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REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

NİĞDE ÖMER HALİSDEMİR UNIVERSITY

DIRECTIVE ON DOUBLE MAJOR PROGRAMS

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis, and Definitions

Purpose and Scope

**ARTICLE 1** – (1) The purpose of this Directive is to regulate the procedures and principles governing the Double Major Program, which enables students who successfully pursue their primary undergraduate programs at Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University to simultaneously undertake undergraduate studies in a second major and obtain a second bachelor's degree.

Legal Basis

**ARTICLE 2** – (1) This Directive has been prepared pursuant to:

- a) Paragraph three of Article 44 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547 dated 4 November 1981, as amended by Article 1 of Law No. 3511;
- b) Articles 4, 9, 16, 17, 18, and 19 of the *Regulation on Transfers Between Associate and Undergraduate Degree Programs, Double Major Programs, Minor Programs, and Inter-Institutional Credit Transfers in Higher Education Institutions*, published in the Official Gazette dated 24 April 2010 and numbered 27561.

Definitions

**ARTICLE 3** – (1) For the purposes of this Directive:

- a) **Double Major Program**: A program that enables students who satisfy the academic achievement requirements and other stipulated conditions to take courses simultaneously in two degree programs of the University and earn two separate diplomas;
- b) **Faculty of Education**: The Faculty of Education of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University;
- c) **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**: The student's cumulative academic average, excluding the preparatory class, calculated on the basis of all courses completed up to the semester for which the transfer application is made;
- ç) **Relevant Administrative Board**: The Faculty Administrative Board in faculties, the School Administrative Board in schools, and the Vocational School Administrative Board in vocational schools;
- d) **YKS**: The Higher Education Institutions Examination;

e) **Transcript:** An official document listing all courses taken during the period of study, together with their names, credits, and grades;

f) **University:** Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University;

g) **Rector:** The Rector of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University;

ğ) **Senate:** The Senate of Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University.

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **Opening of Programs, Implementation, Application, and Admission Requirements**

#### **Establishment of Programs**

**ARTICLE 4 – (1)** A Double Major Program shall be established upon the application of the relevant departments, the recommendation of the faculty/school/vocational school board, and the approval of the Senate, and shall be administered through the cooperation of the relevant departments.

(2) The courses and credits required in a Double Major Program shall be determined with the approval of the Senate upon the proposal of the relevant departments and boards, taking into consideration the higher education field qualifications established by the Council of Higher Education. The relevant undergraduate/associate degree double major program shall be structured in such a manner as to ensure that students achieve the learning outcomes defined in accordance with the knowledge, skills, and competencies they are expected to acquire at graduation.

(3) Repealed.

(4) The total course load that double major students may take in a single semester, including both the primary major and the double major program, may not exceed 60 credits.

#### **Implementation of the Double Major Program**

**ARTICLE 5 – (1)** The Double Major Program shall be implemented as follows:

a) Participation in a Double Major Program shall not affect a student's academic standing or graduation from the primary major program. A separate transcript shall be issued for the Double Major Program.

b) Courses that may count toward both programs shall be determined jointly by the departments concerned. Recognition of courses completed before enrollment in the Double Major Program shall become effective upon the decision of the Administrative Board of the faculty/school/vocational school offering the Double Major Program. Courses counted toward both programs shall appear on both transcripts. Such common courses shall be treated as a single course for the purpose of course load calculations.

c) A student may not be enrolled simultaneously in more than one Double Major Program, nor in both a Double Major Program and a Minor Program.

ç) A student who withdraws from a Double Major Program shall not be required to repeat the courses failed in that program.

d) Academic performance in the Double Major Program shall be evaluated in accordance with the provisions of the Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulations.

### **Application and Admission Requirements**

**ARTICLE 6 – (1)** The application and admission requirements for the Double Major Program are as follows:

a) The department opening the Double Major Program shall announce the program together with its quotas. The quotas may not exceed 20% of the department's YKS quota for the relevant year.

b) Students shall apply to the department offering the Double Major Program within the dates specified in the academic calendar, together with a petition and transcript.

c) Applications to a second undergraduate major diploma program may be submitted at the earliest at the beginning of the third semester and at the latest at the beginning of the fifth semester of the primary undergraduate program. Applications to a second associate degree major diploma program may be submitted at the earliest at the beginning of the second semester and at the latest at the beginning of the third semester.

