

İstanbul Bilgi University
Regulation on Double Major, Minor and Honors Programs

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SECTION ONE
Scope

Scope

Article 1

[1] Education and training activities of double major, minor and honors programs at İstanbul Bilgi University are carried out in line with the provisions of this Regulation.

[2] With respect to issues not governed hereby, the provisions of the Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University shall apply.

SECTION TWO
Double Major Education and Training

Definition

Article 2 ^[1]

[1] Double major education and training refers to the cases where a student enrolled in an undergraduate program of the university attends another undergraduate or two-year program of the University to receive a second diploma or where a student enrolled in a two-year program attends another two-year program of the University to receive a second two-year degree diploma.

[2] The program where the student is enrolled at the time of application shall be referred to as primary major, whereas the program where the student applied and was admitted shall be referred to as the secondary major.

¹ Amended article: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30272.

[3] Undergraduate programs where double major is possible shall be determined in accordance the decision of the Academic Committee upon the suggestion made by the relevant departments and the committees of the faculties or high schools, whereas two-year programs where double major is possible shall be determined in accordance the decision of the Academic Committee upon the suggestion made by the relevant departments and the committees of the vocational high schools.

Application and Admission Conditions for Double Major Program ^[2]

Article 3

[1] Applications for a double major education program require enrollment to an undergraduate program of the University.

[2] Students enrolled in an international program may only apply for double major program only for another undergraduate program offered by their faculty of enrollment.

[3] Undergraduate program students may apply for double major no earlier than the beginning of the third semester of their primary major program and no later than the beginning of the fifth semester of their primary major programs. In case of five-year and six-year programs, they can file an application for double major at the beginning of the seventh semester and ninth semester of their primary major programs, respectively. Two-year program students may file an application for double major no earlier than the beginning of the second semester of their primary major program, and no later than the beginning of the third year of their primary major program. If the student is in a subsequent semester because of his/her additional courses and credits, the actual period of education shall be taken as the basis. Application dates are determined by the Board of Directors of the University.

[4] Except for students who lost their position of double major student in a program because of having been admitted to double major in another program pursuant to the tenth paragraph, students who have lost their double major student for any reason whatsoever or who have disenrolled from their secondary major program may not file an application for double major or for continuing their double major studies.

[5] Students who filed an application for double major program should meet the following conditions:

- a) having completed successfully the compulsory courses and the required credit load of the previous semesters of their primary major as of the semester of application;
- b) having successfully passed all courses taken;
- c) having achieved a minimum GPA of 3.00 over 4.000;
- ç) having ranked among the first 20% of his/her class in terms of success as determined in accordance with Article 13 of the Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 or having achieved the base point of the secondary major as of the year in which the student started the double major program;
- d) having successfully passed the talent examination in case of double major programs admitting students based on special talent examination.

[6] In cases where the student takes courses from the summer schools of the university or other higher education institutions, the Grade Point Averages and rankings and course achievement status after the summer school are taken as the basis for the GPA and course achievement status requirements sought for admission to double major programs.

[7] Double major quota is defined by the Academic Committee upon the suggestion made by the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the secondary major program. Double major quota may not be less than 20% of the quota defined in the Student Selection and Placement System Guide except for the law, medicine and health programs, as well as engineering programs. In cases where a separate quota is not defined by the Academic

² Amended article: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30272.

Committee, double major quota shall be applied as 20% of the quota defined in the Student Selection and Placement system guide.

[8] A decision shall be made for double major application by the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school of the secondary major undergraduate program upon the suggestion made by the department of the secondary major undergraduate program (if any).

[9] In cases where applications worth admission are more than the quota, students shall be admitted on the basis of the GPA and in case the GPAs are even, on the basis of the number of completed credits.

