



**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.