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NO.	VERSION	AMENDMENT RECORD	SENATE	ENFORCEMENT DATE
1.	1	<p>The amendment of the UM (Master's Degree) Regulations 2019 must undergo the latest revision exercise to ensure consistency with the following current changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Notifications/amendments to policies of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA); (ii) Rationalisation of UM's Organisational Structure as approved by the Board of Directors (LPU) on 23.01.2024; and (iii) Approvals of the Board of Directors (LPU), University Management Committee (JKPU), and Senate from time to time. 	23.05.2024	Effective from Academic Session 2024/2025
2.	2	<p>The Refresher Workshop on UM Rules and Regulations (Bachelor's Degree), (Master's Degree), and (Doctoral Degree) was organised by ASPD on 26.08.2024. Following this workshop, several matters were identified that require amendments to the UM (Master's Degree) Regulations (latest version), namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) "Inclusion of "clinical teacher" under the definition of "teacher" and the change in nomenclature from "Language Teacher" to "Language Lecturer"; 	26.09.2024	Effective from Academic Session 2024/2025

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		<p>(ii) The period of termination from the programme on personal grounds to be harmonised with the maximum period for withdrawal from a semester on personal grounds; and</p> <p>(iii) The completion period of the programme to be brought forward by one (1) semester earlier, with the requirement to fulfil the minimum period at the time of thesis/dissertation submission.</p>		
3.	3	<p>The Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 (latest version) is amended in line with the following:</p> <p>(i) the enforcement of the Universities and University Colleges (Universiti Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024;</p> <p>(ii) the approval of the Senate on 17.12.2024 regarding the proposed admission requirements for Foundation, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral programmes, effective from Academic Session 2025/2026 to 2027/2028.</p>	27.02.2025	Within one (1) day after Senate meeting.
4.	4	<p>The Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 (latest version) are amended in line with the amendments to the UM Regulations for all levels of academic programmes.</p> <p>The amendment involves Regulation 4. Initial Registration – for Postgraduate Programmes.</p>	24.06.2025	Within one (1) day after Senate meeting

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5.	5	<p>The Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 (latest version) are amended in line with the amendments to the UM Regulations for all levels of academic programmes.</p> <p>The amendment involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation 22 - Transfer of Credit; • Regulation 23 - Course Exemption; • Regulation 24 - Programme External Assessor; and • Regulation 34 – Committee of Examiners. 	28.08.2025	Effective from Academic Session 2025/2026
6.	6	<p>The Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 (latest version) are amended in line with the approval to the Guidelines and Terms of Reference for External Examiner (PL) for Academic Programmes (Clinical & Health Sciences) Universiti Malaya.</p> <p>The amendment involves Regulation 25 - Programme External Examiner.</p>	24.09.2025	Within one (1) day after Senate meeting
7.	7.	<p>The Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 are amended to take into account the proposed updates to the membership and functions, as well as the implementation procedures of the Committee of Examiners for Universiti Malaya's postgraduate programmes.</p>	26.02.2026	Semester 2, 2025/2026 Academic Session.

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2024

In the exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 23 of the Universiti Malaya, (Master's Degree) Rules 2024, the Universiti Malaya Senate makes the following regulations:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. Name, Commencement and Application

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2024 and come into force from Academic Session 2024/2025.
- (2) These Regulations shall apply to all candidates of the Master's Degree programme of study admitted prior to and in the 2019/2020 Academic Session and thereafter.
- (3) Notwithstanding that provided in subregulation (2) above, candidates admitted prior to and in Admission Session 2020/2021 at the Faculty of Dentistry will be subject to the examination assessment regulations for the programme of study by Clinical Coursework as determined in the University of Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2019.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything stated under the Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations, method of implementation of Master's Degree that will be used by the University shall be read together with the fundamentals, policy, guideline, procedure and/or other requirements by the University from time to time.

PART II
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

2. Advertisement and Admission

- (1) The University's Degree programme of study shall be advertised from time to time.
- (2) Admission into any Degree programme of study shall be made in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
- (3) If the University determines the closing date for the application for admission, the application for admission shall be received on or before the closing date determined.

3. Admission Requirements

An applicant who wishes to pursue a degree programme of study shall meet the minimum requirements and qualifications of the Universiti Malaya Master's programme as set out in Schedule 1.

PART III **REGISTRATION**

4. Initial Registration

- (1) A candidate of a Master's programme of study by Research may register initially for the said programme of study at any time latest by fourteenth lecture week in the semester applied and the full fees will be imposed for the semester in which registration is done. The candidate is required to register in the following semester if the offer is accepted after fourteenth lecture week in a semester.
- (2) A candidate of a Degree programme of study by Mixed Mode, Coursework and Clinical shall initially register for his programme of study before the commencement of the semester in which the candidate has been offered admission into the said programme of study.
- (3) In certain circumstances, the Dean of the Faculty may allow a candidate to defer his initial registration to the following semester. The maximum duration of deferment of the initial registration allowed is one (1) semester from the expiry of the original letter of offer. An additional extension of one (1) semester may be given subject to the condition that the candidate applies and obtains the approval from the Dean of the Faculty.
- (4) Candidates who have completed course registration are not allowed to apply for deferment of initial registration.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything stated in subregulations 4(3) above, in certain circumstances, the Deputy Vice Chancellor concerned may consider an additional extension duration after the expiry of the second offer letter by the Dean of the Faculty.
- (6) If a candidate does not register within the stipulated period or any approved period of deferment, the offer of admission for the programme of study shall lapse automatically.
- (7) A candidate who is allowed to defer the initial registration shall not be considered as a registered candidate and is not entitled to use any of the University's facilities.

5. Course Registration

- (1) A candidate for a programme of study by Research, Mixed Mode, Coursework and Clinical is required to attend the said programme based on the structure of the programme of study as determined by the Faculty and approved by the Senate. Registration of course(s) other than those prescribed in the programme structure will not be taken into account for the purpose of fulfillment of the degree requirements.
- (2) A candidate is required to register for courses as determined by the Faculty and shall be approved by the Senate.
- (3) Course registration must be completed before a semester begins. Candidates who do not complete the registration within the specified period are not allowed to follow the course concerned. Candidates who do not register in a semester will be recorded as Not Registered.

- (4) A candidate is not allowed to add/drop courses after verification of registration is made.
- (5) Any candidate who fails to register continuously for a period of two (2) normal semesters and fail to complete his registration in a specified duration for the following normal semester shall cease to be a candidate and terminated from his study.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything stated in Regulation 5, in certain circumstances, the Deputy Vice Chancellor concerned may state otherwise.
- (7) Candidates whose registration is approved after the specified period may be charged a late fee.

6. Attendance in Programme of Study

- (1) It is compulsory for a candidate to attend all teaching and learning activities as well as research activities related to his programme of study.
- (2) A candidate who does not attend any teaching and learning activities is required to inform the reason for his absence to the teacher immediately together with the relevant supporting documents. The teacher shall inform the candidate the consequences of being absent and is responsible to keep records of the notification and class attendance.
- (3) A candidate may with the approval of the Faculty undergo a part of the programme of study in the University or at another institution.
- (4) A candidate pursuing a programme of study by Research shall comply with the Academic Residential Requirement which is physically present for a period of at least one (1) semester.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything stated in subregulation (4), a candidate with the approval of the Faculty, can be assumed to have met the Academic Residential Requirement if he has fulfilled any one (1) of the following:
 - (a) followed and passed the Research Methodology course; or
 - (b) presented the Proposal Defence; or
 - (c) presented the Conversion Seminar; or
 - (d) presented the Candidature Defence; or
 - (e) has face to face consultation with the supervisor, as determined by the Faculty; or
 - (f) participated in the activities of the Faculty as determined by the Faculty.

7. Withdrawal from A Course

- (1) Withdrawal from a course means withdrawal from one (1) or more courses in a semester.
- (2) A candidate is not allowed to withdraw from a course after the completion of registration is made.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything stated in the above subregulation (2), in certain circumstances, the Deputy Vice Chancellor concerned may make a decision otherwise.
- (4) Candidates who are approved to withdraw from the course after completing registration may be charged.

