

YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE
2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT (PHASE I-II-III)

Dear All,

In a statement of The Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK) related a new normalization process includes the expressions that: “Turkish Universities need to schedule their own online education process for relevant programs to be able to give its theoretical lectures and support its practical trainings considering the regional and local dynamics of COVID-19 pandemic and the number of student and infrastructure facilities of the relevant formal program. Also, it has been decided that in the face-to-face programs, up to 40 percent of courses can be lectured as online regardless of COVID-19 pandemic process.

However, at that point for 2020-2021 academic year as Faculty of Medicine, we have taken some decisions listed below in consequence of our experiences, resolutions of Yeditepe University Senate, discussions within our educational commissions and your feedbacks and requests.

- Preclinical students (Phase I-II-III) are going to get integrated education (both practical and theoretical lectures) as usual. The current academic program will be protected.
- The lecture commissions and the other code of courses’ (ICP, laboratory and practical skills, anatomical drawing, problem-based learning sessions and free elective courses) theoretical parts will be given synchronous and online.
- The lectures’ video recording will be hold. In this way, students have a chance and opportunity to watch these videos as asynchronous in case of missing the lecture.
- It is on our agenda that in the spring semester the theoretical exams will be conducted face to face considering the physical and academic infrastructure, the other facilities and taken the necessary measures of our University. In the fall semester theoretical exams will be synchronous and online. The examination rules will be declared at a later time.
- The practical training also will be given as online and synchronous as possibilities allow. If some practices postpone to spring semester, it will be planned to given face to face by divided into groups.
- 2020-2021 academic year program for preclinical students is preparing and going to be announced on our Faculty web site.

As a consequence, the whole lectures will be given as online and synchronous / asynchronous in 2020-2021 academic year fall semester. We are expecting and planning the realization of face-to-face and mostly practical training for spring semester, but taking into consideration that the planning face-to-face education might be transformed into online model in case of force majeure related with the progress of COVID-19 pandemic.

New academic programs is going to be declared as soon as possible.

We wish you all success and joy for this new academic year.

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