[10] Students may not enroll in more than one double major program simultaneously or both double major and minor program under the same degree program. However, they can enroll in double major and minor program of a different degree simultaneously. Students who apply for double major in a different double major program while they continue their studies in a double major program shall lose their student status in their current double major program upon admission of their application.³

[11] Students admitted to double major shall be appointed a separate academic advisor for their secondary major by the department, dean's office, high school or vocational high school directorate offering the secondary major degree, and the courses elected by the students shall be finalized upon the approval of both the primary major and secondary major academic advisors.⁴

[12] Exemption procedures related to the compulsory courses of the students admitted for double major with the course code of the primary major or secondary major shall be performed upon decision of the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school of the secondary major.⁵

Credit Load ^[6]

Article 4

[1] Except for summer programs, double major students may take courses for maximum forty two (42) credit loads during one semester, provided that they do not exceed eighty (80) credits in an academic year. However, if the total of the credits of the student's primary major compulsory courses and electives and of the secondary major compulsory courses and electives for the academic semester of the student is more than forty two (42), this limit may be exceeded. Students who graduate from the primary major and who have not met graduation criteria for the secondary major may be allowed to take up to forty five (45) credits upon decision of the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the secondary major program, provided that they can graduate within the second semester with additional courses and credits.

[2] Double major curriculum consists of all compulsory courses of the primary and secondary major programs/departments, as well as the common courses in the curriculum of these programs. However, the Academic Committee may define a different double major program curriculum upon suggestion to be made by the department and faculty, high school or vocational high school committee offering the secondary major program in consideration of the Higher Education Field Competencies defined by the Higher Education Board and the learning outputs defined according to the information, skills and competencies that should be acquired by the students at the end of the program.

³ ***Instead of this paragraph, the following provisions shall apply to students admitted for double major or minor programs before the 2010-2011 Academic Year pursuant to the Provisional Article 1:***

"Students may not enroll in more than one double major program simultaneously or both double major and minor program. Students who apply for a different double major program while they continue their studies in a double major or minor program shall lose their student status in the secondary major or minor program they continue upon admission of their application."

⁴ ***This paragraph shall not apply to students admitted for double major or minor programs before the 2010-2011 Academic Year pursuant to the Provisional Article 1.***

⁵ Official Gazette dated 19 September 2019 and numbered 30893.

⁶ Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30272.

[3] Double major students may attend the courses included in the double major students major programs, which are not compulsory, until they complete the credit load specified in the first paragraph, provided that they take the compulsory classes of both major programs.

[4] In cases the total credit of the compulsory courses of both major programs is not sufficient for meeting the relevant semester's minimum credit load of the primary major program, the student shall take electives freely corresponding to the deficient credits. The credits of the courses taken by the student beyond the double major liability in the previous semesters may count for the deficient credits upon request by the student.

[5] The students who have not taken courses from the secondary major program for two consecutive semesters although there are courses announced which should or can be taken shall be disenrolled from the secondary major program.

Academic Standing

Article 5

[1] The students whose GPA falls below 2.60 for two times or whose GPA for the secondary major program falls below 2.00 for two times during the double major program shall be disenrolled from the double major program, and students shall lose their double major student status in this case.⁷ While GPA is calculated for the primary major and secondary major program, the compulsory courses of the relevant major program and the electives that should be taken from among the list of major elective courses shall be taken as the basis.⁸

[2] Students losing their double major status due to unsatisfactory results cannot study double major in any branch. The restrictions and legal consequences regulated by the Higher Education legislation and the University regulations shall be reserved with respect to scholarship students.

Capstone Thesis and Project

Article 6

[1] Double major students shall enroll in the compulsory thesis courses and prepare a capstone thesis on their primary major program. With respect to the secondary major, students shall enroll in the compulsory thesis course, and either prepare a capstone thesis on their secondary major, or take at least two electives whose credit load meets the thesis course credit of the secondary major and which are prescribed for the secondary major program, which shall substitute the compulsory thesis course and capstone thesis of the secondary major program. If students successfully pass these courses, they shall be exempt from the obligation of preparing a thesis for the secondary major. If they wish, students may have at least the two electives which they have taken in excess from the secondary major program beyond their double major obligation and which they have successfully passed counted for the thesis course and capstone thesis of the secondary major, provided that they have not had these courses counted for compulsory courses or credit load and that they meet the thesis credit requirements.