8. Withdrawal from Semester

- (1) "Withdrawal from a semester" means withdrawal from all registered courses and all teaching and learning activities as well as research activities for the semester concerned. The candidate is only allowed to withdraw from a semester after he has undergone at least one (1) semester of his programme of study except for medical reasons.
- (2) Withdrawal from a semester is categorised as follows:
 - (a) semester leave on personal reasons.
 - (b) semester leave on mobility programme reasons.
 - (c) semester leave on medical reasons.
- (3) All applications for withdrawal from a semester shall be made to the Dean of the Faculty for consideration and approval.
- (4) Details of withdrawal from a semester is stated below:

Category	Normal Semester	Special Semester	Fees	Duration of Study	Grade
Personal Reason*	Week 1 - 2	Week 2	No	Included	No Grade
	Week 3 - 7	-	Yes	Included	Grade W1
Mobility Programme Reason*	Week 1 - 14	Week 1 - 7	No	Not Included	#Record deleted
Medical Reason*	Week 1 - 7	Week 1 - 2	No	Not Included	#Record deleted
	Week 8 - 14	Week 3 - 7	Yes	Not Included	Grade W1

Note: * Candidate who withdraws from a semester will be charged a minimum payment to retain the candidature.

Records refer to course registration records.

- (5) A candidate may withdraw from a semester not later than the second lecture week of a Semester. The candidate will not be charged fees and registration records for the course concerned will be expunged.
- (6) Application for withdrawal from a semester for personal reasons [third to seventh lecture week] will be subjected to the course fees and the course concerned will be recorded as Grade W1. Meanwhile, candidates who withdraw for reasons of mobility will not be charged fees, and the registration record for the relevant course will be deleted.
- (7) Application for withdrawal from a semester due to medical reasons before the seventh lecture week of the Normal Semester may be approved subject to medical reports issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner of the Universiti Klinik/government hospital/teaching hospital/Universiti Malaya Medical Centre/Private Medical Centre. If approved, the fees will not be charged and the course registration record will be deleted.
- (8) A candidate is not permitted to withdraw from a semester after the seventh lecture week of a Normal Semester except for medical reasons which is supported by a medical report that is issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner. The application has to be made to the Dean of the Faculty for consideration and approval. If the application is approved, the course concerned will be recorded as Grade W1. The fees remain liable to be paid.
- (9) If the application is not approved, the candidate shall be required to continue with his studies for the semester concerned. Failure of the candidate to continue with his studies for the semester concerned may result in the candidate being given a Grade F for the course concerned.
- (10) Withdrawal from any semester is not allowed once the examination period for the semester concerned has commenced.
- (11) The maximum duration a candidate may be permitted to withdraw from a semester is two (2) Normal Semesters during his studies which may be either continuously or otherwise, except during the last semester of his studies. Withdrawal of the candidate will be taken into account as part of his maximum duration except for mobility programme reasons supported by relevant documentations and medical reasons supported by medical reports from a Registered Medical Practitioner Universiti Malaya Clinic/government hospital/teaching hospital/Universiti Malaya Medical Centre/Private Medical Centre.

Candidates are not allowed to apply for leave to withdraw from the semester after receiving approval for the extension of the maximum period.

9. Termination from Programme of Study

(1) For Medical Reasons/ Psychological Treatment/ Psychiatric Treatment/ Chronic Illness

Candidates who have been approved to withdraw from a semester on medical reasons/psychological treatment/psychiatric treatment/chronic illness for four (4) consecutive normal semesters may be terminated from their programme of study in the following semester upon the verification of a Registered Counselor, Registered Medical Practitioner/Clinical Specialist Psychologist/Registered Psychiatrist of Universiti Malaya Clinic/government hospital/teaching hospital/Universiti Malaya Medical Centre/Private Medical Center after the candidate's case is reviewed by any different specialist or Registered Medical Practitioner in the following semester.

(2) On Personal Reasons

Candidates who have reached the number of semesters off for personal reasons after the expiration of two (2) approved Normal Semesters consecutively or otherwise and fail to register in the following semester may be terminated from their study program.

(3) Notwithstanding anything stated in Rule 9, in certain circumstances the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor may decide otherwise.

10. Withdrawal from Programme of Study

(1) Withdrawal from programme of study means withdrawal from the programme of study that is currently being undertaken by the candidate.

(2) Application for withdrawal from the programme of study shall be made to the Dean of the Faculty via the Deputy Dean following the prescribed procedures from time to time.

(3) A candidate, who has been approved to withdraw from his programme of study after the second lecture week shall:

(a) pay the prescribed fees and other payments as stated in Part IV in this regulation, and

(b) be recorded Grade W2 for any courses registered in the semester where the candidate withdraws from the programme.

(4) Any decision with respect to withdrawal from a Degree programme of study shall be final.

(5) An application for withdrawal from an approved programme of study cannot be withdrawn by the candidate.

11. Change of Field of Study

Candidates are not allowed to change his field of study.

12. Change of Field of Research

- (1) A candidate is only allowed to change his field of research under the same field of study code subject to the approval by the Faculty. The candidate shall submit an application to the Faculty in accordance with the prescribed procedure to change his field of research.
- (2) The candidate shall continue with his original field of research until his application to change has been approved.
- (3) For approved applications, the candidate's study period and fees paid for the original research field will be taken into account in the new research field.
- (4) A candidate is not allowed to change his field of research after the candidate has submitted his dissertation for the purpose of examination.

13. Change of Implementation of Programme

A candidate may submit an application to change the implementation of a programme according to the procedure determined by the University. The change in the implementation of a programme of study is subject to the following:

- (1) The original programme of study to a collaborative programme (Double Degree, Dual Degree and Joint Degree) or otherwise.
- (2) Fulfils the special requirements of admission to the collaborative programme.
- (3) The change is only allowed once throughout his studies except with the approval of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned.
- (4) The fees paid for the original programme of study will be taken into account for the collaborative programme. Any difference in the fees has to be borne by the candidate.
- (5) The candidate has to continue with the original programme of study until the application to change has been approved.
- (6) The change of implementation is subject to the consent and approval at the Faculty level and the said decision has to be conveyed to the Director of a department that handles the academic administration and services of the University.

14. Change of Method of Study

- (1) Candidates are allowed to apply for a change of method of study from full-time to part-time or vice versa only once during their studies at the University.
- (2) The period of study is based on the remaining period of study of the programme concerned. Exchange applications must be submitted to the Faculty Dean as follows:

- (a) no later than the fourth semester in the seventh lecture week of candidature for full-time candidates; or
 - (b) no later than the sixth semester in the seventh lecture week for part-time candidates.
 - (c) Candidates who are approved to change their method of study will only continue their studies with the new method of study in the following semester.
- (3) If the candidate's application to change the method of study is approved:
- (a) the remaining maximum duration of study is according to the remaining duration of the new method of study;
 - (b) the fees paid for the original method of study will not be adjusted to the fees of the new method of study; and
 - (c) fees for the new method of study will be charged for the semester in effect.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provision in Regulation 14, in certain circumstances, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned may make a decision otherwise.

15. Change of Method of Delivery For Academic Programme

- (1) The method of delivery of a program must be determined by the program owner, which may consist of conventional delivery methods and open and distance learning delivery methods.
- (2) Candidates who have registered for an academic program offered conventionally or through open and distance learning are allowed to apply for a change of delivery method only once during their studies.
- (3) Changing from open and distance learning delivery methods to conventional or vice versa for the same academic program can be considered if the academic program is offered in both delivery methods.
- (4) Exchange applications must be submitted to the Faculty Dean as follows:
 - (a) no later than the fourth semester in the seventh lecture week of candidature for full-time candidates; or
 - (b) no later than the sixth semester in the seventh lecture week for part-time candidates.
 - (c) Candidates who are approved to change their method of delivery will only continue their studies with the new method of delivery in the following semester.
- (5) If the candidate's application to change the method of delivery is approved:

- (a) the remaining maximum period of study is according to the remaining period of the new method of delivery;
 - (b) the fees paid for the original method of delivery will not be adjusted to the fee of the new method of delivery; and
 - (c) fees for the new method of delivery will be charged in the semester in effect.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything stated in Regulation 15, in certain circumstances, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned may make a decision otherwise.

16. Change of Programme of Study

- (1) A candidate is not allowed to change his programme of study. The candidate has to withdraw from the original programme of study and submit a new application if he intends to pursue a new programme of study. A new duration of study will be given.
- (2) The fees that has been paid for the original programme of study will not be taken into account for the new programme of study.

