

**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MALTEPE UNIVERSITY
FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION REGULATION**

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Legal Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this regulation is to establish procedures and principles regarding foreign language education.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This regulation covers the procedures and principles related to foreign language preparatory classes and mandatory/elective foreign language courses conducted by the School of Foreign Languages.

Legal Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This regulation has been prepared based on the Higher Education Law No. 2547, the Regulation on Principles of Foreign Language Teaching and Foreign Language-Medium Education in Higher Education Institutions, and the Maltepe University Associate and Bachelor's Degree Education and Examination Regulation.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – (1) The terms used in this regulation refer to the following: a) Rector: The Rector of Maltepe University,
b) Senate: The Senate of Maltepe University,
c) University: Maltepe University,
ç) YADYO: School of Foreign Languages.

CHAPTER TWO

Objectives of Foreign Language Education, Foreign Language Proficiency, and Placement Exams

Objective of Foreign Language Education

ARTICLE 5 – (1) The aim of foreign language education is to teach students the fundamental rules of the language, expand their foreign language vocabulary, enable them to comprehend what they hear and read in the foreign language, and express themselves orally or in writing. Additionally, it aims to provide them with language skills for effective communication with individuals from diverse cultures and disciplines for personal, academic, or professional purposes, and to ensure they can use these skills effectively after graduation.

Foreign Language Proficiency Exam

ARTICLE 6 – (1) Students enrolled in diploma programs that offer instruction in a foreign language are required to take the Foreign Language Proficiency Exam administered by YADYO.

(2) The Foreign Language Proficiency Exam is evaluated on a 100-point scale, and students who achieve the minimum scores listed in Table 1 are exempt from the mandatory foreign language preparatory class and may directly begin their studies in their registered diploma programs.

Table 1 Minimum Passing Scores

- Faculty of Education, Department of Foreign Language Education, English Language Teaching Program: 70
- Faculty of Education, Guidance and Psychological Counseling Program: 60

- Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Publicity Department: 60
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Departments of Psychology and Sociology: 60
- Faculty of Business and Management Sciences, Departments of International Trade and Logistics, and Business: 60
- Faculty of Medicine: 60
- Other Faculties/Schools: 55

(3) Students who meet at least one of the following criteria are exempt from the Foreign Language Proficiency Exam and may directly begin their studies in their diploma programs:

(a) Those who have completed at least the last three years of their secondary education in schools where the medium of instruction is the designated foreign language, in countries where the language is spoken as a native language, or in Turkey in programs like the International Baccalaureate (IB), ABITUR, or the French Baccalaureate.

(b) Those who have achieved the minimum scores indicated in Table 2 on one of the specified exams.

Table 2 Valid Exams and Minimum Passing Scores for Exemptions

The table includes different exams such as YDS, YÖKDİL, KPDS, ÜDS, PTE, TOEFL (IBT), International Diploma scores, and Cambridge C1 Advanced with specific minimum scores for each faculty or program.

Placement Exam

ARTICLE 7 – (1) Students who do not take the Foreign Language Proficiency Exam or do not achieve the minimum scores specified in Article 6(2) are required to take the Placement Exam.

(2) Based on their scores, students are placed at the appropriate level in the foreign language preparatory class.

(3) Students who do not attend or are unable to take the Placement Exam begin at the lowest level in the preparatory program.

(4) The Foreign Language Proficiency and Placement Exams do not have make-up sessions.

Mandatory Foreign Language Courses

ARTICLE 8 – (1) Students enrolled in diploma programs where the language of instruction is Turkish are required to take and pass mandatory foreign language courses according to Article 5(i) of Law No. 2547.

(2) These courses are programmed for at least two semesters and designed to meet the foreign language proficiency level specified in the Turkish Higher Education Qualifications Framework.

(3) To be exempt from these courses, students must pass the Exemption Exam, conducted by YADYO at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The exam content covers general English, and a score of 70 grants exemption from the fall semester course, while a score of 80 grants exemption from both fall and spring semester courses with an “AA” passing grade.

The remainder of the regulation covers additional details on exemptions, passing scores, the structure of the preparatory class, attendance requirements, valid reasons for absence, and miscellaneous and final provisions regarding the implementation of this directive from the 2022-2023 academic year onward.

Senate Approval of the Directive

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