Purpose and Basis
Art. 1 This Directive, prepared on the basis of paragraph 3 of addendum Art. 9 of Law no 2547 on Higher Education, is aimed at regularization of coverage and conditions of scholarships and discounts applicable for students enrolled in associate degree, undergraduate and graduate programs at İstanbul Bilgi University.

Definitions
Art. 2 The following terms in this Directive have the following meanings;
a) University means İstanbul Bilgi University,
b) Board of Trustees means İstanbul Bilgi University Board of Trustees,
c) Rector means the Rector of İstanbul Bilgi University,
d) Secretary General means the Secretary General of İstanbul Bilgi University,
e) Scholarship Committee means Scholarship Committee of İstanbul Bilgi University,
f) ÖSYM means Student Selection and Placement Center, and

g) ÖSYS means Student Selection and Placement Examination.

Basic Principle and Targets
Art. 3 The basic principles behind scholarships, support and discounts are rewarding successful students with scholarships and providing support, within financial means, to those students in need, in order to increase the quality of education and to ensure equality of opportunity in education. In line with the above, the Scholarship Committee aims at education of more number of students by ensuring the support of individuals and institutions sharing the aim of increasing the level of social education and culture.

Scope
Art. 4 This Directive covers the following:
a) ÖSS scholarships at İstanbul Bilgi University granted according to Student Selection Examination (ÖSS) or “ÖSS + Aptitude Test”;
b) Achievement Scholarships to be granted to successful sophomore and junior students at İstanbul Bilgi University;
c) Sports Scholarships to be granted to students of high success in sports;
d) Individual-Institution Scholarships;
e) Necessity Scholarships;
f) Graduate Scholarships; and
g) Discounts for university graduates and members.

Scholarship Committee
Art. 5
(1) İstanbul Bilgi University Scholarship Committee comprises the following members:
a) An academician and two instructors appointed by the Rector;
b) A vice Secretary General appointed by the Secretary General;
c) A staff member of Directorate of Financial Affairs appointed the Secretary General;
d) A staff member of Legal Affairs appointed by the Secretary General; and
e) A staff member of Directorate of Student Support Center designated by the Secretary General.
(2) The president of the Scholarship Committee shall be the academician appointed by the Rector, and the secretariat shall be the director of the Student Support Center.
(3) The General Secretariat shall be in charge of acceptance of applications, announcements, informing the student body in relation to Scholarship and Support Programs, conducting student work programs and coordination of similar efforts. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee shall be made by absolute majority vote.
Types of Scholarships 6
Art. 6
a) ÖSYS Scholarships
(a.1) These are non-refundable total or partial scholarships for students placed in the scholarship quota as designated on the ÖSYM exam guidebook. These scholarships shall last for the whole term of university education including the foreign language prep class year. 8
(a.2) The maximum duration of ÖSS and ÖSYS scholarships prior to the 2011-2012 academic year is 2 years for English Language Prep Programs, 4 years for associate degree programs and 7 years for undergraduate programs, provided that the studentship or scholarship has not been terminated, and these include University Summer school. The committee shall, in line with conditions in Art. 44 of Law no. 2547 on Higher Education, repealed by law no. 6111 dated 13.02.2011, look into the cases where education has not been timely completed and scholarships of students who would have been eligible for an additional exam had the repealed Art. 44 been in force, shall be resumed as limited to relevant courses. 9
(a.3) The maximum duration of scholarships for students registered as a result of placement in 2012-2013 academic year and later, is 2 years for English Language Prep Programs, 3 years for associate degree programs and 6 years for undergraduate programs, and these do not include University Summer school.10
(a.4) Registration suspension periods shall not be included in the periods stated herein in cases where registration is suspended for valid reasons by University Board of Management.11

b) Achievement Scholarships 12
(b.1) Achievement Scholarships shall be awarded by the Board of Trustees to students enrolled as sophomores and juniors who have completed, by the end of the academic year, class and course loads stipulated, in the Credit System Undergraduate and Associate Degree Programs Education and Examination Regulation, in the curriculum of that year, and whose the grade-point average (GPA) for the last two semesters is 3.75/4.00 at minimum, summer schools excluded. The achievement scholarships shall be subject to quotas and other conditions determined by the Board of Trustees and in the form of discounts from the fee of the next academic year. Courses taken in summer schools shall not be considered in calculation of GPA required for academic achievement scholarships, but shall be considered in the calculation of GPA of next academic year.
(b.2) The Board of Trustees, upon the proposal of the Rector, shall decide on issues such as scholarship quotas, amounts and refundability. Except for total and 50% partial ÖSYS scholarships, if a student with achievement scholarship simultaneously benefits from other support programs and discounts, the total of achievement and other support programs and discounts, shall not exceed 50% of the academic fee. Scholarships are effective for one academic year and exclude summer school.
(b.3) Students having completed an academic semester at another university as part of the Student Exchange Program and have completed courses with the grade “T”, shall be included in achievement ranking.

