation that they are to improve their Turkish Language to a minimum of 'B' level within the period of their education.

#### **Educational Visa**

**Article 10-** Educational visa is compulsory for the registration. Foreign student candidates who come from out of Turkey, who do not reside in Turkey can get their educational visas from foreign delegations of Turkey while those who reside in Turkey can get their educational visas from Provincial Security Directorates. Among the candidates who are accepted in foreign student quota (on space available), on condition that the ones applying from abroad asks for, an acceptance letter can be sent by our university. Those candidates can

get 'Educational Visa' through applying to the Turkish Embassies in their own countries or to the nearest Turkish Embassy together with this acceptance letter.

#### **Tuition Fees**

**Article 11-** Education in Istanbul Aydın University is charged with tuition fees. Tuition fees are determined and announced by Board of Trustees at the beginning of each academic year.

## Registration and the Documents Required for Registration:

- **Article 12-** Registrations are carried out by the Registrar's Office between the dates annually given in the Istanbul Aydın University academic year.
- 1- Original copy of high school diploma and notary certified Turkish translation of high school diploma which has been approved and sealed by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their own countries.
- 2- Original copy of 'Equivalence Certificate' which shall be obtained from T.R. Ministry of Education and which shows that their high school diplomas are as the equal of the ones taken from Turkish high schools.
- 3- Original copy of academic transcript and notary certified Turkish translation of transcript which has been approved and sealed by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their own countries.
- 4- Original copy of Exam Result Certificate or Document (Original copy of equivalent International exam result certificates which has been approved and sealed by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their own countries; except for YÖS).
- 5- Xeroxed copy of the pages of official identity card or passport which show the credentials and this copy shall be approved and sealed by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their own countries.
- 6- Document which shows and approves that the tuition fee is paid.
- 7- 'Educational Visa' which is to be obtained from the Turkish Embassy.
- 8- Original copy of Foreign Language-Turkish Language Proficiency Certificate which has International validity and which has to be approved and sealed by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate.
- 9- 6 portrait photos which shall be at the size of 4.5 x 6, which shall be taken within last 6 months, and which shall be appropriate for the legislative rules about dressing and clothes.

## **Other Provisions**

**Article 13-** Foreign students are subject to the provisions of Istanbul Aydın University Regulations for Undergraduate Education and Examination on the subjects which are related to education.

**Article 14-** Foreign students are subject to Students' Disciplinary Regulations for the Higher Education Institutions

# **Enforcement and Execution**

**Article 15-** This directive is enforced by the decision of University Senate and by the approval of Higher Education Council.

Article 16- This directive is executed by the Rector of Istanbul Aydın University.