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## **EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)**

### **Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course Regulations, 2013**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74(5) and 75(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75(3) and 79(b) of the said Act:

#### **Citation and interpretation**

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course Regulations, 2013.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery;

“the Course” means the Course leading to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery;

“the Degree” means the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D; and

“the Faculty” means the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

**Applicable as from October 2018 onwards:**

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

“the Bachelor Degree” means the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Sciences – B.Sc.(Hons);

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery – M.D. and the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Sciences – B.Sc.(Hons) – as the case may be;

“the Degree” means the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D.; and

“the Faculty” means the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

**Applicability**

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in October 2012 or later.

**Eligibility for Degree**

3. To be eligible for the award of the Degree, students must:

(a) be registered as regular students in the Course in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University;

(b) satisfy the Special Course Requirements in accordance with regulation 4;

(c) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and satisfy any other requirements as prescribed in these regulations; and

(d) satisfy any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

**Applicable as from October 2018 onwards:**

**Eligibility for the Degree and the Bachelor Degree**

3. To be eligible for the award of the Degree and the Bachelor Degree, students must:

- (a) be registered as regular students in the Course in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University;
- (b) satisfy the Special Course Requirements in accordance with regulation 4;
- (c) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and satisfy any other requirements as prescribed in these regulations; and
- (d) satisfy any other requirements prescribed in any other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

### **Admission and Special Course Requirements**

4. (1) Senate, on the advice of the Board, may limit the number of students that may be admitted to the Course. In such circumstances, Senate shall make regulations for the selection of applicants for admission.

(2) To apply for admission to the Course applicants must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

(a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and

(b) be in possession of a pass in the Matriculation Examination at Intermediate Level at Grade B or better in any one of the following subjects: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology (as from October 2013), Pure Mathematics, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, and Spanish;

provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements have been obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognized examining boards from the same country.

#### **Applicable for courses commencing in October 2014 or later:**

(2) Applicants who apply for admission to the Course must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

(a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and

(b) be in possession of a pass in the Matriculation Examination at Intermediate Level at Grade B or better at any one of the following subjects: Accounting, Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Arabic, Art, Classical Studies, Computing, Economics, Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Latin, Maltese, Marketing, Philosophy, Physics, Physical Education, Psychology, Pure Mathematics, Music, Religious Knowledge, Russian, Sociology, Spanish, and Theatre and Performance, provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements have been obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later:**

(2) Applicants who apply for admission to the Course must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

(a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and

(b) be in possession of a pass in any subject taken in the Matriculation Examination at Intermediate Level and obtained at Grade B or better except for Environmental Science, provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements are obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country, and

(c) (i) Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course; and

(ii) non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Medical Foundation Studies course, prior to the commencement of the Course, provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

The Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:**

(2) Applicants who apply for admission to the Course must, besides satisfying the requirements for admission as regular students in terms of the Admission Regulations, satisfy the following Special Course Requirements:

(a) be in possession of passes in the Matriculation Examination at Advanced Level at Grade B or better in Biology and Chemistry; and

(b) be in possession of a pass in any subject taken in the Matriculation Examination at Intermediate Level and obtained at Grade B or better except for Environmental Science and Systems of Knowledge,

provided that all passes in these Special Course Requirements are obtained together in one session of examinations (i.e. one sitting) and are from recognised examining boards from the same country, and

(c) (i) Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course; and

(ii) non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the studyunit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Medical Foundation Studies course, prior to the commencement of the Course, provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate.

The Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2019 or later:**

(c) (i) Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course;

(ii) non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Medical, Dental and Health Sciences) course, prior to the commencement of the Course,

provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate; and

(iii) the Secondary Education Certificate pass in Maltese, or the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate (if applicants are eligible for exemption from the SEC in Maltese), is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2) of this regulation, a pass obtained in a session of examinations which is held after the results of a previous session were published shall be deemed to be a pass obtained in a session that is distinct from the previous one. This regulation shall also apply to the second session of the Matriculation Examination offered by the MATSEC Board of the University of Malta according to the provisions of the Matriculation Examination Regulations, 2013 and this notwithstanding any other regulation governing the award of the Matriculation Certificate.

