

## **Regulations Governing Undergraduate Medical Studies** (Applicable to Students Admitted in 2001-02 and thereafter)

### **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 Assessment 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 Regulations Governing Admission to Full-time Undergraduate Studies (hereinafter referred to as Admission Regulations).
- 2.2 *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 2 or Year 3*  
Applicants who have successfully completed one or two years of medical studies may apply for admission to Medical Year 2 or Year 3 respectively provided that their medical courses are compatible to those offered by this University.

### **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 as prescribed by the University and the college to which he is assigned; and
- (b) two 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 Medicine Programme (Medical Years 1 to 5) within a period not exceeding seven academic years unless determined otherwise by the Faculty Board of Medicine.
- 4.2 A student shall not repeat Medical Year 1. A student who fails the First Professional Examination shall have to discontinue medical studies at this University unless determined otherwise by the Faculty Board of Medicine.
- 4.3 A student shall complete Medical Years 2 to 5 within a period not exceeding six academic years, and shall not repeat any of these four Medical Years more than once, unless determined otherwise by the Faculty Board of Medicine.

- 4.4 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 these studies at the University.

## **5.0 Assessment and Examination**

- 5.1 Students will be assessed in accordance with the regulations and criteria set by the respective Panel of Examiners of the year.

### **5.2 Absence from examinations**

- (a) A student who for medical or other compelling reasons is unable to sit for any course examination, shall apply in writing with documentary evidence at the earliest possible moment but not later than 10 working days after the examination concerned to the Dean of Medicine for permission for absence. In the case of illness/injury, a certificate signed or countersigned by the Director of the University Health Service shall accompany the application.
- (b) If his application for absence is permitted, a student may be otherwise assessed at the discretion of the Panel of Examiners/Examination Committee concerned. A student who is not allowed another assessment or supplementary examination shall have to repeat the course, repeat the year or to discontinue studies as recommended by the Panel of Examiners/Examination Committee.
- (c) A student who is absent from any examination without permission shall be given a grade of "F" in that examination.

### **Medical Year 1 (First Professional Examination)**

- 5.3 Medical Year 1 students shall be assessed on the following:

- (a) Course requirements prescribed by the Selected Study Modules.
- (b) Course requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills).
- (c) Course requirements prescribed by General Education courses including Health and Society.
- (d) Professional Knowledge consisting of:
- (I) Knowledge-based Assessments (50% of overall final marks) of the 3 system blocks
- (i) Human Structure
- (ii) Foundation Studies
- (iii) Cardiovascular-Respiratory, Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Homeostasis, Musculo-Skeletal

The final mark for Professional Knowledge is composed of:

- a. Continuous assessment (25%) in any format throughout the year as and if considered appropriate by the System Panels involved in first-year teaching.
- b. End-of-Panel assessment (75%)

- (II) Integrated Assessment (50% of overall final mark) to be held at the end of the year.

Overall pass in Professional Knowledge requires:

1. At least 50% achieved in the average mark of the final Knowledge-based Assessment and Integrated Assessment;
2. At least 40% achieved in the Knowledge-based Assessment of each System Panel and Integrated Assessment.

- 5.4 Supplementary Examination and remedial arrangements

- (a) Students who do not satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules and the Selected Study Modules shall be required to do remedial work within a prescribed period.

- (b) Students who do not satisfy the criteria for passing the individual System Panel assessments and/or the Integrated Paper in the first attempt shall be required to take the relevant supplementary examination (pass mark 50%) in August.
- 5.5 Promotion to Medical Year 2  
Students who have passed the First Professional Examination by satisfying the following requirements shall be promoted to Medical Year 2:
- having satisfied the course requirements of Selected Study Modules;
  - having satisfied the course requirements of the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills);
  - pass in Health and Society; and
  - overall pass in Professional Knowledge; or, for those who are required to sit for supplementary examinations, pass in each supplementary examination.
- Medical Year 2**
- 5.6 Medical Year 2 students shall be assessed on the following:
- Course requirements prescribed by Selected Study Modules.
  - Course requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills).
  - Health and Society and General Education courses.
  - Professional Knowledge of the System Panels.  
The final mark for Professional Knowledge is composed of:
    - Continuous assessment (25%) in any format throughout the year as and if considered appropriate by the System Panels involved in second-year teaching.
    - End-of-Panel assessment (75%).
 Overall pass in Professional Knowledge requires:
    - At least 50% achieved in overall Knowledge-based Assessment. Students who fail to obtain an overall of 50% shall be required to repeat Medical Year 2; and
    - At least 40% achieved in the assessment of each System Panel. Students who have scored below 40% in any of the System Panel assessment shall be required to take the supplementary examination of that Panel. Students who fail to score 50% in any supplementary examination shall be required to repeat Medical Year 2.
- 5.7 Supplementary Examination and remedial arrangements
- Students who do not satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules and the Selected Study Modules shall be required to do remedial work within a prescribed period.
  - The supplementary examination of knowledge-based System Panels is to be held in late June of the same year. Students who fail the supplementary examination shall be required to repeat Medical Year 2.
- 5.8 Promotion to Medical Year 3  
Students who have satisfied the following course requirements and passed the requisite assessments shall be promoted to Medical Year 3:
- having satisfied the course requirements of Selected Study Modules;
  - having satisfied the course requirements of the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills);
  - pass in Health and Society; and
  - overall pass in Professional Knowledge.
- Medical Year 3 (Second Professional Examination)**
- 5.9 Medical Year 3 students shall be assessed on the following:
- Course requirements prescribed by Selected Study Modules.