17. Change of Candidature Status From Master's Programme by Research to Doctoral Programme by Research

- (1) A candidate for a Master's programme by Research may be considered for a change in his candidature status to a Doctoral programme by Research subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Application for change of candidature status must be made within the period of:
 - (i) one (1) year for full-time candidates; and
 - (ii) two (2) years for part-time candidates;

from the start date of his Master's programme of study registration.
 - (b) Candidates have passed the Research Methodology course;
 - (c) submit an application to the Dean of the Faculty;
 - (d) submit a Supervisor's and Head of Department's report together with supporting documents;
 - (e) submit one (1) research report of not more than 6,000 words on:
 - (i) Introduction and scope of research;
 - (ii) Objectives of research;
 - (iii) Research Methodology;
 - (iv) Research Plan which would lead to the Doctoral level;

- (f) submit the outcome throughout the Master's programme of study, for example:
 - (i) a seminar presentation at the university, national or international level, and
 - (ii) a research findings accepted for publication based on the University's decision;

OR

 - (ii) a patent application with pending approval (patent pending) or has been approved and a seminar presentation at the university, national or international level.
- (2) A candidate has to present his research findings in a seminar before a panel of assessors comprising of two (2) experts from within and outside the University in the field concerned as determined by the Faculty. The seminar shall as far as possible, be held within a month from the date of application to change the candidature status which fulfils the conditions in subregulations (1)(a) - (f) received from the candidate.
- (3) The appointed panel shall make an assessment on the two (2) following aspects:
 - (a) The Research Report to change the status, and
 - (b) seminar presentation to change the status.
- (4) The Report on the Change of Candidature Status from Master's programme by Research to Doctoral programme by Research shall be submitted for consideration and approval by the Senate.
- (5) The Master's degree candidature duration is taken into account in the duration of the Doctoral programme by Research.
- (6) Candidates who are approved for change of candidature status are required to register for the Doctoral programme by Research.
- (7) A candidate whose change of candidature status has been approved need not retake the Research Methodology course at the Doctoral programme by Research level.

PART IV PAYMENT

18. Fees and Other Payments

- (1) A candidate must pay all fees and other payments due to the University at the time of initial registration except where he has been exempted from any fee or payment or both fee and payment.
- (2) A candidate who fails to pay any fee or any other payments or any part thereof or any payment due to the University, will be imposed any one or a combination of the following actions:
 - (a) will not be allowed to register for the following semester;

- (b) examination results, academic transcripts or the degree scroll will not be issued to the candidate.
- (c) prevented from submitting a dissertation for examination;
- (d) prevented from being awarded a degree in the convocation ceremony.

PART V

MATTERS CONCERNING STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME OF STUDY

19. Structure of Programme of Study

- (1) The Faculty shall determine the courses that it wishes to offer in any semester. Any new courses may be offered if it fulfils the required conditions and has been approved by the Senate.
- (2) The total credit for the coursework component of any degree programme of study shall be as determined by the Faculty and the Senate. However, for Master's programme by coursework and in mixed mode, the amount of credits taken in a semester is subject to the following:
 - (a) Full-time studies refer to the studies followed by the candidate with a minimum of 12 credits in one common semester (60% of the maximum number of credits in one semester).
 - (b) Part-time studies refer to studies followed by the candidate with less than 12 credits in one common semester (less than 60% of the maximum number of credits in one semester). But in certain circumstances, candidates are allowed to take up to 14 credits in the last semester of study.

20. Duration of Completion of Programme of Study

- (1) The minimum and maximum duration to complete a programme of study is as in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2, Universiti Malaya (Master's Degree) Rules 2019.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything stated in subregulation (1) above, a Special Semester shall be taken into account in the duration of study if it is stated in the letter of offer for admission.
- (3) The candidate may be allowed to complete his studies and graduate one (1) semester earlier than the minimum duration subject to the candidate has fulfilled the requirements of the programme of study as well as other requirements as determined by the University.

21. Offer and Completion of Course

- (1) The calculation of credits for any course is based on the actual student learning time comprising of all teaching and learning activities that are required to achieve the prescribed course learning outcomes. Credit value for each course is determined based on the calculation where 40 notional learning hours is equivalent to one (1) credit.

- (2) Course offered in any semester will be determined by the Faculty.
- (3) The offer of a new course may only be made upon obtaining the approval of the Senate.
- (4) Any amendment to the Code, Title, Credit, Course Learning Outcome and Assessment Weightage for an existing course may only be implemented after obtaining the approval from the Senate.
- (5) Any offer and amendments to any course made retrospectively is not allowed.
- (6) Every course offered shall be conducted, completed and assessed within one (1) semester. Only certain courses which have obtained prior approval from the Senate shall be permitted to be conducted for a period exceeding one (1) semester and completed in two (2) or more semesters consecutively.
- (7) The total number of credit for a course component for a Degree programme of study shall be as determined by the Faculty and Senate.

22. Transfer of Credit

- (1) Transfer of credit may be categorised as follows:
 - (a) transfer of credit with grade.
 - (b) transfer of credit without grade.
- (2) Transfer of credits with grade:
 - (a) “transfer of credit with grade” means transfer of credit together with the grade for the course(s) of equivalent level of qualification (horizontal) for a candidate who is still studying.
 - (b) A course that has been approved for a transfer of credits with grade will be awarded the grade that is equivalent to the University’s grading scheme and the University’s approved credit for the course concerned.
 - (c) The credit obtained together with the grade points for the approved course will be taken into account in the calculation of GPA and CGPA of the candidate. The credits for the course concerned will be considered for the purpose of completion requirements for graduation.
 - (d) For the purpose of transfer of credits with grade, the candidates shall have completed the course and achieved the required competency in the course applied for.
 - (e) The transfer of credit does not automatically apply to pre-requisite courses (if any) from the course applied for.
 - (f) The application shall be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty not later than third lecture week of a semester by following the procedures prescribed by the University. Application received after the third lecture week of a semester will be considered in the subsequent semester.

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- (3) Transfer of credits without grade:
- (a) “Transfer of credits without grade” means transfer of credits without carrying the previous grade obtained for the course(s) from:
- (i) a lower level of qualification (vertical)
- transfer of credit from the Master’s to the Doctoral programme for the Research Methodology course subject to any one (1) of the requirements below;
- (A) Pass the proposal defense by the candidate at the early stage of the study which determines the complete study plan and has academic merit; or
- (B) Pass the formal examinations such as Qualifying Examination to test the candidates competence and acquirement of concept in the field of research; or
- (C) Follow any form of courses/training that increases the candidate’s competence in pursuing the Doctoral programme by research either generic or specifically.
- (Senate 27.02.2025)
- or
- (ii) the same level of qualification (horizontal) for a candidate who:
- (A) has successfully completed his studies; or
- (B) has not completed his studies (excluding a candidate whose study has been terminated) but has achieved the required competency level in the course applied for.
- or
- (iii) Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) for programmes by Mixed Mode (course component), by Coursework and by Clinical. Transfer of credit for MOOC is not allowed for the Research Project course/Dissertation.
- or
- (iv) Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Credit Award (APEL.C) except for the Research Project course /Dissertation.
- or
- (v) accumulated Micro-Credentials (MC) digital and non-digital certification.
- (vi) Open and distance learning.
- (b) A course approved for transfer of credits without grade will be given a grade K or CT(APEL) and is not required to be replaced by another course. The credit will not be taken into account in the calculation of the GPA and CGPA but will be taken into account for the purpose of completion of the degree.

- (c) A candidate is not allowed to transfer the credits without grade for except for Research Methodology course of the same level of qualification or higher levels of qualifications.

However, applications can be made with the endorsement of the committee at the Faculty level, provided that the student is enrolled in a research program that does not stipulate a minimum credit requirement for graduation and that it is in the same field at both the Doctoral and Master's levels.