[2] The department committee of the primary major program, or if there is no department committee the faculty committee may decide, upon application by the student, that the student enroll in the compulsory thesis course of the secondary major instead of the primary major and prepare his/her capstone project on the secondary major, take at least two electives prescribed for the primary major whose credit load meets the thesis course credit of the primary major in order to be counted for the compulsory thesis course and capstone thesis of the primary major and if the student successfully passes these course, he/she be exempt from the obligation of preparing a

⁷ Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675.

The following provision shall apply to students admitted for double major or minor programs before the 2010-2011 Academic Year pursuant to the Provisional Article 1:

"The students whose GPA or GPA for the primary major or GPA for secondary major falls below (2.00) shall be disenrolled from the double major program, and the student shall lose his/her double major student status".

⁸ Supplement (Official Gazette dated 4 August 2006 and numbered 26249) and amended final sentence: Official Gazette dated 1 April 2010 and numbered 27539.

thesis on the primary major. If they wish, students may have at least the two electives which they have taken in excess from the primary major program beyond their double major obligation and which they have successfully passed counted for the thesis course and capstone thesis of the primary major, provided that they have not had these courses counted for compulsory courses or credit load and that they meet the thesis credit requirements.

[3] In the event that only one of the primary major or secondary major requires a compulsory capstone thesis or project, upon decision of the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the major program requiring a compulsory capstone thesis or project, the student may be permitted to prepare a capstone thesis or project in the other major program.⁹

[4] In order for the student to enroll in the thesis course, the student should be in the status of the senior student pursuant to the İstanbul Bilgi University Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulation.

[5] If deemed appropriate by the advisor, the student may prepare a capstone project instead of capstone thesis.

[6] The provisions of Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 shall apply to the thesis and project consultancy and conduct, completion and acceptance of capstone thesis and project, as well as other relevant issues.

[7] The board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the secondary major program may impose on the student an elective course load from among the electives of the secondary major program in a manner to meet the required credit instead of the application seminars or similar courses and applications offered within the scope of the secondary major curriculum, and the electives which were taken by the student from the secondary major program beyond the double major liability and which were successfully passed may count for this course load.¹⁰

Graduation

Article 7

[1] Double major students shall be entitled to receive a separate undergraduate diploma in both majors, provided that they successfully pass the curricula of the relevant majors. However, in order to graduate from the secondary major, all courses of the secondary major program should have been successfully passed, the GPA should be at least 2.80 over 4.00, the GPA for the secondary major should be at least 2.00 over 4.00, and the total credits of the courses taken from the secondary major should correspond to at least 25% of the total credits of the secondary major, provided that the number of courses will not be less than twelve. This credit needs to be completed with the courses that were actually taken from the summer schools of the secondary major program or other higher education institutions and were successfully passed.^{11/12}

[2] Students who complete their obligations related to the primary major program shall be awarded the diploma of the primary major.¹³

⁹ Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

¹⁰ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

¹¹ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

¹² ***Instead of this paragraph the following provision shall apply to students admitted for double major or minor programs before the 2010-2011 Academic Year pursuant to the Provisional Article 1***

"Double major students shall be entitled to receive a separate undergraduate diploma in both majors, provided that they successfully pass the curricula of the relevant majors. However, in order to graduate from the secondary major, all courses of the secondary major program should have been successfully passed, the GPA and the GPA for the secondary major should be at least (2,00), and the total credits of the courses taken from this major should reach at least thirty six."

¹³ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

[3] Double major students who fulfill their obligations related to the primary major in addition to all compulsory courses of the secondary major program shall be entitled to receive the secondary major diploma when they complete the major program.

