Non-departmental electives can be any course offered by any department (except BA and Technical Vocational School of Higher Education) at METU. A non-departmental elective should meet the following criteria:

- The course should be worth 3 credit hours or more.
- The course should be 3rd or 4th year course (For example: ECON 354, IR 401, MATH 349).
- The course's content should not overlap with any of the courses that the student has taken before or will take in the future.

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- The course should be worth 3 credit hours or more.
- The course's content should not overlap with any of the courses that the student has taken before or will take in the future.