

## **Regulations Governing Undergraduate Nursing Studies**

### **1.0 Rules and Regulations**

- 1.1 Students pursuing undergraduate Nursing studies shall observe rules and regulations stipulated by the University authorities which are applicable and the Regulations Governing Undergraduate Nursing Studies.
- 1.2 The General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies shall be applicable to full-time Nursing students with the exception of the following regulations:
  - 5.1 – 5.6 concerning Period of Study;
  - 6.1 – 6.2, concerning Course Requirements and Exemptions;
  - 6.4 – 6.5,
  - 6.6 (a) & (b)
  - 7.1 – 7.2 concerning Course Load;
  - 13.2 – 13.3 concerning Course Assessment and Grades;
  - 14.2 concerning Examinations;
  - 15.1 – 15.2 concerning Academic Probation and Discontinuation of Studies;
  - 16.1 – 16.3 concerning Graduation;
  - 17.1 – 17.2 concerning Degree Classification.

### **2.0 Admission**

- 2.1 Application for admission to the University as Nursing students shall comply with the “Regulations Governing Admission to Full-time Undergraduate Studies” (hereinafter referred to as Admission Regulations).

### **3.0 Course Requirements**

- 3.1 A student shall complete the prescribed Nursing courses unless exempted therefrom.
- 3.2 *General Education and Physical Education*
  - (a) A student shall also complete before graduation 12 units of General Education courses as prescribed by the University and the College to which he is assigned and two units of Physical Education courses.
  - (b) Physical Education courses shall normally be completed in Nursing Year 1.

### **4.0 Course Load**

- 4.1 A student shall take no less than three Nursing courses in any teaching term. He shall take no more than seven Nursing courses in any teaching term except with prior permission of the Director of The Nethersole School of Nursing.

### **5.0 Period of Study**

- 5.1 A student shall register for and attend classes for at least four years before graduation.
- 5.2 A student shall complete all requirements for graduation within six years from his first registration including any periods of leave of absence, suspension of studies and extension of studies.
- 5.3 A student shall take courses at this University in his final term.
- 5.4 A student who fails to complete the programme and pass the relevant examinations within the prescribed period as stipulated above shall be required to discontinue studies at the University.

## 6.0 Course Assessment and Grades

6.1 Course grades and their standards used in reporting shall be as follows:

<i>Grade and Standard</i>		<i>Sub-divisions (if needed)</i>
A	Excellent	A
A-	Very Good	A-
B	Good	B+
		B
		B-
C	Fair	C+
		C
		C-
D	Pass	D+
		D
F	Failure	F

6.2 The pass mark is 50%. A student who has gained grade "D" or above in a course shall have successfully completed the requirements for that course.

## 7.0 Academic Probation and Discontinuation of Studies

7.1 Students who fail in a Nursing course with a mark of 40% or above shall be allowed a supplementary examination.

7.2 The supplementary examination will normally be held within five to six weeks after the School Examination.

7.3 (a) Students who fail a required Nursing course with a mark below 40% will be required to repeat the course, unless allowed a supplementary examination at the discretion of the Panel of Examiners.

(b) Students in their 2nd, 3rd and/or 4th years of attendance who obtain an average of less than "C-" for Clinical Practice courses will be required to repeat that year.

(c) Students who fail an elective Nursing course with a mark below 40% will be required to repeat or undertake another Nursing elective course, unless allowed a supplementary examination at the discretion of the Panel of Examiners.

7.4 (a) Students who fail the supplementary examination of a required Nursing course will be required to repeat the course.

(b) Students who fail the supplementary examination of an elective Nursing course will be required to repeat the course or undertake another elective Nursing course.

### 7.5 Academic Probation

(a) Students who fail in two or more Nursing courses in a year and who are not allowed supplementary examinations shall be put on academic probation in the following term.

(b) A student on academic probation may be required to take a reduced study load and his performance shall be reviewed at the end of the term in which he is put on probation. At this time if he has failed in no more than one Nursing course probation shall be lifted; otherwise, probation shall continue to apply for a further term.

7.6 *Discontinuation of Studies*

A student shall be required to discontinue his studies at the University if:

- (a) he fails to complete all requirements for graduation after six years; or
- (b) he fails more than half of the Nursing courses he has taken in an academic year; or
- (c) he fails to have his probation lifted after he has been put on academic probation for two successive terms of attendance; or
- (d) if, after two attempts, he still fails to meet the minimum grade required for one or more required Nursing course(s), unless otherwise decided by the Panel of Examiners.

**8.0 Graduation**

8.1 A student shall be eligible for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Nursing if he has:

- (a) completed all the course requirements as stipulated in the regulations; and
- (b) fulfilled all other Faculty and University requirements.

8.2 A student who has successfully completed the course requirements of the Bachelor of Nursing Programme and has satisfied all other University requirements shall be awarded the Bachelor of Nursing 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 Bachelor of Nursing degree shall be based on the grade point average of relevant Nursing courses coded 3000 and above and grade point average of other courses as determined by the Faculty Board in accordance with the standards specified by the Senate.