

ATILIM UNIVERSITY
DIRECTIVE ON INTEGRATED GRADUATE PROGRAMS
SECTION ONE

Purpose, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 - (1) This Directive aims to determine the application and admission principles for successful students intending to start their graduate degree program while continuing their undergraduate degree program at Atilim University to the integrated graduate programs offered at graduate schools affiliated with Atilim University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 - (1) This Directive covers the provisions regarding graduate degree education relevant to the integrated graduate program offered at Atilim University.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 - (1) This Directive is based on the framework of the relevant articles of Higher Education Law no. 2547, Council of Higher Education Regulations on Graduate Degree Education, Atilim University Regulations on Associate and Undergraduate Degree Education and Examination, Atilim University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education, and the Higher Education Council letter dated 08.09.2025 no. 58396, as well as other legislation provisions.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 - (1) The definitions for this Directive are:

- a) Academic Advisor: The academic advisor assigned to the student for their undergraduate degree program,
- b) ALES: The Academic Personnel and Graduate Education Entrance Exam,
- c) Head of Department: The Heads of Departments of undergraduate degree programs of Atilim University schools,
- c) Integrated Graduate Program (IGP): The continuous program offered by Atilim University where students who have successfully completed the first six semesters of their eight-semester undergraduate degree programs combine their studies with a graduate degree program without interruptions,
- d) Double-Major Program (DM): The double major programs of the University,
- e) Head of Graduate School Department Major (GSDM) / Arts Major (GSAM): The Heads of Department Majors / Arts Majors of Atilim University graduate schools,
- f) Graduate School Department Major (GSDM) / Arts Major (GSAM): The Department Majors / Arts Majors of Atilim University graduate schools,
- g) GSEB: Graduate School Executive Board,
- g) Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of Atilim University,
- h) Program: Graduate programs catered for thesis-based graduate and doctorate degrees, within curricula determined by the Senate, and affiliated with a GSDM / GSAM,

- 1) ÖSYM: The Student Selection and Placement Center,
- i) Directorate of Student Affairs: The Directorate of Students Affairs of Atilim University;
- j) University: Atilim University,
- k) President: The President of Atilim University,
- l) Senate: The Atilim University Senate.

SECTION TWO

Application Conditions, Quotas, Evaluation and Result Announcement

Application conditions

ARTICLE 5 - (1) Prospective applicants to an Atilim University IGP are required to exhibit the following conditions:

- a) Having successfully completed all of their courses of their eight-semester undergraduate degree program curriculum in the first six semesters.
- b) Scoring a general grade point average of 3.00 or higher at the time of application.
- c) Students applying to a program instructed in a language different from the language of instruction of their undergraduate degree program are required to meet the language requirements of the relevant program.

(2) IGP applications may be made at the earliest at the beginning of the seventh semester.

(3) Applications are made to the Directorate of Student Affairs using the “Integrated Graduate Program Application Form” approved by the academic advisor of the undergraduate degree program where the candidate is enrolled, and the Head of the relevant department. Approved applications are forwarded to the relevant Graduate Degree by the Directorate of Student Affairs.

In addition, the following conditions apply:

- a) Students may only apply to IGPs that are compatible with their undergraduate degree program, and approved by the Graduate School Executive Board. Students may not apply to integrated graduate programs that require a scientific preparatory program.
- b) Students enrolled in double-major programs may submit their applications through their main major programs.
- c) The period of study calculations of new students (excluding those admitted through the Student Transfer Exam) begin from the semester in which they were transferred, as per the relevant articles of Atilim University Directive on Recognition of Prior Education, Exemption and Adaptation Procedures, for courses they have previously taken and successfully completed at other higher education institutions, including Atilim University.
- d) Students admitted through the Student Transfer Exam and those currently enrolled in an International Cooperative Undergraduate Degree Program may not apply to IGPs. Simultaneous application to both the Cooperative Education Program and an IGP is not possible in Semester 7.

Quotas

ARTICLE 6 - (1) The quota for an IGP is determined by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Graduate School Board, not exceeding 20% of the announced quota for the relevant program.

(2) The student quotas for IGPs are determined in addition to the quotas for the relevant graduate degree program announced by the Senate.

