

ÖZYEĞİN UNIVERSITY
DOUBLE MAJOR DIRECTIVES

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Purpose

Article 1 -

(1) The purpose of these directives is to determine the principles and procedures for a double major which allows students who are registered in an undergraduate program at Özyeğin University to concurrently pursue another undergraduate program at the University in order to obtain a second undergraduate degree, so long as the respective student fulfills the academic standing requirements and other terms and conditions.

Scope

Article 2 -

(1) These directives cover the provisions for double majoring at Özyeğin University.

Legal Ground

Article 3 -

(1) These directives are prepared pursuant to "Rules and Regulations on the Principles of Transfers between Associate and Bachelor's Degree Programs, Double Major and Minor at Higher Education Institutions, and Credit Transfers between Higher Education Institutions".

Definitions

Article 4 -

(1) The academic program in which the student was enrolled at the time of applying for a double major is referred to as the "primary major," while the second academic program to which the student applied and was admitted is called the "secondary major."

Offering a Double Major Program

Article 5 -

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) Double major combinations are determined by the executive boards of the faculties offering double major programs and admitting double major students. These combinations take effect upon Senate approval.

Applications, Admissions, and Enrollments

Article 6 -

(1) Students may apply for a double major at the earliest at the beginning of the third, and at the latest at the beginning of the fifth semester of their undergraduate programs. Applications are submitted to the Student Services Unit within the application period announced on the academic calendar.

(2) Students who apply for a double major must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) Depending on whether the application is submitted at the beginning of the third, fourth, or fifth semester, students must have completed at least 48, or 84, or 120 credits, respectively,
- b) Students must have never achieved a failing grade (For repeated courses, only the latest grade is considered valid),
- c) **(Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1)** Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.72 and rank among the top 20 students in their primary major within their cohort based on cumulative GPA,
- d) Students must satisfy the English proficiency requirement of the secondary major, if any.
- e) **(Repealed: 28.1.2025/2025-1)**

(3) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) Eligible students are admitted to their secondary majors pursuant to the executive board decision of the faculty offering the secondary major.

(4) Admitted students must apply to the Student Services Unit to complete their enrollments in their secondary majors within the announced periods on the academic calendar.

(5) A student cannot double major in multiple secondary majors at the same time.

Academic Advising

Article 7 –

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) To support double major students in planning their academic studies in their secondary majors, the Dean's Office of the faculty offering the secondary major assigns a secondary major advisor to each double major student. Secondary major advisors cooperate and collaborate with primary major advisors.

Academic Standing and Continuity Requirements

Article 8 –

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) Double major students are issued with a transcript documenting all courses taken in both majors. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.72 throughout their double major studies. Students' cumulative GPA may drop to a minimum of 2.50 only once during the course of their double major studies. However, students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.72 for a second time will be dismissed from their secondary major program by the executive board decision of the faculty offering the secondary major.

(2) (Attachment: 28.1.2025/2025-1) In order to qualify for graduation from their primary majors and continue to study in their secondary majors, students must have a minimum graduation GPA of 2.72 in their primary majors. Students who meet the minimum graduation GPA requirement may continue to pursue their secondary majors. However, students who are unable to meet the minimum graduation GPA requirement are dismissed from their secondary majors by the executive board decision of the faculty offering the secondary major. Students who are eligible to continue their studies in the secondary majors as per this Article are no longer required to meet the minimum GPA requirement in their secondary major studies. However, in order to qualify for graduation from the secondary major, students must have a minimum graduation GPA of 2.72 in the secondary major.

(3) (Attachment: 28.1.2025/2025-1) The fulfillment of these conditions is evaluated after the announcement of grades at the end of the Fall semester and summer session. For exchange program students, the evaluation is conducted after their grades are entered in the Student Information System (SIS).

Credit Load

Article 9 –

(1) The maximum amount of credits that a double major student can take in any given semester is determined pursuant to the Rules and Regulations for Undergraduate Programs at Özyeğin University.

(2) Failure to take courses from the secondary major for two consecutive semesters will result in the forfeiture of the double major student status and the termination of enrollment in the secondary major.

Graduation

Article 10 –

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) Double major students are responsible for all courses and course works required for graduation from both of their majors. Common courses offered by both the primary and secondary majors are counted towards the graduation requirements of both programs. Students who successfully complete the graduation requirements of their primary majors are awarded the diplomas of their primary majors. Students who fail to meet the graduation requirements of their primary majors are not awarded the diplomas of their secondary majors, either. In order to qualify for graduation from the secondary major, students must have completed the graduation requirements of their secondary majors and must have achieved a minimum graduation GPA of 2.72 in their secondary majors.

Period of Study

Article 11 –

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) The primary and secondary majors must be completed within their respective maximum periods of study stipulated in Article 44 of Higher Education Law No:2547. The maximum period of study for the primary major is calculated from the semester in which the student matriculates in their primary major, while, for the secondary major, it begins from the semester in which the student matriculates in the secondary major. Dismissal from the primary major due to the expiration of the maximum period of study following the exercise of the rights granted by Article 44 of the respective Law will also result in dismissal from the secondary major. Failure to graduate from the secondary major within the maximum period of study will result in the forfeiture of the student's double major student status, and the termination of enrollment in the secondary major.

Horizontal Transfer

Article 12 –

(1) Double major students may apply to transfer from their primary majors to their secondary majors so long as they fulfill the requirements for horizontal transfer within the University. Students who transfer to another degree program are no longer considered double major students, and their double major status is terminated.

Withdrawal and Termination of Enrollment

Article 13 –

(1) Students may withdraw from their secondary majors at any time by submitting an application to the Student Services Unit. Application for withdrawal from the secondary major or the termination of the double major student status as per these directives will result in the termination of enrollment in the secondary major.

Tuition and Scholarships

Article 14 –

(1) Double major students are not charged any additional tuition for their secondary majors. However, these students are required to pay additional fees, if any, required by their secondary majors. In a case in which students need to extend their period of study due to double major, their admission scholarships continue to be awarded for 12 semesters during their undergraduate studies.

Student Formalities

Article 15 –

(1) (Amended: 28.1.2025/2025-1) Student formalities for double major students are completed by the faculty that offers the primary major. Students who take a leave of absence from their primary majors are also considered on leave of absence from their second majors. For double major students who graduated from their primary majors, student formalities are completed by the faculty that offers the secondary major.

Effectiveness

Article 16–

(1) These directives take effect on the date that they are approved by the Özyeğin University Senate.

Execution

Article 17 –

(1) These directives are executed by the Özyeğin University President (Rector).