[4] Maximum study period of the students who graduated from the primary major but failed to fulfill the graduation requirements for the secondary major set forth in the first paragraph shall be the maximum term defined by the Higher Education Law No. 2547, the regulations and the decisions issued by the Higher Education Board pursuant to the Law No. 2547. Students covered by the scope of this paragraph shall be obliged to fulfill the enrollment conditions for the secondary major.¹⁴

[5] ...¹⁵

[6] Double major students shall be granted the right of an additional examination for their primary major provided that they meet the conditions set forth in the second paragraph of Article 27 of the Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 for their primary major. Students who graduate from their primary major after additional exam and who fulfill the conditions for continuing their secondary major program shall be granted the right for an additional examination in the same semester and the semesters they continued upon course enrollment, provided that they meet the following conditions:

a) Students who fail only a single course but meet the GPA condition sought for graduation shall be granted the right for an additional examination for the course they have failed.

b) Students who fail only a single course shall be granted the right for an additional examination for the course they have failed, provided that they meet the GPA condition sought for graduation if they can successfully pass the relevant course.

c) Students who fail to achieve the required GPA sought for graduation despite having successfully passed all courses required for graduation shall be granted the right for an additional examination for a course to be selected from the secondary major program, provided that the required GPA is achieved if the examination is successfully passed.¹⁶

[7] The following rules shall apply to the additional examinations performed pursuant to this article:

a) In case of additional examinations, no restriction shall be imposed in terms of the highest grade, and the grade received as a result of examination shall supersede the former one.

b) Excuses shall not be accepted in case of additional examinations, and the provisions of resit examination and make-up examination shall not apply.

c) Students who fail to meet the graduation conditions in case of additional examinations shall be subject to the rules for repeating courses if they still have study time.

ç) Additional examinations shall be performed following finals and resit and make-up exams (if any).¹⁷

Quitting Double Major

Article 8

[1] Double major student may disenroll from the secondary major program at his/her discretion in any semester of his/her study period.

[2] Students who disenroll from the secondary major may not study double major in another program, or may not file an application for double major in the same major again.¹⁸

[3] Students who disenroll or are disenrolled from the secondary major may have the courses they have completed in the secondary major counted for the elective courses and credit load of

¹⁴ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

¹⁵ Abolished paragraph: Official Gazette dated 1 April 2010 and numbered 27539.

¹⁶ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

¹⁷ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

¹⁸ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

the primary major upon application by the student and decision of the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the primary major, provided that they are not included in the compulsory courses of the primary major program. Courses which the student successfully passed in the secondary major program but which are not counted for the elective course load of the primary major program shall be shown in the transcript and diploma supplement, and the courses failed shall be included in the university records, but not included in the GPA and not shown on the transcript and diploma supplement.¹⁹

[4] Student who voluntarily quits secondary major or who is disenrolled from the secondary major may benefit from only one of the following facilities, provided that they meet the graduation conditions for the primary major program and the secondary major is an undergraduate program:

a) Receiving a two-year degree diploma if he/she has become entitled to receive a two-year degree diploma as of the date of quitting or disenrollment;

b) Receiving a minor program certificate if he/she has met the conditions for completion of minor program as of the date of graduation from the primary major program.²⁰

Internal Transfer²¹

Article 9

[1] For internal transfer of double major students to the secondary major program where they study, the provisions of the Regulations on the Principles Governing Transfers Between Two-Year Degree and Undergraduate Programs, Double Major, Minor Programs and Transfer of Credits Among Institutions at Higher Education Institutions published in the Official Gazette dated 24 April 2010 and numbered 27561, and the procedures and principles determined by the Board of Directors of the University for internal transfer on the basis of the same Regulation shall apply.²²

[2] Students who are internally transferred from their primary major to any other major other than the secondary major may continue their double major studies, provided that they meet the achievement conditions sought for double major programs.²³

SECTION THREE Minor Education Program

Definition

Article 10²⁴

[1] Minor education program refers to the cases where a student enrolled in an undergraduate program of the University takes courses from a second undergraduate program or where a student enrolled in a two-year degree program takes courses from a second two-year degree program to increase his/her knowledge.

[2] The program where the student is enrolled at the time of application shall be referred to as "major", whereas the program where the student applied and was admitted shall be referred to as "minor".

[3] Minor programs can be introduced by decision of the Academic Committee upon suggestion by the committee of the relevant faculty, high school or vocational high school. The courses required to be taken during the minor program are identified by the committee of the faculty, high school or vocational high school and are approved by the academic committee as at least six courses and thirty credits from among the compulsory courses from the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the minor program, except for the common courses. These courses are taken in addition to the courses in the major program curriculum. If there are more than six

¹⁹ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

²⁰ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

²¹ Amended article title: Official Gazette dated 1 April 2010 and numbered 27539.

²² Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

²³ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

²⁴ Amended article: Official Gazette dated 19 September 2019 and numbered 30893.

courses that must be taken from the minor program whose credits exceed thirty, courses more than six shall be counted for the student's elective courses.

[4] Minor programs offered within the scope of another undergraduate program for students studying at a particular undergraduate program shall be initiated upon the suggestion of the departments of the relevant undergraduate programs and the decision of the board of directors of the relevant faculty or high schools, whereas minor programs offered within the scope of another two-year degree program for students studying at a two-year degree program shall be initiated upon the suggestion made by the department of the relevant two-year degree programs, the decision of the board of directors of the relevant faculty, high school or vocational high school and the approval of the academic committee. The courses required to be taken during these programs are identified in accordance with the principles set forth in the third paragraph.

[5] The quota for the minor programs is identified by the board of directors of the faculty, high school or vocational high school offering the minor program.

Conditions of Application and Admission for Minor Education Program

Article 11

[1] Applications for minor programs require enrollment in an undergraduate program of the University.

[2] Students may apply for a minor program earliest at the beginning of the third, and latest at the beginning of the sixth semester of the major undergraduate program. Application dates are identified by the Board of Directors of the University.²⁵

[3] In order to apply for a minor program, students should have a minimum GPA of 2.60 as of the beginning of the minor program's relevant semester, and should have successfully completed all credit courses taken.²⁶

[4] Except for those who file an application for double major or minor in a different undergraduate program during the course of their current minor program, students who lost minor student status due to unsatisfactory results may not file an application for minor again in the same program or for continuing their minor education, but may file an application for minor in another program.²⁷

[5] Decisions for applications filed for minor program shall be made by the board of directors of the faculty offering the minor program. In cases where the minimum number of courses to be taken in addition to the primary major curriculum falls below six and the minimum credit load falls below thirty because of the fact that the courses determined for minor program are compulsory courses of the primary major program of the student who applied for minor program, the courses required to complement the deficient courses and credit shall be defined by the board of directors of the faculty offering the minor program, provided that such courses are not among the compulsory courses of the major program.²⁸

[6] Enrollment may not be made in more than one minor program simultaneously. Students who apply for another minor program while they continue minor education in another program shall be disenrolled from their current minor program upon admission of their application.²⁹

Credit Load

Article 12

[1] Minor students are subject to the credit load restrictions imposed on undergraduate students.

²⁵ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

²⁶ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675.

²⁷ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

²⁸ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

²⁹ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675.

[2] Students failing to take the minor program courses for two consecutive semesters although there are courses announced which should or can be taken shall be disenrolled from the minor program.³⁰

Academic Standing

Article 13 - In order to continue the minor program, students are required to achieve a minimum GPA of 2.40 for the primary major. Students failing to meet this requirement shall be disenrolled from the minor program. Courses taken instead of the elective courses of the primary major are also taken into account for the calculation of the grade point average of the major.³¹

Completion of the Minor Program

Article 14

[1] In order for the student to complete minor education,

- a) the student should have become entitled to graduate from the major program;
- b) the courses defined for the minor program should have been successfully completed³²
- c) the student should have a minimum GPA and minor courses average of (2.00).

[2] Students who become entitled to graduate from their major but cannot complete the minor program are granted maximum two semesters extension by decision of the Board of Directors of the faculty offering the minor program. These students have to meet the enrollment conditions for the minor program.³³

[3] Minor education shall be shown in the transcript and the students shall be given a minor program certificate proving that they have completed minor program. This certificate shall not replace diploma.³⁴

[4] Minor program students shall be granted the right of an additional examination for their major provided that they meet the conditions set forth in the second paragraph of Article 27 of the Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of Istanbul Bilgi University for their major. Students who graduate from their major after additional exam and who fulfill the conditions for continuing their minor program shall be granted the right for an additional examination in the same semester and the semester they continued upon course enrollment, provided that they meet the following conditions:

a) Students who fail only a single course but meet the GPA condition sought for graduation shall be granted the right for an additional examination for the course they have failed.