(Senate 27.02.2025)

- (d) Transfer of credit does not automatically apply to pre- requisite course (if any) from the course applied for.
 - (e) The application shall be made to the Dean of the Faculty in the first two (2) semesters of study.
- (4) Transfer of credit shall be based on the mapping of courses that has been taken previously with the course offered at the University or through the APEL.C application based on the previous experience and skills of the candidate.
 - (5) Permission to transfer credit for subregulations (2) and (3) above is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) marks or grade or grade point obtained for the course concerned after being made equivalent with the University's grading scheme shall not be less than 65.00 marks or grade B or 3.00;
 - (b) course or combination of courses taken previously has the same credit value or notional hours or more after it is made equivalent with the credit value of the course offered at the University;
 - (c) course taken previously has at least 80% overlap with the course offered at the University or for APEL.C application, the achievement for each course learning outcome shall be at least 50%;

For the exemption of following the research methodology course,

- (i) The credit value of courses at the Master's program level is equal to or greater than the credit value of courses at the Doctoral level.
- (ii) The relevance and currency of the knowledge and skills of courses at the Master's level are based on the requirements for study at the Doctoral level.

(Senate 27.02.2025)

- (e) Course taken previously shall be from a programme that has been accredited/recognized by an authoritative body in the country concerned;
- (f) Maximum number of credits that may be transferred are as follows:

Category	Explanation	Credit Limit
(i) Horizontal credit transfer	(A) Transfer of credit with grades for candidates who switch programme of study within the same field in the University.	No limit
	(B) Transfer of credit for students who already have qualifications and want to continue their studies a second time in the same level.	
	(C) Transfer of credit for candidates who are pursuing a double degree and dual degree.	
	(D) Transfer of credit for candidates who are following the Mobility Program is allowed subject to a residential period of at least one (1) semester.	
	(E) Transfer of credit for courses from the same qualification level for candidates who follow the program by coursework and mixed mode is allowed.	
	(F) Credit transfer for MC courses from the same qualification level from another institution or university is permitted, subject to Faculty approval. MC courses must be worth at least one (1) credit. If the credit transfer is to be made for courses worth more than one (1) credit, then stacking is allowed for the relevant MC courses. (Senate 27.02.2025)	30% from the total number of credits.
(ii) Vertical credit transfer	(A) Transfer of credits from Master's to Doctoral programme is not allowed except for Research Methodology Course.	30% from the total number of credits.
	(B) Credit transfer from the Bachelor's integrated program to the Master's program. If it involves different universities/institutions, a procedural	

	implementation agreement must be in place. (Senate 27.02.2025)	
(iii) Transfer of credit through APEL.C	Transfer of credit without grade through APEL.C is based on the candidate's previous experience and skills.	Not more than 60% of the total credits of the programme of study. This does not include the transfer of credit which may be done for formal learning. (Senate 28.08.2025)

- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions stated in subregulations (2) and (4) above, the course taken during the Mobility Programme which is not listed in the Degree Programme Structure may be considered for transfer of credits with grade, subject to the course being recommended by the Dean of the Faculty whether the course:
- (a) replaces any of the Elective Courses. Grades and grade points will be taken into calculation of the GPA and CGPA and the course credit concerned will be taken into account for the completion of his degree.

For the purpose of this paragraph, the course shall fulfil the conditions specified in paragraphs (5)(a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) above; or
 - (b) does not replace any course which has been prescribed in his Structure of programme of study. The course concerned will be recorded on the academic transcript of the candidate. Grades and grade points of the course concerned will be taken into account in the calculation of GPA and CGPA but the course credit will not be taken into account for completion of his degree.

For the purposes of this paragraph, courses shall fulfil the conditions specified in paragraph (5)(a) and (e) and will be given the value of the credit that has been made equivalent with the calculation of notional hours of the University.
- (7) Transfer of credit for professional programmes are subject to regulations as determined by the respective professional bodies.
- (8) The application shall be submitted together with:
- (a) compulsory supporting documents, among which are a copy of the certificates, examination results, learning and assessment activities, CLO, syllabus/course content and grading scheme of the course from another institution or university for the transfer of credit application; or
 - (b) documents to prove previous experience and skills for applications for course exemption and transfer of credit through APEL.C; or
 - (c) documents of proof from the MOOC Provider to ensure that the candidate who registers and who has completed the MOOC course is the same candidate.

- (9) Application for credit transfer shall be submitted for consideration of the Senate after obtaining the recommendation from the designated special committee.
- (10) Decision on application for credit transfer will be notified by the Dean of the Faculty or an officer appointed by the University.
- (11) Students who are approved for credit transfer will be charged to a credit transfer and course exemption fee at a prescribed rate.
(Senate 28.08.2025)
- (12) Notwithstanding the provisions under Regulation 22, applications for credit transfer are subject to the current University procedures.
(Senate 28.08.2025)

23. Course Exemption

- (1) "Course exemption" means exemption from registering and pursuing a course offered to a candidate based on equivalency of the course content that is applied with proof of knowledge and skills by the candidate.
- (2) Application for course exemption shall only be allowed from the Elective Course category.
- (3) Course exemption will not result in a candidate obtaining credit for the course which is exempted. For this purpose, the course which has been approved for exemption will be given a grade K1.
- (4) If the course exemption results in insufficient graduating credits for the purpose of completing his degree, the exempted course shall be replaced with another course from the same level of study.
- (5) Application for course exemption should be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty to obtain the recommendation of the designated special committee. The recommended application shall be submitted for consideration of the Senate.
- (6) Decision on application for course exemption of the candidate will be notified by the Dean of the Faculty or an officer appointed by the University.
- (7) Students who are approved for course exemption will be charged to a credit transfer and course exemption fee at a prescribed rate.
(Senate 28.08.2025)
- (8) Notwithstanding the provisions under Regulation 23, applications for course exemption are subject to the current University procedures.
(Senate 28.08.2025)

24. Programme External Assessor

The Programme External Assessor shall be appointed in accordance with the Guidelines and Terms of Reference for Programme External Assessors of Universiti Malaya provided.

(Senate 28.08.2025)

25. Programme External Examiner

The Programme External Examiner shall be appointed in accordance with the Guidelines and Terms of Reference for External Examiner of The Academic Programme (Clinical and Health Sciences) of Universiti Malaya provided.

PART VI **SUPERVISION**

26. Supervision and Progress of Candidature

- (1) The Faculty shall appoint a supervisor for each candidate who is pursuing a research component in the programme of study. However, the Faculty is encouraged to appoint at least two (2) supervisors for each candidate. Appointment criteria of supervisors shall be referred to the Supervision Policy for Postgraduate Candidates, Universiti Malaya.
- (2) An Emeritus Professor, Honorary Professor, Adjunct Professor of the University, a visiting lecturer or a research fellow may be appointed by the Faculty as the supervisor of a candidate provided that an additional supervisor from among the full-time teachers of the University is appointed to co-supervise the said candidate.
- (3) The Faculty may appoint a co-supervisor for any candidate.
- (4) The Faculty may appoint a consultant for any candidate.
- (5) The Supervisor, Co-Supervisors (if any) and Consultant (if any) shall be appointed before the initial registration of the candidate or at any other time as may be necessary. The Faculty has the right to add, reduce or change any Supervisor, Co-Supervisor or Consultant.
- (6) A candidate is required to submit a research progress report in accordance with the work schedule and procedures prescribed by the University. The Supervisor, Co-Supervisor and Consultant shall evaluate the candidate's research progress report in accordance with the work schedule and procedures prescribed by the University for the semester concerned.
- (7) A candidate whose progress is satisfactory shall be recommended to continue with his candidature. A candidate whose candidature is not satisfactory for two (2) consecutive semesters shall have his candidature terminated by the Faculty. The Director of a department that handles the academic administration and services of the University shall be informed of the candidate's termination by the Faculty.

PART VII **DISSERTATION OR RESEARCH REPORT**

27. Determination of Field of Research and Title

- (1) Faculty shall approve the field of research for the dissertation or research report before the candidate begins his research.
- (2) In certain circumstances and subject to the approval by the Faculty concerned, a candidate may apply to change the field of research before submitting his dissertation or research report for examination. The Faculty has to ensure that all the conditions and requirements of the new field of research applied for have been fulfilled before the application is submitted.

- (3) A candidate is only allowed to submit his dissertation or research report for examination after the title has been approved by the Faculty.
- (4) A candidate is not allowed to change the title after the candidate has submitted his dissertation or research report for examination unless recommended by the Committee of Examiners or Faculty.

