



GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FIRST DEGREES

The following General Degree Regulations apply to all undergraduate degrees awarded by the University of Seychelles. Candidates for the award of a degree of the University must satisfy both the General Degree Regulations and any supplementary regulations which may be applied to a particular degree.

DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of the General Degree Regulations and any Supplementary Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Academic Year: the period which commences on the first induction day of September and extends until the end of the following July.

Course Unit: a defined programme of study which is self-contained and leads to a specified number of credits.

Degree Programme: the aggregation of all taught elements leading to a defined graduating curriculum, including an Honours programme where appropriate.

Programme Year: the stage of a degree programme on which a student is eligible to embark, subject to their having completed or been exempted from the progression requirements of the programme.

Honours Programme: the aggregation of all course units and assessment as qualifying for the award of a degree with Honours in a specified subject or group of subjects.

Transcript: a transcript confirming that a candidate has attended and duly performed the work prescribed for a specified course unit.

Exemption: a concession made on the basis of successful completion of previous study which exempts candidates from attendance on and/or assessment in a specific module or modules and/or for any other reason considered appropriate by the respective Faculty Board.

Recognition: the acceptance of successful completion of previous study as equivalent to the award of credit for a named course unit or course units.

1.2 Students are required to attend for at least 80% of the class contact time. Any student who fails to meet this attendance requirement shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the course unit concerned. This will debar them from appearing for the initial or subsequent end-of-unit assessments or from receiving credit for the same.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

2.1 Every applicant for admission to a programme leading to a first degree is required to comply with the entrance requirements of the particular degree to which admission is being sought. Possession of these qualifications does not of itself guarantee admission.

2.2 Provision is made for applicants who do not have the required academic qualifications to submit a case for prior work experience to be considered as part or all of an alternative qualification for entry.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

3. Every candidate for a degree must:

- (a) attend and duly perform the work of each course unit required for a degree programme;
- (b) complete the degree assessment prescribed for each such unit;
- (c) meet the minimum credit requirements for the degree as detailed in the relevant programme regulations; and
- (d) must not at the time of graduation be in debt to the University.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDY

4. All University of Seychelles programmes may be studied on either a full-time or a part-time basis.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

5. The examiners for each degree shall be members of the faculty team associated with the degree, and such external examiners as may be approved by the relevant Faculty Board and reported to Senate.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR ENTRY TO COURSE UNITS

6. Except with the permission of the Head of Programme concerned, candidates shall not be admitted to any programme unless they have satisfied the pre-requisites for entry as specified in the Prospectus. Similarly, progression from one course unit to another may be regulated in the particular Programme Handbook.

APPROVAL OF CURRICULA

7. Candidates shall not be allowed to register for any academic year unless their curriculum has been validated by the Seychelles Qualifications Authority and approved by Senate.

PRESCRIBED DEGREE ASSESSMENTS

8.1 The degree assessment for each course unit shall be completed by the end of the period in which teaching for that module concludes.

8.2 Candidates shall not normally be afforded in any course unit more than two opportunities of degree assessment, including formative assessment and/or written examination as appropriate.

8.3 The Senate may require candidates in Honours programmes to undergo a final Honours assessment, which may take the form of an approved research project.

8.4 The method of assessment for each module and Honours programme shall be approved by the relevant Faculty Board. The conditions under which candidates may be exempted from any element of such assessment shall be determined similarly.

AVAILABILITY OF COURSE UNITS

9. All course units are offered subject to availability and may be amended, withdrawn or replaced not later than the beginning of any academic year. Notice of such amendments, withdrawals and replacements shall be given to candidates at the commencement of each academic year. Save in exceptional circumstances, no course unit shall be amended, withdrawn or replaced during an academic year.

RECOGNITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

10. The relevant Faculty Board may recognise, as qualifying for a degree of the University of Seychelles, or as exempting from the requirements of a degree, attendance on and/or examination passes in course units obtained through study for a previous degree or other relevant qualification.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRESSION

11. Studies for each degree are arranged to extend over a defined number of programme years. Candidates may not normally progress:

- a. from programme year 1 to programme year 2 unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, at least the required number of credit points at level 1 [including, by award, recognition or exemption, those required to enter programme year 2 for the degree programme for which they are currently registered]; *or*

- b. from programme year 2 to programme year 3 unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, at least the required number of credit points at levels 1 and 2 [including, by award, recognition or exemption those required to enter programme year 3 for the degree programme for which they are currently registered]; *or*
- c. to an Honours programme unless they have completed all course units required to graduate, other than those which constitute the prescription of that Honours programme.
- d. Exceptionally, the Senate may allow candidates to progress with fewer than the number of credit points stated, if it is satisfied (a) that they would have obtained the necessary credit points to progress save for medical or other good cause; (b) that they are capable of satisfying the progression requirements of the next programme year within a reasonable period.

TERMINATION OF STUDIES

13.1 Candidates may be required to discontinue attendance on modules:

- a. if, being candidates in programme year 1, they have not obtained the minimum number of credit points required for progression;
- b. if, being candidates in programme year 2, they have not obtained the minimum number of credit points required for progression;
- 1. if, being candidates in programme year 3, they have not completed the requirements necessary for graduation with a non-Honours degree or admission to an Honours programme.

13.2 Candidates who wish to establish that their academic performance has been adversely affected by their health are required to secure medical certificates relating to the relevant periods of ill health.

13.3 No application for readmission to study shall normally be considered from candidates whose studies have been terminated on two occasions.

EXIT POINTS

14 Students who leave prior to the award of a degree may be eligible for an award as follows:

- a. where a student has achieved sufficient credit points to merit progression to year 2, a Certificate may be awarded;
- b. where student has achieved sufficient credit points to merit progression to year 3, a Diploma may be awarded;

HONOURS CLASSIFICATION

14.1 In each degree with Honours there shall be three grades of Honours denominated respectively the First, Second, and Third Class. The names of the candidates in the Second Class shall be arranged in two divisions. The names of the candidates in the First and Third Classes and in each division of the Second Class shall be arranged in alphabetical order.

14.2 Marks awarded for any one course unit will be on a percentage basis and classified as follows:

First Class: 70% and above
Upper Second Class: 60% and above
Lower Second Class: 50% and above
Third Class: 40% and above
Fail: below 40%

14.3 Degree classifications as a whole will be based on aggregate marks for course units together with overall performance.

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