

FIRAT UNIVERSITY VETERINARY FACULTY ELECTIVE COURSE METHOD AND FUNDAMENTALS

FIRST SECTION

Aim, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Aim and Scope

ARTICLE 1

1. The purpose of these procedures and principles is to establish the foundational methods for planning, implementing, and evaluating elective courses at Firat University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. These courses aim to provide students with personal development opportunities required for their academic fields or professional lives, enhance their understanding of topics with professional depth, and develop interdisciplinary perspectives.
2. These procedures and principles apply to the elective courses offered to students of Firat University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine each semester.

Basis

ARTICLE 2

These procedures and principles are prepared based on the Firat University Associate and Undergraduate Education Regulation, published in the Official Gazette dated 08/07/2024 and numbered 32596.

Definitions

ARTICLE 3

The following terms are defined in this directive:

- **Period:** Each academic year at the faculty.
- **Faculty Board:** The governing board of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Firat University.
- **Commission:** The Education and Training Planning Commission of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Firat University.
- **Elective Courses:** Courses designed to align with students' interests and competencies, covering a wide range of topics that contribute to personal growth and development, such as art, literature, foreign languages, history, sports, health, environment, computer programs, science and technology, social responsibility, psychology, entrepreneurship, law, and values education.
- **Senate:** The Senate of Firat University.
- **Veterinary Faculty:** Firat University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

SECOND SECTION

Elective Course Creation and Coordination

Creation of Elective Courses

ARTICLE 4

1. Elective courses may be proposed by the faculty members within the Veterinary Faculty or external faculty members. New courses require the Faculty Board's opinion and Senate approval before implementation.

Execution of Elective Courses

ARTICLE 5

1. The Education and Training Planning Commission is responsible for coordinating elective courses. One member of the Commission acts as the rapporteur.
2. The Commission's responsibilities regarding elective course coordination include: a. Conducting a preliminary evaluation of proposed elective courses to determine their relevance to veterinary education or students' professional development. It sets student quotas for the courses based on instructor recommendations. b. Submitting approved courses, along with their semester and student target information, to the Faculty Board for final decision and notifying the Dean's Office. c. Announcing approved elective courses to students prior to the relevant semester and ensuring course schedules, locations, and times are coordinated with the student affairs office and faculty members.

THIRD SECTION

Elective Course Selection, Registration, Execution, and Evaluation

Elective Course Selection and Registration

ARTICLE 6

1. A minimum of 10 students is required to open an elective course. If the number of enrolled students is insufficient, the course will not be offered, and students will be directed to other elective courses.
2. An upper limit of 30 students per elective course may be set based on the instructor's recommendation and the Commission's decision.
3. Information about available elective courses is published on the Faculty's website under the course introduction section before the registration period of each semester.

Attendance and Evaluation of Elective Courses

ARTICLE 7

1. Attendance and evaluation criteria for elective courses are governed by the provisions of the Firat University Associate and Undergraduate Education Regulation currently in force.
2. Midterm, final, and make-up exams for elective courses are conducted on the dates specified in the exam schedules. Students who fail an elective course are not required to repeat it in the same year but may opt for a different elective course in the following academic year, subject to attendance requirements.
3. Students who fail elective courses but wish to retake the same course may do so without attending regular classes if they choose to take exams in the subsequent academic year.

FOURTH SECTION

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Unspecified Situations

ARTICLE 8

In cases not explicitly covered by this directive, decisions of the Faculty Board of Directors will be applied.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 9

These procedures and principles take effect upon approval by the Faculty Board of the Veterinary Faculty at Firat University and apply to newly enrolled students starting from the 2024-2025 academic year.

Execution

ARTICLE 10

These procedures and principles are executed by the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Firat University.