28. Language

- (1) The dissertation shall be written in *Bahasa Melayu* or English or Arabic related to the candidate's research field. In certain circumstances, the Senate may approve a language other than *Bahasa Melayu* or English or Arabic for the dissertation concerned.
- (2) A candidate may submit an application to change the language of his dissertation to the Faculty.
- (3) For a non-citizen candidate who wishes to change the language of the dissertation from *Bahasa Melayu* or Arabic or any other languages approved by the Senate to English, the candidate is subjected to the English competency requirement as determined by the University.
- (4) In relation to subregulation (3) above, the candidate shall submit an application together with evidence that he has fulfilled the English competency requirement as prescribed by the University to the Faculty.
- (5) A candidate is not allowed to change the language of the dissertation after candidate has completed the Candidature Defence session.
- (6) Changing the language of the dissertation is only allowed once throughout the candidate's study.

29. Submission

- (1) A candidate shall submit his dissertation or research report for examination within the period of his candidature. For this purpose, the candidate needs to complete at least a minimum duration of study for the Master's Degree programme. Calculation of the minimum duration shall be continuous.

However, an exemption is granted to candidates subject to Regulation 20(3).

- (2) The period that is taken for the examination of the dissertation and any period for corrections or further work on the dissertation as may be required by the Committee of Examiners shall be counted as part of the maximum period of the candidate's candidature.
- (3) A candidate shall submit a dissertation or research report for examination after the title has been approved within the dissertation or research report submission period set for the semester concerned. A candidate who fails to do so is required to register for the next semester.
- (4) A candidate who has submitted a dissertation for examination does not need to register for the next semester unless the Senate requires the candidate to do further work.

- (5) A candidate who is due to complete the maximum candidature duration or in the final semester shall submit an appeal to extend the maximum candidature duration to the Dean of the Faculty as provided under Regulation 55(2).
- (6) A candidate is not allowed to withdraw from his dissertation examination if it has already been submitted for examination.
- (7) The dissertation or research report has to follow the format prescribed by the University as outlined in the Guidelines specified.
- (8) Word limit for a dissertation is as follows:
 - (a) Dissertation for the programme by mixed mode shall not exceed forty thousand (40,000) words;
 - (b) Dissertation for the programme by research shall not exceed sixty thousand (60,000) words;
 - (c) The minimum word limit of a candidate's dissertation is determined by the Faculty or based on the programme standards according to their respective discipline (if any).
- (9) Word limit for a research report is as follows:
 - (a) The candidate shall give notice of submission of the research report within the stipulated duration determined by the Faculty for the programme of study concerned.
 - (b) Research report shall not exceed thirty thousand (30,000) words.
 - (c) The minimum word limit of a candidate's research report is determined by the Faculty or based on the programme standards according to their respective discipline (if any).
- (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulations (8) and (9), the following are not included in the word limit:
 - (a) footnotes or endnotes, references, appendices, tables and diagrams; and
 - (b) reproductions or translations of any texts. Comments or criticisms made by the candidate on it shall be subjected to the said word limit.
- (11) A candidate who does not fulfil the required minimum or maximum word limit shall apply to and obtain the approval of the Faculty at least one (1) month before the date of submission of his dissertation or research report for examination with justification for his inability to adhere to the prescribed word limit.
- (12) A candidate shall not submit as dissertation or research report any work including an idea, writing, data or any creation of any other person or work that has already been submitted for a degree in this or any other university or institution. However, he may incorporate any part of such work into his dissertation or research report provided that the candidate has obtained permission or indicate clearly the original referral source of the work that has been incorporated.

- (13) A candidate may include in his dissertation or research report any research output that has been printed and published independently or conjointly. A conjoint work shall be accompanied by a statement showing clearly the candidate's contribution to the work. The statement shall be verified by his collaborators.
- (14) A candidate is subject to the prohibition against plagiarism as follows:
- (a) A candidate cannot plagiarise any idea, writing, data or creations of another person.
 - (b) For the purpose of this subregulation, plagiarism includes:
 - (i) the act of copying or taking an idea, writing, data or invention of that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property belonging to others and claiming that the idea, writing, data or invention that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property belonging to others is the result of his own finding or invention; or any attempt to promote or any act of promoting, in any form, that he is the originator or creator of any idea, writing, data or creation which in fact has been taken from other sources.
 - (ii) an attempt to show or the act of showing, in any way, that he is the original source or creator of an idea, writing, data or invention that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property which is actually taken from another source.
 - (c) Without prejudice to the meaning of paragraph (b) above, a candidate is considered to have plagiarised when he:
 - (i) has published, on his own, as the author, an abstract, article, scientific or academic paper, or book which is wholly or partly written by other people;
 - (ii) has incorporated himself or has allowed himself to be incorporated as co-author of an abstract, article, scientific or academic paper, or book, when he did not make any contribution to the written abstract, article, scientific or academic paper, or book;
 - (iii) has forced others to include his name in the list of co-researchers for a specific research project or in the list of co-researchers of a publication when he did not make any contributions that could qualify him as co-researcher or co-author;
 - (iv) has quoted academic data which is a research output that was carried out by other people, such as in a laboratory findings or field work findings, or data obtained through library research, whether published or unpublished, and has incorporated such data as part of his academic research without appropriate acknowledgement of the source;
 - (v) has used research data obtained through a joint effort with other people, whether or not these people are staff or University candidate as part of a different academic research or has publication with himself as the sole author, without acquiring permission for the joint researcher

before the commencement of his own research or before publishing the data;

- (vi) has copied an idea or invention of someone else which has been saved in any mode, whether in written, print or available in electronic form, or in the form of slides, or in any form of teaching or research tool or in any other forms and he has declared either directly or indirectly that he is the inventor of the invention or idea;
 - (vii) has translated the writing or creation of others from one language to another whether or not in whole or in part, and then submitted the translation in whatever form or manner as the writer or as his own creation; and
 - (viii) has cited ideas from writings or creations of others and made modifications without due reference to the original source and compiled the idea in such a way as if he is the creator of such ideas.
- (15) A candidate who is found to have plagiarised his dissertation or research report may be taken action based on the Committee of Examiners' verification to the Senate.
- (16) Any approved dissertation or Research Report or part thereof that is subsequently published shall state clearly that it was submitted for the Master's Degree of the University. During his programme of study, a candidate may with the approval of his supervisor or the Dean of the Faculty, publish any papers of his work provided due reference is made to the University in all these publications.
- (17) A dissertation or research report whether approved or otherwise for the award of the Degree including any intellectual property rights therein shall vest in and remain the property of the University. The University reserves the right to restrict or limit printing, disclosure and use or any dealings with the following for a period as may be required for the purpose of protecting or obtaining intellectual property rights:
- (a) dissertation or research report;
 - (b) outcome of the research leading to the dissertation or research report concerned; or
 - (c) both of the above.

PART VIII **EXAMINATION**

30. Admission as a Candidate for Examination

A candidate is only permitted to take examination in any course or submit a dissertation for examination if he has:

- (1) registered as a candidate for the course or courses which are prescribed for his programme of study or has registered as a candidate for his programme of study during the submission of the dissertation for examination, as the case may be;
- (2) paid the prescribed fees; and

- (3) fulfils all criteria as prescribed by the University.

31. Permission to Sit for Examination

- (1) A candidate shall bring his Identity Card/Passport and the Candidate's Registration Card for the purpose of verification of identity to sit for the final examination of the registered course.
- (2) A candidate may be barred from sitting for the final examination of a course by the Dean of the Faculty of his programme of study based on reasons determined by the Faculty. The Faculty is responsible to inform the candidate of the reasons which may result in the candidate being barred from sitting for the examination not later than third lecture week. If the candidate is barred from sitting for a course's final examination in the semester, the Dean of the Faculty concerned has to inform the candidate in writing latest by twelfth lecture week in a Normal Semester and fifth lecture week in a Special Semester. The candidate is given one (1) week from the date of the said letter to submit his appeal. On reasonable grounds, the Dean of the Faculty may withdraw the notice for barring from sitting for the examination on reasonable grounds. The decision regarding the candidate's appeal has to be finalised by the Dean of the Faculty latest by fourteenth lecture week for a Normal Semester and seventh lecture week for a Special Semester.
- (3) A candidate who is barred from sitting for the final semester examination of a course shall be deemed to have failed the final examination component for the course concerned.

