

## **Program Learning Outcomes of the Department of Food Engineering**

### **KNOWLEDGE (Theoretical and Factual Knowledge)**

**PLO1.** Has a sound understanding of theoretical and applied knowledge in mathematics, natural sciences, basic engineering principles, and food science; effectively uses this knowledge in food engineering applications and applies it to problem-solving processes.

**PLO2.** Possesses knowledge of food quality and safety principles, hygiene and sanitation practices, quality assurance and control systems, as well as relevant standards and legislation; applies these systems and contributes to their improvement.

**PLO3.** Has practical competence in industrial processes such as food production lines, process control, unit operations, occupational health and safety, quality management, and production planning, and optimizes these processes.

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### **SKILLS (Cognitive and Practical Skills)**

**PLO4.** Identifies, analyzes, and solves complex problems encountered in food engineering applications by selecting and applying appropriate modeling, evaluation, and solution methods.

**PLO5.** Designs processes, products, or systems by considering realistic technical, environmental, economic, and sustainability constraints; incorporates scientific and technological advancements into design decisions.

**PLO6.** Selects and effectively uses modern tools, analytical techniques, laboratory equipment, and computer technologies employed in food engineering applications, and evaluates their limitations.

**PLO7.** Conducts scientific literature reviews; designs and carries out experiments and projects; collects data and analyzes results using statistical methods to generate scientifically grounded outcomes; applies and contributes to risk management, innovation, and entrepreneurship processes.

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### **COMPETENCES – Ability to Work Independently and Take Responsibility**

**PLO8.** Effectively works independently or as a member of intra- and interdisciplinary teams; assumes leadership when necessary and ensures task allocation and coordination in line with project objectives.

**PLO9.** Analyzes the impacts of food engineering activities in terms of ethics, economics, social life, public health, environmental protection, and sustainability, and acts with a strong sense of professional responsibility.

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### **COMPETENCES – Learning Competence**

**PLO10.** Develops learning strategies for professional development; follows scientific and technological innovations and continuously updates professional knowledge.

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### **COMPETENCES – Communication and Social Competence**

**PLO11.** Communicates effectively in written and oral forms in Turkish and at least one foreign language; prepares professional reports, delivers presentations, and follows developments in the field.

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#### **COMPETENCES – Field-Specific Competence**

**PLO12.** Acts in accordance with professional ethical principles; is aware of scientific and professional responsibilities and applies ethical decision-making processes.

**PLO13.** Evaluates food production processes in line with sustainability principles; optimizes resource utilization and develops and implements engineering approaches that consider environmental protection and social benefit.