c) Sports Scholarships 13
Students with no scholarships, elected to the national team or who have performed highly in the school team in their respective sports branch, may, upon the proposal of Sports Coordination Unit and at rates determined by the Scholarship Committee, be awarded nonrefundable sports scholarships. The Nominee needs to accept the terms and conditions of and sign the “Sports Fellow Agreement”. No scholarship offer shall be made unless the agreement containing the scholarship conditions and liabilities of the student, is signed. The basis of the scholarship is representation by the student of Istanbul Bilgi University on the team of his/her sports branch, in addition to the academic success of the said student. The Scholarship Committee decides on the branches to be awarded scholarships, upon the opinion of the Sports Coordination Unit. Sports Coordination Unit carries out a performance evaluation annually and report to the Committee regarding continuation of scholarships. Scholarships are effective for one academic year. Scholarships of students with general GPA or GPA for consecutive two semesters lower than 2.50/4.00, shall be terminated. The total of scholarships granted to students as Sports Scholarships, shall not exceed 15 whole grants.

d) Scholarships by Individuals and Institutions
İstanbul Bilgi University shall support individuals and institutions to provide refundable and nonrefundable scholarships for academic and other needs of students.
e) **Necessity Scholarships**
Students who have finished their freshman year, with a GPA of 2.50 or higher and who can document material and nonmaterial difficulties they suffer, are eligible for Necessity Scholarships. Students accepted sign undertakings and the scholarship is effective for one year. If a student with an academic year-end GPA of 2.50/4.00 or above re-applies for the scholarship continuation of the scholarship shall be considered. Applications by students whose GPAs have dropped shall not be taken into consideration.

f) **Graduate Scholarships**
The Board of Trustees decides on the amount, quota and eligibility requirements for scholarships annually and program coordinators are in charge of execution thereof.

**Discounts**

**Art. 7**

a) Children of permanent “full-time” staff for 3 years at Istanbul Bilgi University, who are legally entitled to education, shall be exempted in a nonrefundable fashion from 50% of the academic fee. Only one child per family may benefit from such discount. In order for students to benefit from this discount, they have to have placed the University in their top three choices on the ÖSYS form.

b) Alumni of associate degree, undergraduate and graduate programs of the University who are member of the Istanbul Bilgi University Alumni Association, shall be given a 20 % discount if they enroll in a new program.

c) 10% discount is made for children of teachers and instructors.

d) Siblings of students at Istanbul Bilgi University and members of Istanbul Bilgi University Alumni Association, shall be eligible for a 10% discount. This discount is valid for graduate, undergraduate and associate degree programs. Students enrolled at Istanbul Bilgi University, whose siblings are entitled to a higher education at Istanbul Bilgi University, shall benefit from a 10% discount starting from the year of their siblings’ enrollment. If one sibling is a beneficiary of the 100% ÖSYS scholarship the other sibling is not eligible for the discount.

d) Permanent “full-time” staff for 1 year at Istanbul Bilgi University who has legally earned the right for higher education at Istanbul Bilgi University, shall enjoy exemption from 50% of the academic fee in a nonrefundable manner. This discount is valid only for graduate programs. University academic personnel in graduate programs as part of academic development obligations may, by the decision of the Scholarship Committee, enjoy full exemption from academic fee.

e) Students from English IB, Abitur, Matura, French IB and baccalaureate, SAT, ACT, Maturita programs at high schools, shall benefit from a 20% discount of academic fee throughout their education.

**The Principle of One Scholarship Benefit**

**Art. 8** — Except for ÖSS scholars and students benefiting from Achievement Scholarships, any student fulfilling the eligibility criteria for more than one scholarship, may benefit from only one scholarship most beneficial for him/her. Support programs and discounts are excluded by decision of the Scholarship Committee.