32. Assessment Method

- (1) The method of assessment for a course depends on the learning outcome and the content of the course concerned. The weightage ratio of assessment of a course will be decided by the Faculty and approved by Senate.
- (2) Courses in the form of a practical or project based such as Research Report may be assessed 100% based on continuous assessment throughout the course concerned, without a final examination.
- (3) A candidate shall be informed of the results of the continuous assessment component for each course that he pursues. The announcement shall be made as soon as possible after the completion of the assessment of the said component.
- (4) The overall results of the continuous assessment component shall be informed to students in the form of grades no later than the fifteenth lecture week for the Normal Semester and the seventh lecture week for the Special Semester.
- (5) As for a candidate of a programme of study by research and by mixed mode, the Supervisor shall complete the assessment of the candidate's Progress Report for the dissertation according to the work schedule and procedures prescribed by the University for the semester concerned.

33. Number and Scope of Examination

- (1) The number and scope of examination determined under these Regulations shall be as approved by the Senate upon recommendation of the Faculty.

- (2) The examination in any programme of study may incorporate written tests, orals, practicals, practicums, course assignments, professional assessments, viva voce (if any) and clinicals in any form as well as other assessment methods as approved by the Senate upon recommendation of the Faculty.
- (3) The Committee of Examiners may at its discretion require a candidate to sit for any additional examinations that is deemed necessary for the assessment of his programme of study.

34. Committee of Examiners

A separate Committee of Examiners is needed for the research component and course component for each examination or part thereof for a programme of study.

- (1) Programme of Study by Research and by Mixed Mode (research component)
 - (a) The membership of the Committee of Examiners shall comprise as follows:
 - (i) The Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate or any University's Professors/Associate Professors from within or outside of the Faculty whose *field is related to the candidate's field;

Note: *Related field refers to the main discipline/ area of expertise/ primary research area that is relevant to the candidate's field.
 - (ii) A Faculty Representative that comprise of th Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate/ Head of Department/ relevant Programme Coordinator; and
 - (iii) One (1) from two (2) examiners with expertise in the field concerned appointed by the Faculty. Examiner for the programme of study by research shall consist of an External Examiner and an Internal Examiner. For the programme of study by mixed mode, the examiners concerned shall consist of an External Examiner and an Internal Examiner or two (2) Internal Examiners.
 - (b) Quorum for the meeting of the Committee of Examiners shall comprise of at least three (3) members including the Chairman, Faculty representative and an examiner.
 - (c) If the Dean of the Faculty or the Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate or a Professor that has been appointed or the Head of Department or the Programme Coordinator concerned is the supervisor for the candidate concerned, he will attend the meeting of the Committee of Examiners as an invitee and not as a member of the Committee of Examiners.
 - (d) The Registrar or his representative shall be the secretary of the meeting of the Committee of Examiners.
 - (e) The supervisor shall be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee of Examiners for the purpose of giving his opinion on matters under discussion if needed but he does not have the right to participate in the consideration and the results of the examination of the candidate's dissertation. The supervisor is

responsible to maintain the confidentiality of all matters pertaining to this examination.

- (f) In certain circumstances, particularly in last minute emergency cases, the chair may decide whether to proceed with or postpone the Committee of Examiners meeting if the required quorum is not met.
 - (g) For the Research Methodology Course or any other courses which is made compulsory by the programme of study for purposes of graduation, the Committee of Examiners shall be managed as a Committee of Examiners for coursework component as provided in subregulation (2) below.
 - (h) The functions of the Committee of Examiners are as follows:
 - (i) evaluate the examiners' reports with regard to the candidate's dissertation;
 - (ii) in certain circumstances to conduct and assess the viva voce (if necessary) or other test which is deemed to be suitable for the candidate concerned;
 - (iii) make a decision regarding the level of achievement of the dissertation and viva voce (if any) in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations in its recommendation to the Senate;
 - (iv) report to the Senate on any matters pertaining to the quality or conduct of an examination of dissertation; and
 - (v) maintain confidentiality of all matters pertaining to this examination.
- (2) Programme of Study by Mixed Mode (course component), by Coursework and by Clinical

The Committee of Examiners for the coursework component is as follows:

- (a) The Committee of Examiners for each programme of study shall be established for each semester or for each examination for an academic session.
- (b) The membership of the Committee of Examiners shall comprise as follows:
 - (i) Dean of the Faculty as chairman;
 - (ii) Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate;
 - (iii) Head of Department concerned;
 - (iv) Coordinator of the field concerned who is responsible for any of the course or programme of study not within the Department/Faculty;
 - (v) Programme External Examiner concerned (if any);
 - (vi) Any Internal Examiners; and
 - (vii) Other relevant parties appointed by the Faculty.

If the Dean is unable to carry out his duties as Chairman of the Committee of Examiners, the Deputy Dean of Postgraduate may perform the Dean of the Faculty's duties as the Chairman of the Committee of Examiners.

- (c) Quorum for the meeting of the Committee of Examiners shall comprise of the Chairman and one third (1/3) of the membership of the Committee of Examiners. However, for the programme by Clinical, the quorum shall comprise of at least three (3) members including the Chairman.
- (d) Members of the Committee of Examiners, besides the Chairman, shall not delegate to any other person who is not a member of the Committee of Examiners to represent him in the meeting of the Committee of Examiners.
- (e) In the event of emergency, any full-time teacher of the University may be appointed as a member of the Committee of Examiners with the written consent from the Vice-Chancellor.
- (f) The Registrar or his representative shall be the secretary of the meeting of the Committee of Examiners.
- (g) The functions of the Committee of Examiners are as follows:
 - (i) The candidate's performance status as to whether;
 - (A) pass and allowed to continue his study;
 - (B) pass and eligible to be awarded a degree;
 - (C) fail and terminated from study;
 - (D) place under observation and allowed to continue study; or
 - (E) given grade I and allowed to sit for special examination.
 - (ii) New mark and grade to replace Grade I;
 - (iii) to withhold the examination's result;
 - (iv) to confirm the amendment of marks and/or grades as endorsed by the Pre-Examination Committee;
 - (v) consider the recommendation from the Faculty Appeals Committee regarding the changes of marks and/or grade; or
(Senat 28.08.2025)
 - (vi) to report to the Senate on any matters pertaining to the quality or conduct of an examination.
(Senat 28.08.2025)

35. External Examiner

Appointment of External Examiner to assess a dissertation of a Master's Degree programme is as follows:

- (1) Programme of Study by Research

- (a) At least one (1) External Examiner and one (1) Internal Examiner shall be appointed by the Faculty to examine the candidate's dissertation. If there is no appropriate expertise among the University teachers to be appointed as an Internal Examiner, another External Examiner shall be appointed to perform the duties of the Internal Examiner.
 - (b) The appointment of an External Examiner shall be approved by the Faculty. Criteria for appointment are as determined by the University from time to time.
- (2) Programme of Study by Mixed Mode
- (a) For the research component, one (1) External Examiner and one (1) Internal Examiner or two (2) Internal Examiners shall be appointed by the Faculty to examine the candidate's dissertation.
 - (b) The appointment of an External Examiner shall be approved by the Faculty. Criteria for appointment are as determined by the University from time to time.

36. Internal Examiner

An Internal Examiner for a Master's Degree programme shall be appointed by the Faculty, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Programme of Study by Research and by Mixed Mode (research component)
 - (a) Faculty shall appoint a full-time University teacher as an Internal Examiner to examine the dissertation of a candidate.
 - (b) The appointment of an Internal Examiner shall be approved by the Faculty. The criteria of appointment is as determined by the University from time to time.
 - (c) In the event of an emergency or the initial Internal Examiner does not fulfil his duties, the Dean of the Faculty may appoint another Internal Examiner to examine a candidate's dissertation provided that the said appointment is reported to the Faculty as soon as possible.
 - (d) The Faculty may replace an Internal Examiner who does not perform his duties satisfactorily with another Internal Examiner.
- (2) Programme of Study by Mixed Mode (coursework component), by Coursework and by Clinical
 - (a) Appointment of Internal Examiner for the coursework component is as stated:
 - (i) The Faculty shall appoint a full-time or part-time University teacher as an Internal Examiner for the coursework component.
 - (ii) Teaching assistant cannot be appointed as an internal examiner to examine any courses. However, he may with the consent and supervision of the course examiner, assist in marking the answer scripts for a particular course. For this purpose "answer scripts" refers to any written or printed outcome other than a dissertation

submitted by a candidate to fulfil the course requirement in his Master's degree programme.