(4) Applicants in possession of one of the following degrees obtained from the University of Malta may also apply:

(a) a Bachelor of Science with a classification of Category II or better or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better, in both cases with Biology and Chemistry as principal areas, or in Nursing Studies, or in Midwifery, or in Physiotherapy, or in Radiography, or in Applied Biomedical Science (or Medical Laboratory Science), or in Occupational Therapy (as from October 2013), or in a comparable degree; or

(b) a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(c) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Pharmaceutical Science) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(d) a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (with a classification of Second Class Honours or better if awarded from July 2009 onwards); or

(e) the degree of Master of Dental Surgery awarded from July 2018 onwards.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later:**

(4) Applicants in possession of one of the following degrees obtained from the University of Malta may also apply:

(a) a Bachelor of Science with a classification of Category II or better or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or

better, in both cases with Biology and Chemistry as principal areas, or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in either Biology or in Chemistry or in Chemistry with Materials; or

(b) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in one of the following: Applied Biomedical Science (or Medical Laboratory Science), Applied Food and Nutritional Sciences, Community Nursing, Community Midwifery, Communication Therapy, Health Science, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, and Radiography; or

(c) a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(d) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Science with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(e) a Bachelor of Dental Surgery with a classification of Second Class Honours or better if awarded from July 2009 onwards; or

(f) the degree of Master of Dental Surgery awarded from July 2018 onwards.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2019 or later:**

(4) (i) Applicants in possession of one of the following degrees obtained from the University of Malta and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese, may also apply:

(a) a Bachelor of Science with a classification of Category II or better or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better, in both cases with Biology and Chemistry as principal areas, or a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in either Biology or in Chemistry or in Chemistry with Materials; or

(b) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better in one of the following: Applied Biomedical Science (or Medical Laboratory Science), Applied Food and Nutritional Sciences, Community Nursing, Community Midwifery, Communication Therapy, Health Science, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, and Radiography; or

(c) a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(d) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Science with a classification of Second Class Honours or better; or

(e) a Bachelor of Dental Surgery with a classification of Second Class Honours or better if awarded from July 2009 onwards; or

(f) the degree of Master of Dental Surgery awarded from July 2018 onwards; or

(g) a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Medical Biochemistry with a classification of Second Class Honours or better awarded from July 2020 onwards; and

(ii) Maltese applicants who, in terms of paragraph (5) of regulation 12 of the Admissions Regulations, 2016 are exempted from possessing a pass in Secondary Education Certificate in Maltese are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta prior to the commencement of the Course; and

(iii) non-Maltese applicants are required to present the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate awarded by the University of Malta, or a pass in the study-unit in Medical Maltese as part of the Certificate in Foundation Studies (Medical, Dental and Health Sciences) course, prior to the commencement of the Course, provided that applicants presenting overseas qualifications and a pass in the Secondary Education Certificate examination in Maltese shall be exempted from presenting the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate; and

(iv) the SEC pass in Maltese, or the Medical Maltese Proficiency Certificate (if applicants are eligible for exemption from the SEC in Maltese), is required for admission to both Year 1 and Year 3 of the Course.

(5) Applicants in possession of other qualifications obtained after having pursued studies overseas shall be considered by the Admissions Committee of the Faculty and shall be admitted if it is ascertained that their qualifications are comparable to the qualifications indicated in paragraphs (2), (3) and (5) of this regulation.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later:**

(5) Applicants in possession of other qualifications obtained after having pursued studies overseas shall be considered by the Admissions Committee of the Faculty and shall be admitted if it is ascertained that their qualifications are comparable to the qualifications indicated in paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this regulation.

