



**SOCIAL, HUMANITIES  
BASIC SCIENCES  
ACCREDITATION and  
RATING ASSOCIATION**

# CRITERIA COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE

**1. Article: Basis and Purpose**

- 1.1. This directive has been prepared in accordance with the Working Regulations.
- 1.2. The purpose of this directive is to regulate the duties and operational principles of the Criteria Committee.

**2. Article: Criteria Committee**

- 2.1. The Criteria Committee has been established to determine and update the criteria that undergraduate programs must meet to obtain accreditation.

**3. Article: Evaluation Criteria**

- 3.1. The Evaluation Criteria are used by Evaluation Teams to assess undergraduate programs and by STARAK in making accreditation decisions.
- 3.2. The Evaluation Criteria aim to meet stakeholder expectations, contribute to quality assurance, and support the continuous improvement of undergraduate programs.
- 3.3. The Evaluation Criteria are divided into two main groups:
  - 1. General Criteria: These are the criteria that undergraduate programs in Social, Human, and Basic Sciences must meet.
  - 2. Program-Specific Criteria: These are the criteria specific to undergraduate programs in Social, Human, and Basic Sciences. Program-Specific Criteria define the knowledge, skills, and competencies that students and graduates must possess.

**4. Article: Duties of the Criteria Committee**

- 4.1. To carry out studies for the determination and updating of evaluation criteria.
- 4.2. The Criteria Committee reviews the Evaluation Criteria at least once a year by incorporating stakeholder feedback. The committee takes the following aspects into account when reviewing and updating the criteria:
  - 1. Changes in societal expectations regarding education in Social, Human, and Basic Sciences.
  - 2. Changes in the professional application areas of Social, Human, and Basic Sciences.
  - 3. Emergence of new fields within Social, Human, and Basic Sciences.
  - 4. Changes in educational approaches for Social, Human, and Basic Sciences.

- 4.3. The Criteria Committee summarizes its annual activities in the Annual Activity Report

**5. Article: Operational Principles of the Criteria Committee**

- 5.1. The Criteria Committee is accountable to the STAR Board of Directors.
- 5.2. The Chair of the Criteria Committee is responsible for the functioning of the committee.
- 5.3. The Chair of the Criteria Committee ensures communication between the Criteria Committee,

the STAR Board of Directors, and STARAK.

- 5.4. The Chair of the Criteria Committee ensures all communication among the Committee Members.
- 5.5. The Criteria Committee convenes at least twice a year.
- 5.6. The agenda, date, location, and format (physical or online) of Criteria Committee meetings are determined by mutual agreement among the Committee Members.
- 5.7. If the Criteria Committee meets physically, the Chair submits the meeting minutes document to STAR. If the meeting is online, the digital meeting minutes are sent to STAR.

6. **Article: Amendments to the Directive**

- 6.1. This directive is reviewed by the STAR Board of Directors.

7. **Article: Enforcement**

- 7.1. This directive enters into force on the date of approval by the STAR Board of Directors.