b) Students who fail only a single course shall be granted the right for an additional examination for the course they have failed, provided that they meet the GPA condition sought for graduation if they can successfully pass the relevant course.

c) Students who fail to achieve the required GPA sought for graduation despite having successfully passed all courses required for graduation shall be granted the right for an additional examination for a course to be selected from the minor program, provided that the required GPA is achieved if the examination is successfully passed.³⁵

[5] The following rules shall apply to the additional examinations performed pursuant to this article:

a) In case of additional examinations, no restriction shall be imposed in terms of the highest grade, and the grade received as a result of examination shall supersede the former one.

³⁰ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

³¹ The abolished article (Official Gazette dated 1 April 2010 and numbered 27539) has been revised. Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675.

³² Amended subparagraph: Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675

³³ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

³⁴ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675

³⁵ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

b) Excuses shall not be accepted in case of additional examinations, and the provisions of resit examination and make-up examination shall not apply.

c) Students who fail to meet the graduation conditions in case of additional examinations shall be subject to the rules for repeating courses if they still have study time.

ç) Additional examinations shall be performed following finals and resit and make-up exams (if any).³⁶

Quitting Minor

Article 15

[1] Minor student may disenroll from the minor program at his/her discretion in any semester of his/her study period.

[2] If a student who quit minor program was disenrolled from his/her own undergraduate program due to unsatisfactory results, he/she cannot start minor program education again in any undergraduate program.³⁷

[3] Students who disenroll from a minor or who are disenrolled from a minor may have the courses they successfully completed in the minor program counted for the elective courses and credit load of the major program upon application by the student and decision of the board of directors of the faculty offering the major program, provided that they are not included in the compulsory courses of the major program. Courses which the student successfully passed in the minor program but which are not counted for the elective course load of the major program shall be shown in the transcript and diploma supplement, and the courses failed shall not be shown thereon and shall not be included in the GPA.³⁸

SECTION FOUR

Honors Program

Definition

Article 16 - Honors Program is a special educational program designed for students who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in their respective undergraduate program.

Special Conditions Applicable for the Honors Program

Article 17 – The provisions of İstanbul Bilgi University Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation or the provisions of this section, regardless of any violation of the other provisions hereof, shall apply to Honors Program students.

Initiation of the Honors Program

Article 18

[1] Honors program to be attended by students with satisfactory progression can be initiated upon decision of the Academic Committee.

[2] Honors Program can be initiated only for four-year undergraduate programs as of the third semester.

[3] The fields to be covered by the Honors Program shall be announced in advance.

Conditions of Application and Admission for the Honors Program

Article 19

[1] The required qualifications of the students who will be admitted to the Honors Program, and the application dates shall be identified and announced by the University's Board of Directors at the beginning of each academic year.

³⁶ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

³⁷ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 17 August 2010 and numbered 27675.

³⁸ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 26 March 2018 and numbered 30372.

[2] Students to be admitted for the Honors Program shall be elected by a commission composed of two full-time instructors to be appointed by the Honors Program Coordinator and the Board of Directors of the University.

Education and Training in the Honors Program

Article 20

[1] ...³⁹

[2] Students who attend the Honors Program shall take the compulsory courses of their respective year. The Academic Committee shall also determine whether the students will be asked to take supplemental courses in addition to the compulsory courses, what these courses will be, or from among which courses they can be selected, at the beginning of the academic year.

