

ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF PHARMACY

DIRECTIVE ON THE RESEARCH PROJECT COURSE

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis and Definitions

ARTICLE 1 – Purpose

(1) The purpose of this Directive is to regulate the procedures and principles regarding the Research Project I and II courses included in the academic curriculum of undergraduate students of Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy.

ARTICLE 2 – Scope

(1) This Directive covers provisions regarding the fundamental principles, planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation of research projects conducted at Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy.

ARTICLE 3 – Legal basis

(1) This Directive has been prepared on the basis of the Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy Education–Training and Examination Regulation.

ARTICLE 4 – Definitions

(1) In this Directive;

- a) Advisor: faculty members and/or doctoral-level academic staff who conduct Research Project I and Research Project II,
- b) Dean: the Dean of Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy,
- c) Deanship: the Deanship of Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy,
- ç) Faculty: Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy,
- d) Jury: the Research Project Evaluation Jury,
- e) Commission: the Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy Research Project Commission,
- f) Senate: the Istanbul Aydın University Senate,

g) University: Istanbul Aydın University,

shall be understood.

CHAPTER TWO

Principles Regarding the Research Project Course

ARTICLE 5 – Course terms

(1) Research Project I is a compulsory course offered in the 9th semester, and Research Project II is a compulsory course offered in the 10th semester; these courses are conducted by faculty members and/or doctoral-level academic staff of the Faculty.

ARTICLE 6 – Purpose and scope of the research project course

(1) The purpose of the research project course is to enable the student to gain the ability to access sources on a specific topic, collect and interpret data, report the information obtained as a coherent whole, and defend it before a jury.

(2) The research project covers a theoretical and/or practical study that students of the Faculty of Pharmacy must take and successfully complete in order to graduate.

ARTICLE 7 – Research Project Commission

(1) The Research Project Commission consists of at least three faculty members and/or doctoral-level academic staff—one of whom is the chair—selected by the Faculty Administrative Board for a term of three years to manage the processes related to the research project courses.

ARTICLE 8 – Determination of research project topics

(1) Research Project I and Research Project II are carried out on the same topic under the responsibility of the same advisor. If the advisor cannot continue the project due to a valid excuse (health report, official assignments, special circumstances such as failure to continue the project successfully for various reasons, etc.), another faculty member and/or doctoral-level academic staff member from the Faculty is appointed as advisor during the semester by a decision of the Faculty Administrative Board.

(2) Research Project I and Research Project II cannot be taken together in the same semester. Successfully completing Research Project I is a prerequisite for taking Research Project II.

(3) Research projects may be theoretical or practical.

(4) Each faculty member and/or doctoral-level academic staff member submits at least three research project proposals to the relevant department chairs. The list of project proposals

approved and accepted by the departments is submitted to the Deanship no later than the last week of May. Topics related to the instructors' proposals are announced by the Deanship.

(5) The list of approved project topics is announced by the Deanship to the students who will take the course during the final-exam week of the 8th semester.

(6) The student who will take the research project (8th-semester student) writes and signs up to five (5) preferences—starting from the most desired topic—on the relevant form and submits it to the Deanship. The forms are evaluated by the Commission by also taking into account the student's cumulative GPA and whether the student has already worked on a project with the relevant instructor.

(7) The final version of the list matching students with research project topics is announced by the Deanship by the end of the final-exam period.

ARTICLE 9 – Research project course and examinations

(1) The advisor conducting the Research Project is obliged to open, in the 9th and 10th semesters, a weekly schedule consisting of 3 hours of theoretical instruction and 8 hours of practice related to the selected topic.

ARTICLE 10 – Course process and examinations

(1) The student whose topic has been determined meets with the project advisor within the first two weeks of the fall semester of the 5th year and establishes the study timetable.

(2) Each student must take the research project courses in the 9th and 10th semesters. Students who cannot take these courses in these semesters and cannot complete the project must take the courses and complete the project starting from the following year.

(3) One midterm examination and one final examination are held for evaluation.

(4) Midterm and final examinations are held on the dates specified in the examination calendar.

(5) Examinations for Research Project I are conducted by the project advisor in written or oral form and notified to the Deanship.

(6) The midterm examination for Research Project II is conducted by the project advisor in written or oral form. The final examination is conducted as a project presentation and defense before a jury consisting of three faculty members, and as a poster presentation to be held on a day determined by the Deanship. In calculating the final grade: the contribution rate of the report prepared for the research project is 40%, the contribution rate of the defense activity before the jury is 30%, and the contribution rate of the poster presentation is 30%. The student must carry out all three activities.

(7) In calculating the success grade of the research project course, the contribution of in-semester examinations and evaluations is 60% and the contribution of the final exam grade is 40%; the

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(8) In case students fail the research project courses or cannot take the exam, they must retake and pass the research project exam in the resit (make-up) examination period of the same semester or in an examination period to be determined by the jury.

(9) Students who do not submit the research project are deemed unsuccessful.

(10) Research Project I and Research Project II courses are not offered in the summer term.

(11) If the student has taken and passed Research Project I but fails Research Project II in the following semester, and if only Research Project II remains for the student to graduate, this course may be offered in the off-term semester.

ARTICLE 11 – Research project writing principles

(1) The research project report is submitted to the project advisor by the end of the 13th week of the 10th semester as 3 printed copies and/or on a flash drive, and after the examination—within 15 days—after making corrections, it is submitted again as 4 printed copies and/or on a flash drive. The copy saved on the flash drive and the printed version must be identical. One copy of the project is sent to the Deanship for archiving.

(2) The student also submits to the advisor the plagiarism report obtained via the TURNITIN Plagiarism Detection Program. The upper limit of the similarity rate for the Research Project is 30%.

(3) In preparing the research project of Faculty of Pharmacy students in report form, the principles stated in the Istanbul Aydın University Graduate Education Institute Thesis Writing Guide are taken into consideration.

CHAPTER THREE

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

ARTICLE 12 – Entry into force

(1) This Directive enters into force on the date it is adopted by the Senate, to be applied to students who enroll at Istanbul Aydın University Faculty of Pharmacy in the 2024–2025 and subsequent Academic Years.

ARTICLE 13 – Execution

(1) The provisions of this Directive are executed by the Dean.