(6) Applicants may be required to attend for an interview and/or examination. The Interviewing Board/s shall be composed of the Dean or his delegate, three other members appointed by the Board, one of whom shall be from outside the Faculty, and another member appointed by Senate. Up to three such



Interviewing Boards shall be appointed for each intake of students as determined by the Board.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2014 or later:**

(7) Prior to enrolling for the Course, accepted applicants are also required to undergo an occupational health assessment, as detailed in the Occupational Health Protocol approved by the Board, so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement shall be barred from attending the clinical placements indicated in the Programme of Study.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2017 or later:**

(7) During the first year of the Course, accepted applicants are also required to undergo an occupational health assessment, as detailed in the Occupational Health Protocol approved by the Board, so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement may be barred from progressing with their studies. Failure to disclose information about a physical or mental health problem that could affect patient safety is considered to be a serious breach of the University Suitability to Practise Regulations.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2016 or later:**

(8) Accepted applicants may defer entry to the following year of study provided that there are no changes in the entry requirements applicable to the following year.

**Course Duration**

5. (1) The Course shall extend over a period of five years and shall be divided into two parts: the Pre-Clinical Part, of two years' duration, that is, Years 1 and 2, and the Clinical Part, of three years' duration, that is, Years 3, 4 and 5.

(2) The Board may allow students to repeat a year once in each of the two parts of the Course and a suspension of studies of a maximum period of twelve months once in each of the two parts of the Course.

(3) The Board may allow students an additional year of studies once only throughout the Course.

**Applicable as from October 2018 onwards:**

**Course Duration**

5. (1) The Course for the Degree shall extend over a period of five years and shall be divided into two parts: the Pre-Clinical Part, of two years' duration, that is, Years 1 and 2, and the Clinical Part, of three years' duration, that is, Years 3, 4 and 5.

(2) The Course for the Bachelor Degree shall extend over a period of three years and shall comprise the first two years of the Degree (the Pre-Clinical Part) and another year (an intercalated year) which shall be mainly dedicated to the methodology of medical research.

(3) The Course for the Degree for students who decide to interrupt the Course to follow the intercalated year before continuing with the Degree shall extend over 6 years.

(4) The Board may allow students to repeat a year once in each of the two parts of the Course for the Degree and a suspension of studies of a maximum period of twelve months once in each of the two parts of the Course for the Degree.

(5) Students opting to follow the Bachelor Degree shall only be allowed to repeat a year once only and shall be allowed a suspension of studies of a maximum period of twelve months once only in the three-year programme.

(6) The Board may allow students an additional year of studies once only throughout the Course.

**Programme of Study**

6. The Board shall publish the programme of study, comprising all the study-units taught in each year of the Course, their syllabus and method of assessment following the approval of Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course. Subject to the approval of Senate, the Board may make any necessary changes to the programme of study as required.

7. The programme of study for each year of the Course shall comprise study-units to which 60 ECTS credits are assigned and may include practical, laboratory and clinical placements as detailed in the description for each study-unit on offer during the year.

8. (1) At the end of Year 2 of the Course only, students who successfully complete all the study-units of the first two years of the Course (the Pre-Clinical Part) shall be eligible to apply to join the Course leading to the Bachelor Degree,

provided that students who fail to complete a study-unit/s that can be assessed only once during the academic year, and hence no supplementary session is possible, or students who are prevented for a reason considered valid by Senate from being assessed in this study-unit/s, shall be allowed to progress conditionally to the Bachelor Degree. Such students shall be required to successfully complete any study-unit/s which has/have been so referred during the intercalated year.

(2) Senate, on the recommendation of the Board, shall determine the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for the Bachelor Degree, depending on the availability of resources. The number of available places shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.

(3) When the number of applicants that may be admitted to the Bachelor Degree is limited in terms of paragraph (2) of this regulation, and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected according to the highest overall performance in the first two years of the Degree Course.