- (iii) In the event of an emergency, the Dean of the Faculty may appoint another Internal Examiner to examine any course provided that such appointment shall be notified to the Faculty as soon as possible.

37. Consultant

If a consultant has been appointed to assist with the supervision of a candidate, the Faculty may require the said consultant to prepare and submit a report with regard to the dissertation. The consultant's report shall be presented at the meeting of the Committee of Examiners for the examination of the candidate's dissertation.

38. Assessment for Programme of Study by Research

- (1) The method of assessment shall be as follows:
 - (a) Method of assessment for a programme of study by Research shall be by examination of the dissertation and a viva voce examination (if necessary) with respect to the dissertation concerned.
 - (b) The dissertation shall be examined, evaluated and recommended by each examiner as to whether the candidate:
 - (i) is awarded a Master's Degree (With Distinction) subject to the requirements stated in Regulation 62;
 - (ii) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the Degree without any amendments/corrections;
 - (iii) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the Degree subject to the candidate making minor corrections within a period of not exceeding three (3) months and verified by:
 - (A) the Supervisor or;
 - (B) the Supervisor and Internal Examiner.
 - (iv) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the Degree subject to the candidate making major corrections within a period of not exceeding six (6) months and verified by the Supervisor and the Internal Examiner;
 - (v) is required to undertake further work and submit the dissertation for re-examination within the period of six (6) to twelve (12) months;
 - (vi) has not attained the academic merit and is recommended to the Committee of Examiners that the candidate has failed in the dissertation examination and is not allowed to submit the dissertation for re-examination.
 - (c) No mark or grade shall be awarded in the examination of a dissertation and viva voce.

- (d) The candidate shall be required by the Committee of Examiners to attend a viva voce examination with respect to his dissertation. The candidate shall be informed of the date of the meeting of the Committee of Examiners and if necessary to make a presentation during viva voce. The informal result can be announced after the meeting of the Committee of Examiners.
- (e) The Committee of Examiners has the authority to determine the method of conducting a viva voce examination. The Committee of Examiners may, if necessary, invite a teacher of the University who has the experience and expertise related to the field of research of the candidate to attend the meeting of the Committee of Examiners and the viva voce examination of the candidate concerned.
- (f) The Committee of Examiners shall, after considering the reports of the examiners, the candidate's dissertation and viva voce examination (if any), decide and recommend to the Senate whether the candidate concerned:
 - (i) be awarded a Master's Degree (With Distinction) subject to the prescribed conditions;
 - (ii) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the Degree without any amendments/corrections;
 - (iii) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to the candidate making minor corrections as suggested by the Internal Examiner within a period of not exceeding three (3) months and verified by:
 - (A) the Supervisor or;
 - (B) the Supervisor and Internal Examiner.
 - (iv) has attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to the candidate making major corrections within a period of not exceeding six (6) months as recommended and verified by the Supervisor and the Internal Examiner;
 - (v) is required to undertake further work and submit the dissertation for re-examination within the period of six (6) to twelve (12) months from the date of the Senate;
 - (vi) has not attained the academic merit and is recommended to Senate that the candidate has failed in the dissertation examination and is not allowed to submit the dissertation for re-examination.
- (g) For the purpose of these regulations, "further work" means revision and re-writing the dissertation including further research with respect to the topic of the dissertation concerned. "Re-examination" means the re-evaluation of the candidate's dissertation by the Committee of Examiners after conducting further work.
- (h) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (1)(f)(v) above, the candidate is only allowed to submit his dissertation for re-examination once only.

- (i) A candidate who is referred for further work is required by the Committee of Examiners to attend a viva voce examination (if necessary) with regard to his dissertation for a second time.
 - (j) Decision of the Committee of Examiners' meeting shall be based on the examiners' reports and the performance of the candidate during the viva voce (if any) and as far as possible be made unanimously. If a decision cannot be made, an additional examiner may be appointed to assist the Committee of Examiners in making a decision.
- (2) The corrections or re-examination of a dissertation shall be as follows:
- (a) A candidate who has been recommended with a Master's Degree (With Distinction) or without having to make corrections/amendments in accordance with the provisions of subregulation (1)(f)(i) and (1)(f)(ii) above shall submit his dissertation within two (2) weeks. If the candidate fails to do so, he shall be deemed to have failed in the examination of his dissertation unless in certain circumstances an extension of not more than two (2) weeks to the period specified has been approved by the Dean of the Faculty. Any appeal after this extended duration is subject to the approval of the Senate on the recommendation of the Committee of Examiners.
 - (b) A candidate who is required to make minor or major corrections as provided under subregulation (1)(f)(iii) and (1)(f)(iv) above shall submit his dissertation before the end of the period stipulated for the said corrections. If the candidate fails to do so, he shall be deemed to have failed the examination of his dissertation unless in certain circumstances an extension of not more than three (3) months to the stipulated period is approved by the Dean of the Faculty. Any appeal after this extended duration is subject to approval of the Senate on the recommendation of the Committee of Examiners.
 - (c) In accordance with subregulations 2(a) and (b) above, if the Dean of the Faculty is the candidate's supervisor, the appeal for extension is subject to the approval of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned.
 - (d) A candidate that has been required to conduct further work in accordance with the provisions in subregulation (1)(f)(v) above shall submit his dissertation before the end of the period stipulated to conduct further work. If the candidate fails to do so, he shall be deemed to have failed the examination of his dissertation unless an extension to the stipulated period is approved by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Committee of Examiners. For the purpose of this paragraph, the extension period will begin a day after the end of the stipulated period for further work.
 - (e) A candidate that is required to submit his dissertation for re-examination shall continue his candidature as a candidate and pay the fee concerned.
 - (f) A dissertation that has been submitted for re-examination shall be sent to all the examiners concerned to be examined again and a new report shall be prepared by each examiner and submitted to the Committee of Examiners for its consideration.
 - (g) The Committee of Examiners concerned shall after considering the examiners' reports, the candidate's dissertation and viva voce examination (if any), decide

and recommend whether the dissertation of the candidate achieves or does not achieve sufficient merit to be awarded a Master's Degree.

- (h) Subject to subregulation (2)(g) above, no candidate is allowed to submit his dissertation for re-examination more than once.

39. Assessment for Programme of Study by Coursework

The method of assessment for the coursework shall be as follows:

(1) Grading Scheme

(a) Programme of Study by Coursework

- (i) The assessment of examinations shall be based on the following grading scheme:

Markah	Gred	Mata Gred	Maksud
90.00 - 100.00	A+	4.00	High Distinction
80.00 - 89.99	A	4.00	Distinction
75.00 - 79.99	A-	3.70	
70.00 - 74.99	B+	3.30	Pass
65.00 - 69.99	B	3.00	
60.00 - 64.99	B-	2.70	Fail
55.00 - 59.99	C+	2.30	
50.00 - 54.99	C	2.00	
45.00 - 49.99	C-	1.70	
40.00 - 44.99	D+	1.50	
35.00 - 39.99	D	1.00	
0.00 - 34.99	F	0.00	

- (ii) All courses shall be assessed using grades A+ to F.
- (iii) The passing grade for all courses is grade B.
- (iv) Apart from the grades as shown in paragraph (i) above, the following grades may also be given to a candidate for the course pursued by him:
- (A) Grade I, may be given when:
- (aa) A candidate did not take the final examination due to medical or compassionate reasons; and/or
- (bb) A candidate has not fulfilled a part of the course requirements in a semester due to medical or compassionate reasons or a situation beyond the candidate's control that is accepted by the Committee of Examiners concerned or as approved by Senate.
- (cc) A candidate has not completed part of the course requirements for reasonable reasons.
- (dd) Grade I that is given shall be managed in accordance with subregulation (c) below.