Evaluation and result announcement

ARTICLE 7 - (1) If the number of applications to an IGP exceeds the program quota, evaluation will be made based on the overall grade point averages of applicants.

(2) A number of principal candidates equal to the announced quota and twice that number of reserve candidates will be determined.

(3) The evaluation results will be announced on the official website of the relevant graduate school on the dates specified in the academic calendar.

SECTION THREE

Admission and Continuity Conditions for Graduate Degree Programs

Admission and continuity conditions

ARTICLE 8 - (1) In order for a student enrolled in an IGP to be able to register definitively for the relevant graduate degree program, their undergraduate degree grade point average at graduation must be at least 3.00.

(2) IGP students are required to meet the application requirements (ALES scores, foreign language requirements, etc.) specified in Atılım University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education in effect at the time of their application to the graduate degree program.

(3) IGP students are required to successfully complete their undergraduate degree program within eight semesters and to maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 throughout their IGP. Students who fail to graduate under these conditions lose their rights within the scope of the IGP.

(4) Within the scope of IGPs, students are to register definitively in the relevant Graduate Degree Program in the first semester following their graduation from their undergraduate program. Students lose their rights within the scope of the IGP if they do not register in the relevant Graduate Degree Program.

(5) The credits of the courses taken within the scope of the IGP by IGP students unable to register for the graduate degree program do not count towards their graduation from their undergraduate programs and are presented with a separate document.

SECTION FOUR

Program Registration and Execution

Program execution

ARTICLE 9 - (1) The graduate degree program advisor duties of students continuing with an IGP are conducted by the Heads of the relevant Department / Arts Majors. When students complete their undergraduate

degree program and transfer to the graduate degree program, an advisor is assigned to them in accordance with the relevant graduate degree education regulations.

(2) Students enrolled in the program are required to take at least one course each semester during their undergraduate studies, and may take a maximum of two graduate courses each semester. Students enrolled in the program cannot register for doctorate degree courses.

(3) Graduate degree courses taken within the scope of the program are listed as “non-credit” in the transcript and are not included in the undergraduate program grade point averages.

(4) Graduate degree thesis, Research Methods and Seminar courses may be taken after successfully completing the undergraduate degree program and registering definitively for the relevant graduate degree program.

(5) Students enrolled in an IGP may not change their graduate degree program.

SECTION FIVE

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Miscellaneous Provisions

ARTICLE 10 - (1) Until the student obtains their undergraduate degree, the entire process is handled by the relevant Schools, Graduate Schools, and Directorate of Student Affairs; the application process for the continuation of the graduate degree program for IGP students who have completed their undergraduate degree program is handled by the relevant Graduate Schools and Directorate of Student Affairs. Until the student obtains their graduate degree, the entire process is handled by the relevant Graduate School Directorate.

(2) In order for the student to be eligible for undergraduate graduation, they must have fulfilled all the conditions as per Atilim University Regulations on Associate and Undergraduate Degree Education and Examination and the Senate Principles related thereto.

(3) In order for the student to be eligible for graduation from their graduate degree program, they must have fulfilled all the conditions as per Atilim University Regulations on Graduate Degree Education and Examination and the Senate Principles related thereto.

(4) Students who wish to disenroll from the program submit their request to the Head of the Department Major of the relevant program. The Head of Department makes a decision regarding the request and forwards it to the Graduate School for a decision by the Graduate School Executive Board. For students whose registration will be annulled due to failure to meet the conditions within the scope of the Directive, or due to other reasons that will cause them to be dismissed from the program, a decision is made by the Graduate School Executive Board. Students who are dismissed from the program may not have the courses they took within the program credited towards another course in their undergraduate and / or graduate curricula. These courses will be listed as “non-credit” on their transcripts and will not contribute to their GPA.

Cases not included

ARTICLE 11 - (1) In cases not covered in this Directive, other relevant legislation provisions, as well as the resolutions by the Senate and relevant boards apply.

Effective Date

ARTICLE 12 – (1) This Directive hereby enters into effect as of the Fall Semester of the Academic Year of 2026-2027.

Execution

ARTICLE 13 - (1) This Directive is executed by the President of Atilim University.