

## GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

2021-2022

Dear Students,

2021-2022 academic year Student Council Department/Programme Representative elections will be held in accordance with the " Regulation on Higher Education Institutions Student Councils and Higher Education Institutions National Student Council" published in Turkish Official Gazette No. 31154 of 13.06.2020.

You can submit your **Student Representative Candidate Application Form** in person to the Health, Culture and Sports Offices (Mahmutbey Campus, Building A, Ground Floor, Room No. 8, Gayrettepe Campus, Building F, first basement floor, room no. FB103) or send your scanned petitions to [sks@altinbas.edu.tr](mailto:sks@altinbas.edu.tr) within the application period determined in the election calendar.

Students who meet the following requirements can run for the role of Student Representative:

- To be at least a second-year student enrolled in an Altınbaş University undergraduate, vocational or graduate school programme \*
- Not to be a current member of or currently associated with any political party/organ,
- Not to have a criminal record due to a past disgraceful and immoral conduct/offense,
- Not to be subject to a past disciplinary action, expect for a warning,
- Not to be on a leave of absence during the student council elections,
- Have a minimum GPA of 2, 75 out of 4 or 70 out of 100,
- Not to have any direct or indirect connection, affiliation, relation or involvement with any terrorist activity or group/organisation

\* *Foreign Languages Preparatory Class students can vote for the department/programmes they are enrolled in, but cannot run for student rep.*

### CALENDAR FOR STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021-2022

Candidate Application	4–11 November 2021 Time: 17.00
Release of first official list of candidates	12 November 2021 Time: 17.00
Deadline for filing of objections on Candidates	15 November 2021 Time: 15.30
Release of final list of candidates	15 November 2021 Time: 17.00
Official Campaign Period	16-23 November 2021 Time: 09.00-17.00
ELECTION DAY	24 November 2021 Time: 09.00 – 16.00
Announcement of election results	24 November 2021 Time: 17.00
Deadline for filing of objections on election results	25 November 2021 Time: 15.00
Official announcement of election results	25 November 2021 Time: 17.00
* In the event that the voter turnout does not reach 60% in the first round of elections; the second round will be held on November 25, 2021, between the hours of 9.00-13.00.	

\*In the event that the voter turnout does not reach 50% in the second round of elections; the third round will be held on November 26, 2021, between the hours of 9.00-13.00

**Please note the following,**

1. The candidate lists will be announced by the Election Board on 12 November 2021 at 17.00. Candidates will have until 15 November 2021, 15.30 to object to lists. The final list of candidates will be announced on 15 November 2021 at 17:00.
2. Campaigning period will begin on 16 November 2021 at 9.00 and end on 23 November 2021 at 17.00.
3. During the campaign period, candidates are allowed to run only their own campaigns; it's prohibited to run campaigns for or against other candidates. A realistic approach for the campaigns should be set, and they must absolutely be related to University affairs. Using bad or abusive language should be avoided. The candidacy of students, who run campaigns with inappropriate content, will be terminated by the Election Board.
4. Student Council Elections will be carried out in the form of online voting, by means of a secret ballot, and an open counting.
5. In order for elections can be deemed to have concluded, at least 60% of students enrolled in the respective program must vote in the first round of elections; and at least 50% of students enrolled in the respective program must vote in the second round of elections. In case elections are not concluded in the first and second rounds, no minimum percentage of the vote shall be required in the third round. In case of equal votes between candidates, the winner shall be decided by drawing lots.
6. Online Voting System will be managed and announced by the Election Board on the university website.
7. Altınbaş University administrative units and staff shall not be held liable and shall not accept any liability or responsibility whatsoever for failure to vote and/or errors while voting due to internet connection problems and/or system failures.
8. Online voting will be held on November 24, 2021, 9.00am-4.00pm.
9. Each student may only cast one vote in elections.
10. Each student can only apply to his/her own department/programme.
11. Foreign Languages Preparatory Class students can vote for the department/programmes they are enrolled in, but cannot run for student rep.
12. Internet voting system will transfer votes via the Internet to our central counting server on the Election Day at 4.00pm. Ballot Papers and Ballot Counting Report will be submitted by the poll clerks to the Election Board, on the same day.
13. Election results will be announced by the Election Board on November 24, 2021, 5.00pm. Candidates will have until November 25, 2021, 3.00pm to object to elections results. Objections will be viewed and evaluated by the Election Board, and the final results of the election will be announced on November 25, 2021, 5.00pm.
14. In case a second-round election is required due to low voter turnout, the second round will be held on November 25, 2021, between the hours of 9.00 and 13.00.
15. Voters will not be allowed to cast a second vote in the second round as their previous votes (casted in the first round) will be valid.
16. Results of the second round will be announced by the Election Board on November 25, 2021, 2.00pm. Candidates will have until on November 25, 2021, 4.00pm to object to second round results. Objections will be viewed and evaluated by the Election Board, and the final results of the second round will be announced on November 26, 2021, 5.00pm.
17. In case a third-round election is required due to low voter turnout, the third round will be held on November 26, 2021, between the hours of 9.00 and 13.00.

18. Results of the third round will be announced by the Election Board on November 26, 2021, 2.00pm. Candidates will have until November 26, 2021, 4.00pm to object to third round results. Objections will be viewed and evaluated by the Election Board, and the final results of the third round will be announced on November 26, 2021, 5.00pm.
19. The elections for departments/programs which have the minimum required voter turnout in first and second rounds will not continue on the next round.