(4) In the case of two candidates who have identical average marks in the first two years of the Degree Course, selection will be based on an interview.

(5) Following selection in terms of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this regulation, the Board of Studies for the Bachelor Degree shall interview the candidates to assign the research projects.

(6) Students who interrupt the Course for the Degree at the end of the Pre-Clinical Part and successfully complete the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the intercalated year, shall be eligible for the award of the Bachelor Degree. Such students may then proceed to the third year of the Course for the Degree or terminate their studies.

(7) Students who fail to obtain the 60 ECTS credits assigned to the intercalated year shall not be eligible for the award of the Bachelor Degree but may be allowed to progress to the third year of the Course for the Degree. Students shall not be allowed to refer any missing study-units of the intercalated year to the third year of the Course for the Degree.

### **Mark Scheme for the Course**

9. During the Course the result in each study-unit shall be published according to the following marks and grades in descending order of merit:

<b>Mark Range</b>	<b>Grade</b>
90% - 100%	A+
80% - 89%	A
75% - 79%	B+
70% - 74%	B

60% - 69%	C+
55% - 59%	C
50% - 54%	D+
45% - 49%	D
0% - 44%	F.

### **Assessment and Progression in the Course**

10. (1) The method of assessment for each study-unit shall be indicated in the study-unit description and published in the catalogue of study-units. The result of each study-unit shall take into account all components of the assessment of that study-unit.

(2) In any academic year students who fail in study-units shall be allowed a supplementary assessment in September of the same year.

(3) Students who after the supplementary session fail in study-units to which 10 or less ECTS credits are assigned, after academic counselling by the Dean and/or the Head of Department concerned, may be given the option by the Board, to either:

(a) refer the failed study-unit/s to the following year to be done over and above the study-units indicated for that year; or

(b) refer the failed study-unit/s to an additional year of studies, if the student is in Year 5 of the Course and if eligible in terms of these regulations; or

(c) repeat the year, if eligible in terms of these regulations.

#### **Applicable from October 2019 or later:**

(3) Students who after the supplementary session fail in study-units to which 10 or less ECTS credits are assigned, after academic counselling by the Dean and/or the Head of Department concerned, may be given the option by the Board, to either:

(a) subject to paragraph (5) of this regulation, refer the failed study-unit/s to the following year to be done over and above the study-units indicated for that year; or

(b) subject to paragraph (6) of regulation 5 and paragraph (5)(a) of this regulation, refer the failed study-unit/s to an additional year of study, if the student is in Year 5 of the Course; or

(c) subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) of regulation 5 of these regulations, repeat the year.

(4) Students referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of this regulation who take up the option to refer failed study-units to the following year of the Course shall be considered to have progressed conditionally and shall not be allowed to continue with the Course if, after the supplementary session of that year, they fail again to obtain a pass in the referred study-unit/s.

(5) (a) The option to refer study-units to the following year shall be available once only throughout the Course, except in the case of the study-units referred to in paragraph (7) of this regulation, provided that Second Year students shall not be allowed to refer any other study-units to the following year.

(b) Second Year students who are not eligible to proceed to Year 3 of the Course shall be required to successfully complete the failed study-unit/s during an additional year of study, or to repeat the year, in both cases if eligible in terms of these regulations.

**Applicable from October 2019 onwards:**

(b) Second Year students who are not eligible to proceed to Year 3 of the Course shall be required to successfully complete the failed study-unit/s during an additional year of study, or to repeat the year, in both cases if eligible in terms of paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of regulation 5 of these regulations.

(6) If a student is prevented for a reason considered valid by Senate from being assessed in referred study-units, the student shall be required to complete the previous year's requirements in an additional year of study, if eligible in terms of these regulations. Under no circumstances shall a student be allowed to progress to the following year if the requirements of the year previous to the current one have not been satisfied.

