

The Curriculum & Examinations in the Faculty of Medicine and the Rules & Regulations governing them

CLAUSE I

Nature of the Curriculum

The curriculum is divided into two components viz the clinical and non clinical. Each has a different system of examination.

Non Clinical Part

CLAUSE II

Semesters

The non clinical part of the curriculum is taught during semesters, each of 20 weeks (Including Examinations). There are two semesters for each academic year. The semesters are identified by their year and number. eg. Year one Semester one (Y1S1) Year 1 Semester 2 (Y1S2).

CLAUSE III

Module

The subject matter in the non clinical part of the curriculum is arranged in modules.

CLAUSE IV

Credits

Each module has a credit value which is proportional to the amount of work done in that module.

One credit = 15 hours of lectures or small group discussion

or

30 hours of practicals or clinical cases of relevance

CLAUSE V

End Semester Examination

Each module is tested at the end of the semester it is taught in. These are called end semester examinations.

These examinations use a variety of methods eg. MCQ (including best response), structured essay questions, objective structured practical examinations, essay questions, Viva voce and submission of reports and presentations.

## CLAUSE VI

### Grades

The grades obtainable for a module is on a scale of A+ to F. C is the pass grade. Any student getting C- or less in any module must sit the examination for the same module at the next available examination. The maximum possible score in any subsequent attempt is C.

Shown is a guideline given to examiners

A+	Exceptional
A	Excellent
A-	Very Good
B+	Good
B	Very Satisfactory
B-	Satisfactory Performance
C+	Solid Pass
C	Pass
C-	Borderline Failure
D+	Clear Failure
D	Poor
D-	Very Poor
F	Zero

## CLAUSE VII

### Grade Point Average

At the end of semester Y2S2 a grade point average (GPA) is calculated for all the modules done upto then. The formula for calculating the GPA is as follows.

For each grade a Grade Point is given as shown below

Grade	Point
A+	4
A	4
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
F	Zero

The following formula is applied

### CLAUSE VIII

$\frac{\text{Total Number of points the student has obtained in all the modules}}{\text{Total number of credits for all those modules}} = \text{GPA}$

The real mathematical formula is expressed Viz:  $\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum c_i g_i}{\sum c_i}$

$c_i$  &  $g_i$  are the numbers of credit units and grade points of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course unit respectively.

### CLAUSE IX

#### Second MBBS & Bar

This point (Y2 S2 examination) forms a bar. Only students who have a GPA of 2 and obtained a minimum C in all the modules of year one and two (ie Y1S1, Y1 S2, Y2 S1 & Y2 S2) are allowed to proceed to the Year 3 Semester one (Y3 S1) and clinical training. The GPA & summary of results released at this time shall be called the results for the 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS Examination.

A grade of C- will be allowed upto a maximum of 4 credits.

### CLAUSE X

#### Third MBBS

A similar GPA is calculated for the modules that are taught in Year three Semester one and two & Year 4 Semester one & two. The GPA and summary of results released at this time shall be called the results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MBBS Examination. No student is allowed to sit the Final MBBS examination unless he has achieved a GPA of 2 for these modules and a minimum C in all modules.

### CLAUSE XI

#### Classes

The award of classes for these examinations will be based on the GPA and will follow the format given below

<b>GPA</b>	<b>Class Awarded</b>
3.75-4.00	First Class
3.30-3.74	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Upper
2.75-3.29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Lower
2.00-2.74	Pass
<2.00	Fail

## CLAUSE XII

### Attendance

80% attendance of the total of lectures, small group discussion classes & practicals of any particular module is necessary for a student to be able to sit its examination.

## CLAUSE XIII

### Repeat Examinations

A student getting C- or less in any module must sit the next available examination to upgrade this to a C. With respect to year one and year three modules, this will mean sitting the exam with a junior batch. For year 2 and 4 modules there is a special repeat examination a minimum of 6 weeks after the release of the results of the Y2S2 and Y4S2 examinations.

## CLAUSE XIV

### Award of Distinctions, Prizes & Medals

The pre & para clinical Departments will either;

- i) on the basis of marks obtained in the modules, award Distinctions for their subjects  
or
- ii) call up students for a special merit examination, based on which Distinctions will be awarded

Prizes and medals will also be awarded, based on these examinations.

70% on a scale of 0 to 100 is the Distinction mark

The pre and para clinical departments are; Anatomy/ Biochemistry/Physiology  
Parasitology/Pharmacology/Microbiology/Community Medicine/Forensic  
Medicine/Pathology.

