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Istanbul Gelişim University aims to provide sustainable lifelong learning to all participants with the open online education service offered within the university, in line with the University's contribution to the society, by utilizing e-learning technologies with open online education service, and to provide equal opportunity in education through distance education.

The fact that open online education programs are free of charge paves the way for the participation of social masses who cannot allocate extra resources to their education in terms of financial means. It provides opportunities for those who want to take a step in their personal development but who have not been able to do so due to financial or other reasons. Open online training programs enable physically disabled community segments to take advantage of the opportunities provided by today's technologies and engage in processes without time and space constraints.

The University aims to reach all segments of the society within the scope of its responsibility to serve the society and to ensure that individuals in the society are involved in sustainable development networks.

Basic Values

The basic values on which the University's Open Online Course Policy is based are as follows:

1. **Service to Humanity:** The University contributes to humanity through its activities and messages to society.
2. **Service to the Society:** The university targets not only its own students and stakeholders, but also all segments of the society with its trainings.
3. **Sustainable Development:** To create continuous and uninterrupted education and learning opportunities for individuals within the scope of the principle of lifelong learning without limiting time and space.

Strategy of Open Online Course Policy:

The cornerstones of the strategy of Open Online Course Policy, which are shaped around these values, are as follows:

To organize free trainings to appeal to all segments of society.

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The University organizes free courses within the scope of the principle of service to the society in order to eliminate the educational deficiencies in the basic areas determined by its researches in all areas at outside of its city.

These courses contribute to individuals in the point of professional development and support the personal development in social sense.

The University uses various communication channels to ensure that all segments of society are informed of its activities.

The Action Plan is prepared by taking the opinions of all stakeholders by the relevant unit regarding the activities to be carried out. A commission is established for the implementation and supervision of the Action Plan.

Objectives of Open Online Course Policy:

1. To fulfill the principle of Community Service
2. To ensure that all segments of society enjoy the right to equal learning
3. To increase the interaction with also the society sections that are not natural stakeholders of the university
4. To ensure sustainability by eliminating time and space constraints in education by making use of the opportunities provided by technological developments

Indicators are created to monitor the degree of realization of these objectives. Realization percentages are determined and corrective and remedial measures are taken.

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