**Applicable as from October 2019 onwards:**

(6) If a student is prevented for a reason considered valid by Senate from being assessed in referred study-units, the student shall be required to complete the previous year's requirements in an additional year of study, if eligible in terms of paragraph (6) of regulation 5 of these regulations. Under no circumstances shall a student be allowed to progress to the following year if the requirements of the year previous to the current one have not been satisfied.

(7) In the case of assessments that can only be held once during an academic year and hence no supplementary session is possible, students who fail these assessments or are prevented for a reason considered valid by Senate from being assessed in these study-units, shall be allowed to progress conditionally to the following year of the Course, provided that they pass such assessments in that year.

(8) Students who after the supplementary session fail in study-units to which more than 10 ECTS credits are assigned shall not be allowed to proceed to the

following year of the Course, but shall be required to repeat the year if eligible in terms of these regulations.

**Applicable as from October 2019 onwards:**

(8) Students who after the supplementary session fail in study-units to which more than 10 ECTS credits are assigned shall not be allowed to proceed to the following year of the Course, but shall be required to repeat the year if eligible in terms of paragraphs (4) and (5) of regulation 5 of these regulations.

(9) In a repeat year, students are required to follow and be assessed in all study-units of the programme of study for the year, even those they may have previously passed. Any mark/grade may be obtained in the repeat year and will replace the marks/grades obtained in the preceding year.

**Applicable as from October 2018 onwards:**

(10) Students who after the supplementary session of the repeat year fail in one or more study-units will be unable to progress with the M.D. Course. If eligible, such students may request an award in terms of regulation 14 of these regulations.

**Applicable as from October 2019 onwards:**

(10) Students who after the supplementary session of the repeat year or of the additional year fail in one or more study-units shall be unable to progress with the M.D. Course. If eligible, such students may request an award in terms of regulation 14 of these regulations.

(11) The maximum mark/grade that may be awarded in a referred study-unit, irrespective of whether the subject is assessed in a normal or in a supplementary session of examinations, is 45%, grade D.

(12) Attendance for lectures, tutorials, seminars, practical, laboratory and clinical placements, and any other teaching session in whatever mode is obligatory. Following consultation with the Head of Department, lecturers may bar a student whose attendance in a study-unit is not satisfactory from being assessed in that study-unit. In such cases a 0 mark and an F grade shall be assigned and recorded.

**Examinations in the Final Year of the Course**

11. (1) In the Final Year (Year 5) of the Course, the assessment of study-units examined by a written paper/s shall be held in the January session of examinations. The examination of the clinical study-unit shall be held in the June session of examinations.

(2) Before being allowed to sit for any examination of the Final Year of the Course (Year 5), students must present to the Dean a certificate, signed by the heads of department concerned, showing that they have completed satisfactorily the schedule of clinical placements prescribed for the Course.

**Applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later:**

(2) Before being allowed to sit for any examination of the Final Year of the Course (Year 5), students must present a certificate to the Dean, signed by the heads of department concerned, showing that students have completed the schedule of clinical placements prescribed for the Course satisfactorily. In addition they must also provide a certificate showing that they have attended a minimum of 80% of the “shadowing programme” (a period as may be defined from time to time by the Faculty, wherein medical students are assigned to a Foundation Year doctor and the students are expected to practise clinical and administrative skills under his/her supervision) in order to be eligible to sit for the examination of the Essential Core Competences.

12. Students shall not be allowed to re-sit any examinations of the Final Year (Year 5) unless they have satisfactorily followed such additional studies and/or practical and/or clinical work as the Board may in each case determine.

**Applicable to all students enrolled on the Course from October 2018 onwards:**

12. Students shall not be allowed to sit (whether as first sit or re-sit) for any clinical examinations or for the Paediatrics Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) during the September examination session of the Final Year (Year 5) unless they have attended at least 80% of such additional studies as the Board of Examiners may in each case determine.