## CLAUSE XV

### 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS Bar, ó Time limit

A student must complete the Second MBBS Examination within 4 academic years of registration as a student, during which period, a student will only be entitled to sit 4 times for an examination of any particular module.

## CLAUSE XVI

### With respect to any examination

1. A student must sit the first available examination unless a valid excuse has been submitted to the Faculty and accepted by the senate.
2. The first available attempt is the examination held in respect to a module, for which a student has been assigned and is held at the scheduled end of the module, course or subject
3. In the event of an excuse submitted to the Faculty for failure to sit an available examination being accepted by the Senate, that examination shall not be considered as an attempt.
4. A valid excuse shall be
  - (a) An illness; or
  - (b) A personal problem involving an immediate family member

5. In case of an illness while in residence, the student should contact the Chief Medical Officer at the University Health Centre immediately. If a student falls sick at home or elsewhere during sessions or examination time he or his guardian should inform the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine within 5 days by telegram followed by a letter indicating the nature of illness and the name of the attending doctor. The student should report to the CMO with a valid medical certificate at the earliest opportunity within two weeks of the last day of examination. Validity of the certificate would be determined by the Senate Rules governing Acceptance of Medical Certificates.
6. In case of a personal problem involving an immediate family member, the student should contact the Dean/Medicine immediately by telegram, followed by a letter indicating the circumstances leading to his/her being absent from the examination. His/her excuse will be considered by the board of the Faculty of Medicine. Grounds for consideration would be:
  - i. Death of an immediate family member
  - ii. Serious illness, requiring personal attention by the student, certified by a medical practitioner specified in the Senate rules and Regulations governing medical certificates.
  - iii. Student participation in a University or national level activity for which prior permission has been obtained from the Senate.
  - iv. Any other cause such as a natural disaster certified by a competent authority clearly precluding a student from sitting the examination.

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### Clinical Training & the Final MBBS Examination

#### CLAUSE XVII

##### Subjects

The training in clinical subjects proper begins after completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS bar.

The subjects are Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Paediatrics.

Psychiatry will be a Final MBBS subject in 2015

At present Psychiatry is included in Medicine, imaging in Medicine and Surgery, Anaesthesiology in Surgery, and critical care in Medicine and Surgery.

## CLAUSE XVIII

### Training & Attendance

The training is largely hospital based, supplemented with lectures. The clinical training is divided into appointments. 100% attendance in all appointments is compulsory. A signature for attendance and satisfactory work in respect to each and every appointment must be obtained from the supervising consultant in the student record book. Failure to do so for even one appointment is reason for ineligibility to sit the final MBBS. 80% lecture attendance in each subject is necessary to sit the Final MBBS.

## CLAUSE XIX

### Nature of the Examination

The marks for the Final MBBS in each subject comes from the following components

In course assessment

Theory ó I & II

Clinical

Viva in some subjects

Spots

The theory I is a MCQ Paper which is common to all the faculties of medicine and held on the same day at the same time

## CLAUSE XX

### Pass

The pass mark is 50% for each subject on a scale of 0 ó 100%.

In addition a student must obtain a 50% mark for the clinical component in a particular subject to pass that subject

## CLAUSE XXI

### Distinction

A mark of 70% or above in a subject is necessary for award of a distinction.

These are awarded only to those completing an examination in the first attempt.

## CLAUSE XXII

### Prizes & Medals

Prizes and medals are awarded on the basis of endowments made and are governed by the condition of the endowment. These are awarded only to those completing an examination in the first attempt. Medals require a minimum 70% mark.

CLAUSE XXIII  
Referred and Fail

With respect to the Final MBBS Examination

- i) A student must offer all four subjects in the first attempt
- ii) A student who has passed in at least one subject and obtained a minimum of 25% in the others shall be considered referred in the latter subjects.
- iii) If a student gets less than 25% in one subject of an examination he fails the entire examination.

CLAUSE XXIV  
Classes

With respect to the Final MBBS, Classes are awarded on the basis of the average overall mark as shown below

Average Mark per subject	Class
60-64	Second Class Lower
65-69	Second Class Upper
70 above	First Class

This scheme is operational for the student entering in 2010 and later.  
The candidates must pass all subjects in the first attempt to obtain a class.

For those entering before 2010 Classes are awarded as shown below.

