DOKUZ EYLÜL UNIVERSITY

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM (ECTS) IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIVE

(Adopted by the University Senate pursuant to its Resolution dated 20 August 2013 and numbered 415/10)

Legal Basis

Article 1 – This Directive has been prepared on the basis of the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examinations and the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Graduate Education and Instruction.

Article 2 – The provisions of this Directive shall apply to the transcripts (academic records) and Diploma Supplements issued for the purpose of certifying the academic achievements of students who are Turkish citizens or international students and are enrolled in associate degree, undergraduate and graduate programmes offered by Dokuz Eylül University.

Definition

Article 3 – The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is an accreditation system developed by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Union to facilitate student mobility and ensure academic recognition by enabling the transfer, from one higher education institution to another, of credits earned by students for courses successfully completed at higher education institutions, both within their own countries and abroad.

ECTS serves as a common language for determining students' workloads and transferring their grades in view of the differences between the education and grading systems of different countries. For this purpose, an ECTS credit value is assigned to each course, and the grades obtained are converted into the Dokuz Eylül University Grading System, with the aid of the ECTS grading system, in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Directive.

Article 4 – An ECTS credit is a value representing the total workload that a student is required to undertake in order to successfully complete a course (including theoretical classes, practical sessions, seminars, individual study, examinations, assignments, library work, projects, internships and graduation theses, etc.). This value indicates the proportion of the total student workload required to complete one academic year of full-time study at any higher education institution that is allocated to a particular course.

Article 5 – ECTS credits shall be calculated on the basis of semesters. At institutions operating on a semester-based academic system, one semester of education shall be equivalent to 30 ECTS credits. At institutions operating on an academic-year basis, one academic year (two semesters) of education shall be equivalent to 60 ECTS credits. Where education is delivered over three terms within one academic year, each term shall be considered equivalent to 20 ECTS credits. One ECTS credit shall correspond to 25 hours of student workload.

Article 6 – In determining the ECTS credit value of a course, calculations shall be made by taking into consideration the entire curriculum of the relevant department or main discipline. For this purpose, a specific credit value shall be assigned to each of the learning outcomes and competencies that students are expected to acquire in terms of knowledge, skills and levels of comprehension for each course.

Article 7 – ECTS credits shall be calculated by taking into consideration the learning outcomes associated with the work students are required to undertake and shall be submitted to the University Senate for approval upon the adoption of a resolution by the board of the relevant academic unit. ECTS credits shall be expressed as whole numbers. However, fractional credit values may be used in cases of absolute necessity.

Article 8 – Pursuant to agreements concluded between Dokuz Eylül University and universities abroad, students may be sent to foreign universities for a period of one or two semesters to attend courses within the framework of student exchange programmes. During this period, students shall continue to pay the applicable fees, and the period spent abroad shall be counted towards the prescribed period of study.

Article 9 – Students sent abroad shall be deemed responsible for the courses they take at the host university during the relevant semester, in lieu of the courses they are required to take in their own department or programme. The selection of these courses shall be made under the supervision of the students' academic advisors and shall be finalised upon the proposal of the relevant department or programme and the approval of the executive board of the relevant academic unit.

Article 10 – The ECTS grades obtained by students in the courses they take abroad may be evaluated on the basis of the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examinations, the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Graduate Education and Instruction, and the ECTS Grading System.

Article 11 – Dokuz Eylül University shall recognise the ECTS credits earned by students admitted to its programmes at higher education institutions both within Türkiye and abroad.

Article 12 – Dokuz Eylül University shall have the authority to make decisions on all matters concerning the academic achievements of incoming students participating in student exchange programmes.

Matters Not Provided for

Article 13 – In matters for which no provision is made in this Directive, the procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the *Erasmus Implementation Handbook*, issued by the Centre for European Union Education and Youth Programmes (Turkish National Agency) for each academic year, within the framework of the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examinations and the Dokuz Eylül University Regulation on Graduate Education and Instruction.

Entry into Force

Article 14 – This Directive shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Dokuz Eylül University Senate.

Execution

Article 15 – The provisions of this Directive shall be executed by the Rector of Dokuz Eylül University.