**Execution, Duration and Termination of Scholarships and Support Programs**

**Art. 9** —

1. Students sentenced or received disciplinary punishment for robbery, fraud or disgraceful offense, shall be excluded from scholarship and support programs and discounts.
2. Students failing to register and/or drop out without decision by authorized University bodies, lose entitlement to scholarships.
3. Students on ÖSS scholarships and entitled to internal transfer but who lose their scholarships because of internal transfer with a GPA of 3.50/4.00, if they apply, shall receive the same rate of scholarship as Necessity Scholarships. Those with a GPA of 2.40-3.49 shall be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.
4. The Scholarship Committee shall evaluate those who transfer internally while benefiting from Achievement Scholarships.
5. Sports Coordination Unit is responsible for following attendance of students on Sports Scholarships in necessary events (meetings, training sessions, games, etc.) of their relevant teams. Scholarships of those reported not to have attended without extenuating circumstances, shall be terminated.
6. All scholarship and support programs other than ÖSS Scholarships are for 1 (one) academic year, with summer school excluded.
(7) Students with GPAs of 2.50/4.00 may file their application for scholarship and support programs and discounts, at the end of the second semester the earliest and at the beginning of the sixth semester the latest. Applications by students with GPAs lower than 2.50/4.00 shall not be accepted.

(8) Student entitled to benefit from discounts shall do so according to the below time limits:

- 4 semesters maximum for students enrolled at associate degree programs,
- 8 semesters maximum for students enrolled at undergraduate programs, and
- 4 semesters maximum for students enrolled at graduate programs.

(9) The Board of Trustees is authorized for all decisions regarding scholarships to be given as a result of agreements with municipal governments and institutions.

(10) In calculation of total scholarship and discounts, first the ÖSYS scholarship then other scholarships and discounts on the remaining amount, shall be taken into account.

Acknowledgement
Art. 10
Each student entitled to benefit from support programs and his/her guarantors shall acknowledge in writing that they have read and accepted all terms and conditions of this Directive.

Annulled Terms and Transitional Terms
Art. 11 –
(1) As per the Board of Trustees decision dated 09.01.2004 no.193, Directive on Scholarships and Support Programs has been annulled. Scholarships and support programs given under the said directive that have not ended shall continue subject to term of this Directive.

(2) Beneficiaries of achievement scholarships for the academic year 2009-2010 shall be determined as per the terms prior to the Board of Trustees decision dated 20.07.2009 no.455.

(3) Without prejudice to the second paragraph, scholarships, support and discounts made prior to the Board of Trustees decision dated 20.07.2009 no.455 and which have not ended, shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a) ÖSS Scholarships, Honorary Scholarships, Local Government Scholarships, Individual and Institution Scholarships and full or partial refundable necessity scholarships, shall continue subject to conditions prior to modification.

(b) Terminated scholarships shall end.

(c) Others shall be evaluated and finalized by the Board of Trustees as per the modified terms.

Modifications to the Directive
Art. 12 This Directive can be modified only with a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Effect
Art. 13
(1) This Directive shall come into force on the date of acceptance by the Board of Trustees.

(2) Modifications per the Board of Trustees decision dated 20.07.2009 no.455 shall, without prejudice to paragraph 2 of Art. 11, apply to scholarships, support and discounts from the academic year 2009-2010 forward.

Enforcement
Art. 14 President of the Board of Trustees is responsible for the enforcement of the terms of this Directive.

Comments:
As per the Board of Trustees decision dated 03.01.2012 no. 738, “Changes made by this decision shall come into force on the date of resolution of Board of Trustees. However, the amended Art.7 paragraph (e) shall be applicable to students registered in and after the academic year 2012-2013. Scholarships granted as IB Scholarships prior to the changes shall continue except when termination is necessary.”

1 As per the Board of Trustees resolution dated 03.01.2012 no. 738, phrases “Secretary general” in the Directive have been changed to “Secretary General” and clauses in articles with multiple non-numbered or nonmarked clauses and paragraphs have been numbered.


3 Modified subparagraph: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).
Modified Art.: Scholarship Committee, 27.07.2011 (678). Subparagraph d of the article has been abrogated as per the Scholarship Committee resolution dated 03.01.2012 no. 738 and the following paragraphs have been duly resumed.

Modified Art.: Scholarship Committee, 27.07.2011 (678). Subparagraph d of the article has been abrogated as per the Scholarship Committee resolution dated 03.01.2012 no. 738 and the following paragraphs have been duly resumed. As per the aforementioned resolution, scholarships granted under the abrogated subparagraph as IB Scholarships prior to the changes shall continue except when termination is necessary.

Modified sidebar heading: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

Additional Paragraph: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

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Modified Subparagraph: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

Modified phrase: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

Following articles have been duly resumed due to the abrogated article: Scholarship Committee, 27.07.2011 (678).

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Modified Art. sidebar heading: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

Additional clause: Scholarship Committee, 03.01.2012 (738).

Due to resumption of article numbers as a result of changes as per resolution of Scholarship Committee dated 27.07.2011 no. 678, “subparagraph 2 Art. 12” has become “subparagraph 2 Art. 11.”