Mark	Class
60-69	Second Class
70 and above	First

CLAUSE XXIV  
University Rules

All other University Examination rules apply with respect to the Final MBBS

CLAUSE XXVI  
First Available Attempt

The first available attempt is as defined in the examination regulations of the University.

CLAUSE XXVII  
Time Limitation

A student cannot be a candidate for the Final MBBS Examination if a period of 10 years has lapsed since his registration.

The exceptions to this rule are

1. Where the University is closed for administrative reasons
2. Medical leave is obtained with prior approval up to a period of two years.  
Such periods of time will not be included in the 10 year limitation.

The Rule that a student shall pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS ó bar within a period of 3 years of registration and not be eligible to sit any component constituting the bar after that period shall be subject to the exemption applicable to the previous rule.

#### CLAUSE XXVIII

The award of the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery.

The degree of MBBS is awarded to a student who has successfully completed the Final MBBS Examination the Third MBBS Examination and the 2<sup>nd</sup> MBBS Examination within 10 years of registration while adhering to all the rules and regulations laid down by the UOP and the Faculty of Medicine with respect to examinations.



**REGULATIONS RELATING TO EXAMINATION PROCEDURE, OFFENCES  
& PUNISHMENTS FOR EXAMINATION CONDUCTED UNDER THE  
SEMESTER BASED COURSE SYSTEM**

Regulations made by the Senate of the University of Peradeniya and approved by the Council under Section 136 read with Sections 29, 45 of the Universities (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 1985.

Examination of a course/course unit may consist of several assessment components (quizzes, within semester and end-semester examinations, term papers, assignments, etc.)

**31.1 Regulations**

These Regulations may be cited as the Examination Procedure, Offences & Punishment Regulation No. 1 of 2008, effective from 23.01.2008.

**30.1.1 Part I – Examination Procedure**

1. A candidate is expected to be outside the examination hall at least 15 minutes before the commencement of each paper, but shall not enter the hall until he/she is requested to do so by the supervisor.
2. On admission to the hall a candidate shall occupy the seat allotted to him/her and shall not change it except on the specific instruction of the Supervisor.
3. For examinations which have duration of one or more hours, a candidate shall not be admitted to the examination hall after the expiry of half an hour from the commencement of the examination. A candidate shall not be allowed to leave the hall until half an hour has elapsed from the commencement of the examination or during the last 15 minutes of the paper.
4. However, under exceptional circumstances or in cases where examinations have duration of less than one hour, the supervisor in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty concerned may use his discretion in the enforcement of Rule 3.
5. A candidate shall have his/her student record book/student identity card/admission card with him/her in the examination hall on every occasion he/she presents himself/herself for a paper. His/Her candidature is liable to be cancelled if he/she does not produce the student record book/student identity card/admission card, he/she shall sign a declaration in respect of the paper for which he/she had not produced the student record book/student identity card/admission card in the form provided for it, and produce the student record book/student identity card/admission card to the Registrar or the relevant senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar within the next three

working days. If a candidate loses his/her student record book/student identity card/admission card during the examination period, he/she shall obtain a duplicate of student record book/student identity card/admission card as the case may be from the Registrar or relevant Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar for production at the examination hall.

6. A candidate shall not have on his/her person or in his/her clothes or on the admission card, time-table, student record book/student identity card, any notes, signs or formulae etc., except those items that are permitted. All unauthorized items which a candidate has brought with him/her should be kept at a place indicated by the Supervisor/Invigilator.
7. A candidate may be required by the supervisor to declare any item in his/her possession or person.
8. No candidate shall copy or attempt to copy from any book or paper or notes or similar material or from the scripts of another candidate. A candidate shall neither help another candidate nor obtain help from another candidate or any other person. A candidate shall not conduct himself/herself so negligently that an opportunity is given to any other candidate to read anything written by him/her or to watch any practical examination performed by him/her. No candidate shall use any other unfair means or obtain or render improper assistance at the examination.
9. If any candidate was found to have copied from another candidate by an examiner at the time of marking, he/she would be treated as having committed a punishable offence.
10. No candidate shall submit a practical book or field book or dissertation/thesis or project study or answer script or assignment which candidate himself/herself.
11. A candidate shall bring his/her own pens, ink, mathematical instruments, erasers, pencils or any other approved equipment or stationery which he/she has been instructed to bring. The use of a calculator will be permitted only for papers that contain a rubric to that effect.
12. Examination stationery (i.e. writing paper, graph paper, drawing paper, ledger paper, précis paper etc.) will be supplied at the examination hall as and when necessary. No sheet of paper or answer book supplied to a candidate may be torn, crumpled, folded or otherwise mutilated. No papers other than those supplied to him/her by the Supervisor/Invigilator shall be used by candidates. All material supplied, whether used or unused, shall be left behind on the desk and not removed from the examination hall.
13. Every candidate shall enter his/her Index Number/Registration Number on each answer book and on every continuation paper. He/She shall also enter all necessary particulars as required. A candidate who inserts on scripts an index Number/Registration Number other than his/her own is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat.

