

Spring Term of 2019-2020 academic year in all programs

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Dear IZTECH Members,

Following the country-wide measures against COVID-19 outbreak, The Turkish Council of Higher Education (CoHE - YÖK) has announced that education at universities during the spring term of the 2019-2020 academic year will be carried out through distance learning until the end of the spring semester.

The operating principles regarding the education and research activities to be carried out at IzTech in the Spring Term of the 2019-2020 academic year in all preparatory, undergraduate and graduate programs have been presented below.

1. Procedures and principles for conducting the courses that are offered in the Preparatory, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs:

a. Theoretical courses (T +0+ 0 credit) and practical/laboratory courses that also have theoretical components within (T+U+0 veya T+0+L) will be carried out through distance learning until the end of the Spring Semester. The practical/laboratory parts of the courses will be completed in a condensed academic calendar within the summer months. Grades will be entered on the date to be determined in this academic year.

b. Related to the methods to be followed in the measurement and evaluation (exams) of the courses carried out by distance education; although course instructors have the right to plan evaluations and exams, they will be recorded and carried out in a transparent, measurable, and auditable manner.

2. Practical / laboratory parts of the courses to be opened in the Condensed Academic Calendar will be held via formal (face-to-face) education unless there is another change (during the Summer Period). The same Summer School courses that are offered under normal circumstances (2019-2020 Academic Calendar) will also be offered this summer.

3. All graduate exams (thesis completion, qualification, thesis proposal) will be conducted in a transparent, measurable and auditable manner via remote access (online), provided they are specific to this period.

4. During this time, entry to and exit from the IZTECH Campus need to be minimized. As such, all graduate students and research assistants will be expected to continue remotely their studies and research from a distance. All graduate students need to be encouraged to do so.

5. Under the current conditions, PhD qualification exams have been postponed until May 29th, 2020. We have appealed to CoHE to further postpone qualification exams to the end of summer.

We have also appealed to CoHE to extend the education period by one semester for at least graduate students in their last year, if not all graduate students.

We wish you health and prosperity.