ç) To apply for a Double Major Program, students must have successfully completed all courses in their primary undergraduate/associate degree program up to the semester of application and must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 out of 4.00.

d) The relevant Department Board shall rank applicants according to their cumulative GPA and shall also determine and announce a reserve list equal to half of the previously announced quota. In the event of a tie, applicants with the higher YKS score shall be given priority. Admission shall become final upon the decision of the Administrative Board of the Faculty/School/Vocational School offering the Double Major Program.

e) Students admitted to a Double Major Program shall pay an additional tuition fee equivalent to the tuition fee of the Double Major Program.

f) For programs requiring a minimum success ranking for admission, students wishing to pursue a Double Major Program must also satisfy the success ranking requirement determined by the Council of Higher Education for the relevant program in the year of their initial enrollment.

g) Students admitted through the Vertical Transfer Examination (DGS) may not enroll in Double Major Programs that are subject to a success ranking requirement.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **Coordination, Duration of Study, and Dismissal**

## **Coordination**

**ARTICLE 7** – (1) A Double Major Program Coordinator shall be appointed by the relevant Department Chair to assist students in determining the courses to be taken, planning the semesters in which such courses will be completed, and ensuring that the program is conducted in accordance with its objectives. The Coordinator shall work in communication with the academic advisors of the students' primary major programs.

## **Duration of the Program**

**ARTICLE 8** – (1) Students who become eligible for graduation from their primary major program but have not yet completed the Double Major Program may continue their studies provided that the maximum period of study does not exceed the limits stipulated in Article 44(c) of Law No. 2547, calculated from the academic year in which they enrolled in the Double Major Program.

(2) Students who have graduated from their primary major program and continue in the Double Major Program shall continue to pay the applicable tuition fees. If such students enroll in a graduate program, they shall also pay the tuition fees of that graduate program.

(3) A student may not be awarded the diploma of the second undergraduate program before becoming eligible for graduation from the primary major program.

(4) Students who become eligible for graduation from the primary major program and complete the Double Major Program with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 shall be awarded a Second Major Bachelor's Degree Diploma.

## **Dismissal from the Double Major Program**

**ARTICLE 9** – (1) A student's enrollment in the Second Diploma Program under the Double Major Program shall be terminated in the following cases:

a) To graduate from the Double Major Program, the student's cumulative GPA in the primary major program must be at least 2.72 out of 4.00 (70 out of 100). Throughout the period of double major studies, the student's cumulative GPA in the primary major program may fall to 2.50 out of 4.00 (65 out of 100) only once.

b) A student whose cumulative GPA in the primary major program falls below 2.72 out of 4.00 (70 out of 100) for a second time shall be dismissed from the second major diploma program.

c) If a student voluntarily withdraws from the Second Undergraduate Program under the Double Major Program, only the successfully completed courses shall be shown on the transcript.

d) A student who fails to enroll in courses in the Double Major Program for two consecutive semesters shall be dismissed from the Second Diploma Program. Such courses shall not be included in GPA calculations, nor shall their credits count toward the primary major diploma program.

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **Academic Standing, Graduation, Excuses, and Leave**

#### **Academic Standing and Graduation**

**ARTICLE 10** – (1) The requirements regarding academic standing and graduation are as follows:

- a) A student who graduates from the primary major program and completes the Double Major Program with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 shall be awarded a Double Major Bachelor's Degree Diploma.
- b) A student who has not become eligible for graduation from the primary major program shall not be awarded the diploma of the Double Major Program.
- c) Students who voluntarily withdraw from or are dismissed from the Double Major Program may be awarded a Minor Certificate if the department offering the Double Major Program also has a Minor Program and the student has fulfilled its requirements through the courses completed.

#### **Excuses and Leave**

**ARTICLE 11** – (1) A student's excuse status or leave request under the *Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulations* shall apply to both programs. Students who are unable to take courses in the Double Major Program due to reasons such as the non-offering of courses or schedule conflicts may be granted leave solely from the Double Major Program by decision of the Administrative Board of the faculty/school offering the program, and such period shall not be counted toward the maximum duration prescribed for completion of the Double Major Program.

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions, Entry into Force, and Execution**

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

**ARTICLE 12** – (1) In matters not regulated by this Directive, the provisions of the *Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University Associate and Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulations* shall apply.

#### **Entry into Force**

**ARTICLE 13** – (1) This Directive shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

#### **Execution**

**ARTICLE 14** – (1) The provisions of this Directive shall be executed by the Rector.