A script that bears no Index Number/Registration Number, or has an Index Number/Registration Number which cannot be identified, is liable to be rejected. No candidate shall write his/her name or any other identifying mark on the answer script unless otherwise authorized.

14. All calculators and rough work shall be done only on paper supplied for the examination, and shall be cancelled and attached to the answer script. Such work should not be done on any other material. Any candidate who disregards these instructions runs the risk of being considered as having written notes or outline of answers with the intention of copying.
15. Any answer or part of an answer, which is not to be considered for the purpose of assessment, shall be neatly crossed out. If the same question has been attempted in more than one place the answer or answers that are not to be considered shall be neatly crossed out.
16. Candidates are under the authority of the supervisor and shall assist him/her by carrying out his/her instructions and those of the Invigilator during the examination and immediately before and after it.
17. Every candidate shall conduct himself/herself as quietly as possible. A candidate is liable to be excluded from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
18. Candidates shall stop work promptly when ordered by the Supervisor/Invigilator to do so.
19. Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. A candidate is not permitted for any reason whatsoever to communicate or to have any dealing with any person other than the Supervisor /Invigilator. The attention of the Supervisor/Invigilator shall be drawn by the candidate by raising his/her hand from where he/she is seated.
20. During the course of answering a question paper no candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall temporarily. In case of an emergency, the Supervisor/Invigilator may grant him/her permission to do so but the candidate will be under his/her surveillance.
21. No person shall impersonate a candidate at the examination, nor shall any candidate allow himself/herself to be impersonated by another person.
22. Any candidate receiving unauthorized assistance from any person shall be deemed to have committed an examination offence.
23. If circumstances arise which in the opinion of the supervisor render the cancellation or postponement of the examination necessary, he/she shall stop the examination, collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as soon as possible to the Dean of the relevant faculty.

24. The Supervisor/Invigilator is empowered to require any candidate to make a statement in writing on any matter which may have arisen during the course of the examination and such statement shall be signed by the candidate. No candidate shall refuse to make such a statement or to sign it. If such a candidate refuses to make such a statement or refuses to sign it, the Supervisor/Invigilator shall make his own statement and report the matter to the Dean of the faculty.
25. No candidate shall contact any person other than the Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Head of the Department, the Registrar or the relevant Senior Assistant Registrar regarding any matter concerning the examination.
26. Every candidate shall hand over the answer script personally to the Supervisor/Invigilator or remain in his/her seat until it is collected. On no account shall a candidate.
27. Every candidate who registers for a course/course unit shall be deemed to have sat the examination of that course/course unit unless he/she withdraws from the course/course unit within the prescribed period for dropping courses/course units. He/She should submit a medical certificate in support of his/her absence, prior to the commencement of the examination. If such a document cannot be submitted before the commencement of the examination. A candidate shall inform of his/her inability to attend the examination to the Dean of the Faculty within a week after the commencement of the examination. The medical certificate shall conform to the Senate Regulations. (See Appendix I).
28. When a candidate is unable to present himself/herself for any part/section of an examination of a course/course unit, he/she shall notify or cause to be notified this fact to the Dean of the Faculty and relevant Senior Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrar immediately. This should be confirmed in writing with supporting documents by registered post within two weeks.
29. A student will be eligible for honours if all requirements for the award of honours are met within the prescribed period for the degree. However, candidates found guilty of an examination offence shall not be eligible for honours.
30. No student shall sit an examination of a course/course unit, if he/she has exhausted the number of attempts that he/she is allowed to sit that particular examination, unless he/she has been granted special permission to do so by the Dean of the relevant faculty.
  - 30.1 Students are prohibited from carrying cellular phones during the course of written, oral, clinical or practical examinations.

**These regulations have been approval by the ADPC and Senate and are applicable to students in the 2009/10 batch and after.**