

PRINCIPLES FOR REQUIRED TURKISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT ÖZYEGIN UNIVERSITY

As per Article 5, clause (i) of the Law No: 2547 on Higher Education, all undergraduate students must take Turkish language courses for at least two semesters. The required Turkish language courses for international students admitted to English-medium undergraduate programs at Özyeğin University are offered and managed by the School of Languages. These courses are offered based on the following principles:

- 1-** Students are offered TURK 101 and TURK 102 courses in lieu of TLL 101 and TLL 102 courses in their curricula for 3 hours a week. These courses are 4 ECTS credits. Students are expected to reach A1 level upon completion of these courses. Students who take TURK 101 and TURK 102 cannot register for TLL 101 and TLL 102 courses.
- 2-** Students who graduated from high schools in Turkey must take the TLL 101 and TLL 102 courses. Student Services identifies these students and assists them in registering for the appropriate courses.
- 3-** For students who are not graduates of high schools in Turkey, the School of Languages administers a “Turkish Exemption Examination” (CEFR A-1 Elementary Level). Recognized examinations equivalent to the Turkish Exemption Examination, and the minimum passing grades for all examinations are determined and announced pursuant to the decision of the Board of the School of Languages and with the approval of the Senate.
- 4-** All newly enrolled international students and current students who previously took, but failed the aforementioned courses are eligible to take the Turkish Exemption Examination.
- 5-** The date of examination is announced at the beginning of the respective academic year, and the examination is administered on the date announced. Exemptions from one or both of the TURK 101 and TURK 102 courses are determined based on the result of the examination. Students must register for the course(s) from which they are not exempt.
- 6-** Students are assigned a “Pass” or “Fail” grade based on the result of their exemption examination. Passed courses are shown on the student’s transcript with a grade EW (Exemption Waiver with Examination) in the respective semester in which the student took the examination. The transcript also shows the total credits earned from the passed courses. The credits earned from the passed courses are counted towards the graduation requirements. Failed courses are not shown on the transcript. Students who fail the exemption examination and receive a Fail grade must attend the TURK 101 and TURK 102 courses. The total credits of the exempt courses are not counted towards the students’ course load in the respective semester. Students may register for other courses in lieu of their exempted courses provided that they do not exceed their total credit load for the respective semester.
- 7-** Students who are exempt from the Turkish courses based on the result of the examination cannot register for the courses they are exempt from.
- 8-** Students registered in Turkish-medium undergraduate programs must take the TLL 101 and TLL 102 courses. Provisions listed in this document do not apply to these students.
- 9-** These directives were accepted by the University Senate on August 24, 2016, during its meeting no: 2016/10.