[3] The rules governing repeating a course during the Honors Program shall be defined by the Academic Committee.⁴⁰

[4] ...⁴¹

[5] Students of the Honors Program are entitled to return to their undergraduate program they first enrolled in.⁴²

[6] Students whose GPA is below 2.70 or who has failed a course as of the end of the first year of the Honors Program shall be disenrolled from the Honors Program. This assessment shall be based on the GPA and academic standing as of the end of the spring semester. Students disenrolled from the Honors Program shall continue their undergraduate program they first enrolled in.⁴³

[7] Honors Program student whose GPA falls below 2.70 for two semesters consecutively may not take new courses.⁴⁴

[8] The orientation procedures related to students who left Honors Program or who were disenrolled from the Honors Program shall be performed by the board of directors of the faculty of the undergraduate program they first enrolled in.⁴⁵

Graduation

Article 21

[1] Honors students who fulfill the obligations imposed for the Honors Program shall be entitled to receive an Honors Program diploma.

[2] The diploma of the students who accomplish the Honors Program indicates their education and satisfactory progression in the Honors program.

[3] Second paragraph of Article 27 of Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University shall apply also to Honors Program students; however GPA shall be taken as the basis for graduation from the Honors Degree.⁴⁶

[4] GPA should be at least 2.40 for graduation from the Honors program. However, the Academic Committee may identify a higher GPA.⁴⁷

³⁹ Abolished paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

⁴⁰ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

⁴¹ Abolished paragraph: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046.

⁴² Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 19 December 2016 and numbered 29923.

This shall be applied as 2.50 for students who enrolled in the Honors Program in 2015-2016 Academic Year pursuant to Provisional Article 2.

⁴³ Amended paragraph: Official Gazette dated 19 December 2016 and numbered 29923 (Added paragraph: Official Gazette dated 3 September 2015 and numbered 29464).

⁴⁴ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 3 September 2015 and numbered 29464.

⁴⁵ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 3 September 2015 and numbered 29464.

⁴⁶ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 3 September 2015 and numbered 29464.

⁴⁷ Supplementary paragraph: Official Gazette dated 3 September 2015 and numbered 29464.

SECTION FIVE
Miscellaneous Provisions

Application and Transition Provisions

Article 22

[1] Starting from the second semester (included) of 2002-2003 Academic Year, this Regulation shall apply to:

a) Without prejudice to the provisions of the second and third paragraphs of this article, students covered by the scope of Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 who have started their studies at an Honors, double major and minor program;

b) students covered by the Credit System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 who have filed an application for the honors, double major and minor programs.

[2] The provisions of the Non-Credit Based System Undergraduate and Two-Year Program Education and Examination Regulation of İstanbul Bilgi University published in the Official Gazette dated 11 November 2002 and numbered 24933 shall apply to the students who enrolled in İstanbul Bilgi University before the second semester of 2002-2003 Academic Year pursuant to the student exchange agreements and inter-university protocols executed by İstanbul Bilgi University and who continue their education in this status.

[3] The minimum GPA stipulated in Article 13 "Academic Standing" of this Regulation shall be applied as (1.85) until the end of the second semester of the 2004-2005 Academic Year for the academic standing of students who started their minor program before the second semester of 2002-2003 Academic Year.

Orientation

Provisional Article 1

[1] Students admitted for a double major program before the 2010-2011 Academic Year shall continue their program in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation that were in effect as of the beginning date of their respective program. However, the effective provisions of Articles 3 hereof except its sixth and final paragraph, Article 4, Article 7 except its first and final paragraph and Article 9 hereof shall apply also to these students. The minimum number of credits required for the graduation of these students from the secondary major is sixty (60).

[2] Students admitted for a double major or minor program in 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Academic Years shall continue their program in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation that were in effect as of the beginning date of their respective program. However, the effective provisions of Articles 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11 shall apply also to these students.⁴⁸

Provisional Article 2 – The GPA condition specified in the fifth paragraph of Article 20 hereof shall be applied as 2.50 for the students who enrolled in the Honors Program in 2015-2016 Academic Year.⁴⁹

Effective Date

Article 23 – This Regulation shall take effect on the date of its publication.

⁴⁸ Amended article: Official Gazette dated 30 June 2014 and numbered 29046. *The provisions that should apply pursuant to the provisional article are shown in the relevant footnotes.*

⁴⁹ Supplementary article: Official Gazette dated 19 December 2016 and numbered 29923.

Execution

Article 24 – The provisions of this Regulation shall be executed by the Rector of İstanbul Bilgi University.