- (b) Course requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills).
  - (c) Course requirements prescribed by Health and Society.
  - (d) Professional Knowledge consisting of:
    - (I) Knowledge-based Assessments (50% of overall final marks) by the System Panels involved in third-year teaching.  
The final mark for Professional Knowledge is composed of:
      - a. Continuous assessment (25%) in any format throughout the year as and if considered appropriate by the System Panels involved in third-year teaching.
      - b. End-of-Panel assessment (75%)
    - (II) Integrated Assessment (50% of overall final mark) at the end of the year.  
Overall pass in Professional Knowledge requires:
      - 1. At least 50% achieved in the average mark of the final Knowledge-based Assessment and Integrated Assessment;
      - 2. At least 40% achieved in the Knowledge-based Assessment of each System Panel and Integrated Assessment.
  - (e) Clinical Clerkship Examination  
Assessment will be made on Junior Medical Clerkship and Junior Surgical Clerkship in an integrated examination.
- 5.10 Supplementary Examination and remedial arrangements
- (a) Students who do not satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules and the Selected Study Modules shall be required to do remedial work within a prescribed period.
  - (b) Students who do not pass the assessment in Health and Society shall be required to do remedial work within a prescribed period.
  - (c) Students who have failed Professional Knowledge or Clinical Clerkship Examination shall take the respective supplementary examination during the summer. However, students who have failed both Professional Knowledge and Clinical Clerkship Examination shall not be allowed to sit for supplementary examinations and shall be required to repeat Medical Year 3.
- 5.11 Promotion to Medical Year 4
- Students who have satisfied the following course requirements and passed the requisite assessments shall be promoted to Medical Year 4:
- (a) having satisfied course requirements of Selected Study Modules;
  - (b) having satisfied course requirements of Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills);
  - (c) pass in Health and Society; and
  - (d) overall pass in Professional Knowledge Examination and Clinical Clerkship Examination; or, for those who are required to sit for supplementary examinations, pass in each supplementary examination.
- Medical Year 4 (Part I of the Third Professional Examination)**
- 5.12 Medical Year 4 students shall be assessed on the following:
- (a) Course requirements prescribed by Selected Study Modules.
  - (b) Course requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills).
  - (c) Community and Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry modules; as evaluated by
    - (I) Continuous assessment in any format throughout the year as and if considered appropriate by the departments involved in fourth-year teaching (constituting 30% of the overall final marks).

- (II) End-of-module assessment (constituting 30% of the overall final marks).
- (d) Overall knowledge, skills and attitudes by an end-of-year assessment labelled as Part I of the Third Professional Examination (constituting 40% of the overall final marks).
- 5.13 Supplementary Examination and remedial arrangements
- (a) Students who do not satisfy the requirements of the Skills Modules and the Selected Study Modules shall be required to do remedial work during the elective period at the end of Year 4.
- (b) Students who fail marginally in the overall assessment will be allowed to sit for a reassessment.
- 5.14 Promotion to Medical Year 5
- Students who have satisfied the following course and module requirements and passed Part I of the Third Professional Examination shall be promoted to Medical Year 5:
- (a) having satisfied course requirements of the Selected Study Modules;
- (b) having satisfied course requirements of the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills);
- (c) having achieved 50% or more of the overall final marks;
- (d) having achieved 40% or more of the total marks in each of the end-of-module assessments, and Part I of the Third Professional Examination.
- Medical Year 5** (Part II of the Third Professional Examination)
- 5.15 Medical Year 5 students shall be assessed on the following:
- (a) Course requirements prescribed by Selected Study Modules.
- (b) Course requirements prescribed by the Skills Modules (Clinical Methods, Communication Skills and Life Long Learning Skills).
- (c) Knowledge and skills in Medicine and Surgery and their associated specialties.
- 5.16 Supplementary Examination and remedial arrangements
- (a) Students who do not satisfy the requirements of the Skills Modules and the Selected Study Modules shall be required to do remedial work before graduation.
- (b) The pass mark of the Part II of the Third Professional Examination is 50%. Internal departmental assessments from senior clerkships will be taken into account. Students who fail in both Medicine and Surgery shall 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.
- (c) Students who fail in the supplementary examination shall be required to resit Part II of the Third Professional Examination.

## 6.0 Graduation

- 6.1 A student shall be eligible for the award of the degrees of MB ChB if,
- (a) he has satisfied the prescribed course and module requirements;
- (b) he has passed all Professional Examinations as stipulated in the foregoing regulations within the prescribed period of study; and
- (c) he has fulfilled other University requirements on Information Technology, Languages, General Education and Physical Education.
- 6.2 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.