

## Regulations Governing Undergraduate Medical Studies

(Applicable to students admitted in 2000-01 and before)

### 1.0 Rules and Regulations

- 1.1 Students pursuing undergraduate medical studies shall observe rules and regulations stipulated by the University and College Authorities which are applicable and the Regulations Governing Undergraduate Medical Studies stipulated by the Faculty of Medicine.
- 1.2 The General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies (hereinafter referred to as Undergraduate Regulations) shall be applicable to Medical students with the exception of the following Regulations:
  - 5.1 – 5.6 concerning Period of Study;
  - 6.1 – 6.3, 6.6 concerning Course Requirements and Exemptions;
  - 7.1 – 7.2 concerning Course Load;
  - 13.1 – 13.3 concerning Course Assessments and Grades;
  - 14.1 – 14.3 concerning Examinations;
  - 15.1 – 15.2 concerning Academic Probation and Discontinuation of Studies;
  - 16.1 – 16.5 concerning Graduation;
  - 17.1 – 17.2 concerning Degree Classification.

### 2.0 Admission

- 2.1 Application for admission to the University as Medical students shall comply with the “Regulations Governing Admission to Full-time Undergraduate Studies” (hereinafter referred to as Admission Regulations).
- 2.2 Direct Admission into Medical Year 1:  
Applicants may apply for direct admission into Medical Year 1 if they can meet the Entrance Requirements for Medical Studies spelt out in the Admission Regulations.
- 2.3 Transfer Admission to Medical Year 3:  
Applicants may apply for admission to Medical Year 3 as transfer students in accordance with Section IIIA(7) of the Admission Regulations.

### 3.0 University Requirements

Besides the Medical programme, Medical students shall complete the following before graduation, unless exempted therefrom:

- (a) 12 units of General Education courses<sup>1</sup> as prescribed by the University and the College to which he is assigned; and
- (b) 2 units of Physical Education.

Physical Education courses shall normally be completed in Medical Year 1 (except for the transfer students admitted according to Reg. 2.3).

### 4.0 Length of Study

- 4.1 A student shall complete the Pre-clinical programme (Medical Years 1 and 2) within a period not exceeding three academic years unless determined otherwise by the Faculty Board of Medicine.
- 4.2 A student shall complete the Clinical programme (Medical Years 3 to 5) within a period not exceeding four academic years. Under exceptional circumstances, a student may be granted an additional year at the end of the programme by the Faculty Board.
- 4.3 A student who fails to complete the programmes and pass the relevant examinations within the prescribed periods as stipulated above shall be required to discontinue his studies at the University.

- 4.4 An Intercalated student shall complete the Intercalated Degree Programme in Medical Sciences within a period of one academic year taken outside the above-mentioned prescribed periods of studies.

## **5.0 Assessment and Examination**

### *Medical Year 1*

- 5.1 Medical Year 1 students shall be assessed by the following:
- (a) departmental assessment;
  - (b) Faculty Examination in the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and the Behavioural and Social Sciences at the end of the year; and
  - (c) continuous assessment in any format throughout the Pre-clinical programme as and if considered appropriate by the departments involved in pre-clinical teaching.
- 5.2 Students are required to pass each individual subject in the Faculty Examination. The pass mark is 50%. Students who fail in one subject with a mark of 40% or above and pass the remainder of the subjects shall be allowed a supplementary examination in the failed subject to be held in August of the same year. Students who fail in one subject with a mark of below 40% will be required to resit the Faculty Examination to be held in August of the same year. Students who fail in more than one subject will be required to resit the Faculty Examination to be held in August of the same year. Faculty Examination results may also count towards the First Professional Examination to be held in Medical Year 2 at the discretion of the departments concerned.
- 5.3 Students who fail the examination in one or more subjects after two attempts will be required to discontinue his studies at the University unless decided otherwise by the Panel of Examiners.