**Classification of the Degree**

13. (1) The classification of the Degree shall be determined by the Degree Classification Board composed as follows:

The Dean as Chairman; and  
the Heads of Departments involved in the teaching of the programme.

(2) The classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the examinations of the study-units covered during the Final Year (Year 5) of the Course.

(3) The Degree Classification Board shall consult the following guidelines when deciding upon the final classification of the Degree:

<b>Final Weighted Average Mark</b>	<b>Classification</b>
80 – 100%	Pass with Distinction

70 – 79%  
45 – 69%

Pass with Merit  
Pass

(4) The Degree Classification Board, at its own discretion, may award the Degree with a higher classification than that indicated in paragraph (3) of this regulation to students whose Final Weighted Average Mark is up to three marks less than the minimum for the classification, provided that all students who obtain the same or a higher Final Weighted Average Mark within that classification shall be awarded the higher classification. In such cases, the Degree Classification Board is required to minute the decision and the justification for it.

(5) The Degree Classification Board, at its own discretion, may also award a Degree with a lower classification than that indicated in paragraph (3) of this regulation, provided that all students who obtain the same or a lower Final Weighted Average mark within that classification shall be awarded the lower classification. In such cases, the Degree Classification Board is required to obtain the authorization of the Board that shall minute the decision and the justification for it. The students concerned may appeal to Senate against the decision within two weeks of the publication of the final classification.

**Applicable as from October 2018 onwards:**

**Classification of the Degrees**

13. (1) The classification of the Degree and the Bachelor Degree shall be determined by the Classification Board composed as follows:

The Dean as Chairman; and  
the Heads of Departments involved in the teaching of the programme.

(2) The classification of the Degree and the Bachelor Degree shall be based on the results obtained in the examinations of the study-units covered during the final year of the Course.

(3) The Classification Board shall consult the following guidelines when deciding upon the final classification of the Degree:

<b>Final Weighted Average</b>	<b>Mark Classification</b>
80 – 100%	Pass with Distinction
70 – 79%	Pass with Merit
45 – 69%	Pass.

(4) The Classification Board shall consult the following guidelines when deciding upon the final classification of the Bachelor Degree:

<b>Final Weighted Average</b>	<b>Mark Classification</b>
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100% - 80%	First Class Honours
79% - 70%	Upper Second Class Honours
69% - 55%	Lower Second Class Honours
54% - 45%	Third Class Honours.

### **Consequences of Withdrawal from the Course**

14. When a student withdraws from the Course either by choice or because ineligible to proceed further in terms of these regulations, the student may request to be awarded:

(a) the Certificate in General Studies (Cert. Gen. St.) if at least 60 ECTS credits have been obtained; or

(b) the Diploma in General Studies (Dip. Gen. St.) if at least 120 ECTS credits have been obtained; or

(c) the Bachelor in General Studies degree (B.Gen.St.) if at least 180 ECTS credits have been obtained.

15. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the degree of Bachelor in General Studies (B.Gen.St.) shall be based on the results obtained, all study-units being weighted equally and shall be classified as follows:

<b>Weighted Average Mark</b>	<b>Classification</b>
80 – 100%	Category I
70 – 79%	Category IIA
55 – 69%	Category IIB
45 – 54%	Category III

16. Students who partially completed the Degree programme prior to academic year 2010/11 and who satisfy regulation 13 shall have the right to request, on entry into force of this regulation, to be awarded the degree of Bachelor in General Studies (B.Gen.St.) without prejudice and *ex gratia* provided that this degree shall not be granted retroactively. In such cases, this degree shall not be classified.

### **General Provision**

17. In matters not provided for by these regulations, the Board shall be guided by the provisions of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004, published as Legal Notice 127 of 2004, as applicable.

### **Repeal**

18. The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery - M.D. - Degree Course Regulations, 1998, published as Legal Notice 137 of 1998, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2012, provided that students registered for this course before the 1 October 2012, shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their joining the course.