



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY RECTORATE
Constructivism and Student-Centered Teaching Policy

With the open online education service offered within the university, Istanbul Gelisim University aims at equal opportunities in education through distance education by adopting the principle of efficient and continuity by using e-learning technologies with its open online education service in line with the goals of contributing to the society of the University.

The fact that open online education programs are free of charge paves the way for the social masses who cannot allocate extra resources to their education in terms of financial opportunities to be included in this process. It offers an opportunity at this point to people who want to take steps in their personal development but have not been able to do so due to financial or other reasons. Open online education programs enable segments of society with physical disabilities to participate in processes without time and space constraints by taking advantage of the opportunities provided by today's technologies.

Within the scope of community service responsibility, the university aims to reach all segments of the society and to ensure that individuals in the society are included in sustainable development networks.

Core Values

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

1. Service to Humanity: The university contributes to humanity with its activities and messages to the society.
2. Community Service: With the trainings it provides, the university targets not only its own students and stakeholders, but also all segments of the society.
3. Sustainable Development: Create continuous and uninterrupted education and learning opportunities without being restricted time and space within the scope of the lifelong learning principle of individuals.

Strategy of Open Online Course Policy:

The cornerstones of the Open Online Course Policy strategy shaped around these values are:

- Organizing free trainings that will appeal to all segments of the society.
- The university organizes free courses within the scope of the principle of community service in order to eliminate the education deficiencies free of charge in the basic areas determined by the researches it conducts in its own city or in all other areas.
- The courses organized not only contribute to individuals in terms of professional development, but also support personal development in social terms.
- The university uses various communication channels to inform all segments of society about its activities.

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

Objectives of the Open Online Course Policy:

1. To fulfill the requirement of the principle of Community Service,
2. To ensure that all segments of society benefit from the right to learn equally,
3. To increase interaction with segments of society that are not natural stakeholders of the university,
4. To ensure sustainability by eliminating its constrain time and space in education by taking advantage of the opportunities provided by technological developments.

Indicators are used to monitor the degree to which these goals are achieved. Realization percentages are determined, corrective and remedial measures are taken accordingly.

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