### *Medical Year 2*

- 5.4 Medical Year 2 students shall be assessed by the following:
- (a) the First Professional Examination in the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology and Biochemistry; and
  - (b) continuous assessment in any format throughout the Pre-clinical programme as and if considered appropriate by the Pre-clinical Departments.
- 5.5 Students are required to pass each individual subject in the First Professional Examination. The pass mark is 50%. Students who fail in one subject with a mark of 40% or above shall be allowed a supplementary examination. Students who fail in one subject with a mark of below 40% will be required to repeat Medical Year 2, unless allowed a supplementary examination at the discretion of the Panel of Examiners. Students who fail in more than one subject or who are not allowed a supplementary examination will be required to repeat Medical Year 2.
- 5.6 The supplementary examination will be held in June of the same year. Students who fail the supplementary examination will be required to repeat Medical Year 2.

### *Medical Year 3*

- 5.7 Medical Year 3 students shall be assessed by the following:
- (a) departmental assessment in the subjects of General Pathology, Junior Medical Clerkship and Junior Surgical Clerkship; and
  - (b) the Second Professional Examination in the subjects of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology, Microbiology and Chemical Pathology held at the end of Medical Year 3.

- 5.8 The pass mark for the above assessments is 50%. Students who fail either in Junior Medical Clerkship or Junior Surgical Clerkship, or in the Second Professional Examination will be required to repeat Medical Year 3. Students who fail in the Second Professional Examination marginally shall be given an opportunity for re-assessment and those who fail in the re-assessment will be required to repeat Medical Year 3.

*Medical Year 4*

- 5.9 Medical Year 4 students shall be assessed by the following:
- (a) departmental assessment in the subjects of Community and Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry; and
  - (b) Part I of the Third Professional Examination encompassing the contents of the four departmental courses in Community and Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry held at the end of Medical Year 4.
- 5.10 The pass mark for the above assessments is 50%. Students who fail either in any of the departmental assessments or in Part I of the Third Professional Examination will be required to repeat Medical Year 4. Students who fail in Part I of the Third Professional Examination marginally shall be given an opportunity for re-assessment and those who fail in the re-assessment will be required to repeat Medical Year 4.

*Medical Year 5*

- 5.11 Medical Year 5 students shall be assessed by Part II of the Third Professional Examination in the subjects of Medicine and Surgery and their associated specialities held at the end of Medical Year 5.
- 5.12 The pass mark for the above examination is 50%. Internal departmental assessments from the senior clerkships will be taken into account. Students who fail in both Medicine and Surgery will be required to repeat the whole year. Students who fail in one subject only shall be allowed a supplementary examination in that subject to be held within six months from the date of the main examination.
- 5.13 Students who fail in the supplementary examination shall be required to resit Part II of the Third Professional Examination. They shall be ineligible to take any further examination should they fail again in either or both subjects of Medicine and Surgery, and shall be required to discontinue studies at the University.

**6.0 Intercalated Degree Programme in Medical Sciences**

- 6.1 Students may, after completion of the Pre-clinical Programme, apply for admission to the one-year Intercalated Degree Programme in Medical Sciences.
- 6.2 The Programme shall be taken only once. Any student failing the overall assessment or any of the component courses shall continue his studies in the Clinical Programme.

**7.0 Graduation**

- 7.1 A student shall be eligible for the award of the degrees of MB ChB if,
- (a) he has passed all Professional Examinations as stipulated in the foregoing regulations within the prescribed period of study; and
  - (b) he has fulfilled other University requirements on General Education and Physical Education.
- 7.2 A student may be considered for the award of the degrees of MB ChB with honours if,
- (a) he has obtained a minimum of three subject distinctions in the Professional Examinations, at least one of which is in Part II of the Third Professional Examination; and
  - (b) he has passed each and every Professional Examination at the first attempt.

7.3 A student who has successfully completed the course requirements of the Intercalated Programme in Medical Sciences shall be awarded the BMedSc degree with one of the following classifications:

- (a) First Class Honours
- (b) Second Class Honours Upper Division
- (c) Second Class Honours Lower Division
- (d) Third Class Honours
- (e) Pass

The classification of the BMedSc degree shall be based on the grade point average of the relevant Major courses as decided by the Faculty Board in accordance with the standards specified by the Senate.

Note: 1. Students admitted in 1997-98 and before shall complete 11-12 units of General Education courses.