- (B) Grade K is given for courses that are approved for transfer of credit without grade.
- (C) Grade CT(APEL), is given for courses that are approved for transfer of credit without grade through APEL.C.
- (D) Grade K1 is given for courses that are approved for course exemption.
- (E) Grade P is given every semester of registration for progressive courses which are conducted consecutively until the total credit of the course is completed. Other than medical reasons, any candidates who does not complete grade P will be given grade F.
- (F) Grade R is given for courses audited and fulfils the minimum of 80% attendance requirement. Credits are not given for this grade.
- (G) Grade UR is given for courses audited and does not fulfil the minimum of 80% attendance requirement. Credits are not given for this grade.
- (H) Grade W is given for a course where a candidate has withdrawn officially from one or more courses in a semester.
- (I) Grade W1 is given for all courses when a candidate has withdrawn officially from a semester.
- (J) Grade W2 is given for all courses when a candidate has withdrawn officially from the programme of study.

(b) Absent from Examination

Subject to the provisions stated in these regulations, a candidate who does not attend the final examination for any course shall be given a zero (0) mark for the final examination component of the course.

(c) Management of Grade I

(i) Absent from Final Examination

- (A) Where a candidate does not attend part or whole of the examination because of medical reasons or on compassionate reasons i.e. misfortune or death of parents/parents in law and nearest kin such as guardians, child, spouse, sibling, grandfather or grandmother and other reasonable conditions shall submit an application in writing to the Dean of the Faculty for his case to be considered by the Committee of Examiners concerned. In this situation, his case shall be managed in accordance with paragraph (B) below. If no written request is

received, the case shall be managed in accordance with subregulation (b) above.

- (B) A written request as referred to in paragraph (A) above shall be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty not later than two (2) working days from the last date of the candidate's final examination paper. The written application shall be attached with:
- (aa) a medical certificate and a doctor's report pertaining to the type of illness and the health condition of the candidate issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner from the Universiti Malaya Clinic/government hospital/teaching hospital/Universiti Malaya Medical Centre/Private Medical Centre due to medical reasons. Medical certificate and a doctor's report issued by any private clinic shall not be considered; or
 - (bb) a report / related document from the District Officer/police officer who is the head of the district or responsible party if could not attend part of or the whole of his examination due to compassionate reasons as stated in paragraph (A) above.
- (C) Upon receipt of a written application as referred to in paragraphs (A) and (B) above, the Dean of the Faculty of the candidate shall report the matter to the Committee of Examiners concerned. The Committee of Examiners after considering the case may decide whether:
- (aa) the candidate is given zero (0) mark for the final examination component of the course he did not attend; or
 - (bb) the candidate is allowed to sit for the special examination for a course which the candidate did not attend to replace the grade I. The Special Examination shall be held not later than two (2) weeks after the Committee of Examiners concerned has made its decision. For a candidate following a programme of study by Clinical, the candidate is allowed to re-sit for an examination as determined by the Faculty for the course that the candidate did not attend after the Committee of Examiners concerned has made its decision.
- (D) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph (C)(bb) above, in certain circumstances, the Dean of the Faculty may allow the postponement of the date of the Special Examination until not later than two (2) weeks after the commencement of the following semester. On medical reasons/psychological treatment/ psychiatric treatment/prolonged chronic disease, the postponement of the date of the special examination may

be granted until not more than four (4) Normal Semesters and two (2) Special Semesters consecutively.

- (ii) Incompletion of part of the course requirement for the courses without final examination:
 - (A) Where a candidate has not fulfilled part of the requirements of any course in a semester as set out in subregulation 39(1)(a)(v)(A)(bb), a written application shall be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty latest before the commencement of the University's final examination and together with documents as stated in paragraphs 39(1)(c)(i)(B)(aa) and 39(1)(c)(i)(B)(bb) for medical/ compassionate reasons or submit a letter of endorsement/support for reasons beyond the control of the candidate.
 - (B) For the purposes of paragraph (A) above, a candidate is required to complete part of the said course at the latest within one (1) week after the Committee of Examiners concerned makes a decision. However, in certain circumstances, the candidate's Dean of the Faculty may allow the postponement of completion of the course concerned at the latest before fifteenth lecture week for the following normal semester.
- (iii) Candidates who have not completed part of the course requirements for valid reasons:
 - (A) Where candidates have not completed part of the requirements for any course in a semester as stated in Regulation 39(1)(a)(v)(A)(cc), a written application must be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty before the end of the final examination period, accompanied by documents as outlined in sub-regulation 39(1)(c)(i)(B) for the purpose of attending conferences, competitions, training, and other relevant activities, whether domestically or internationally; and
 - (B) For the purposes of sub-regulation (A) above, students are required to complete part of the course requirements by no later than the fifteenth lecture week of the following normal semester.
- (iv) In a case where the candidate is given a grade I as specified in the subregulations 39(1)(c)(i), (ii) dan (iii) above:
 - (A) The candidate will not be charged any fees.
 - (B) When the candidate passes the special examination or re-examination and/or completes part of the requirement for the course concerned, the grade obtained shall be given to replace the grade I in the semester in which the student obtained the grade I.
 - (C) A candidate who does not take the special examination or re-examination for the course concerned when it is held and/or

completes part of the course requirement within the specified period, the grade I for the course will be amended to the actual grade based on the achievement of the candidate for other components of the course concerned.

(D) The candidate is not allowed to repeat the course concerned in any circumstances until the grade I is dropped.

(E) The Committee of Examiners shall not in any circumstances consider any written appeal by the candidate after the Committee of Examiners make their decision.

(F) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraph (E) above, any written appeal may only be considered for the purpose of reviewing the Committee of Examiners' decision pertaining to the termination of programme of study or the candidate's graduation.

40. Assessment for Programme of Study by Mixed Mode

- (1) The assessment method of the research component shall be as prescribed under assessment method for programme of study by Research in Regulation 38.
- (2) The assessment method of the course component shall be as prescribed under the assessment method for programme of study by Coursework in Regulation 39.

41. Assesment for Programme of Study by Clinical

(1) The assessment method for a programme of study by Clinical at the Faculty of Dentistry shall be as follows:

(a) Grading Scheme

(i) The assessment for a Master's degree programme by Clinical at the Faculty of Dentistry shall be based on the following Grading Scheme:

Markah	Gred	Maksud
90.00 - 100.00	A+	High Distinction
80.00 - 89.99	A	Distinction
75.00 - 79.99	A-	
70.00 - 74.99	B+	Pass
65.00 - 69.99	B	
60.00 - 64.99	B-	Fail
55.00 - 59.99	C+	
50.00 - 54.99	C	
45.00 - 49.99	C-	
40.00 - 44.99	D+	

35.00 – 39.99	D	
0.00 - 34.99	F	

- (2) Except for subregulation (1) above, the management of course assessment method for a programme by clinical at the Faculty of Dentistry shall be as prescribed under the assessment method for a programme of study by Coursework in Regulation 40.
- (3) The assessment method for a programme of study by Clinical at the Faculty of Medicine shall be based on the Grading Scheme as approved by the Senate and stated in the Postgraduate Handbook of the Faculty of Medicine.
- (4) Except subregulation (1) to (3) above, other regulation pertaining to assessment for a programme of study by clinical shall be as approved by the Senate upon recommendation by the Faculty concerned.

42. Management of Marks and Grades

- (1) Marks and grades for courses shall be presented to the Committee of Examiners within the period prescribed by the University. Final marks and grades for a course for each candidate are as approved by the Committee of Examiners.
- (2) For candidates who pursue the programme by Coursework and Mixed Mode (course component), the final grade for a course after the final examination at the end of each semester shall be communicated to the candidates according to the method prescribed by the University.
- (3) For candidates pursuing the programme by Clinical, the final grade for a course after every professional examination shall be communicated to the candidates according to the method prescribed by the University.
- (4) The Registrar is responsible for keeping the official records of a candidate and to release the following to each candidate:
 - (a) the results of the examination for his programme of study; and
 - (b) the academic record of the candidate after the completion of his programme of study.

43. Determination of Academic Performance (except for Programme of Study by Clinical)

- (1) The academic performance of a candidate in a semester is determined by the GPA and CGPA. GPA is calculated by dividing the total grade points obtained by the total credit taken in a semester.
- (2) The CGPA is calculated by dividing the total grade points obtained by the total credit for all courses taken beginning from the first semester to the current semester.

An example of GPA and CGPA calculation:

Course	Grade	Grade Point	Credit	Credit X Grade Point
Semester I				

Course 1	A+	4.00	3	3 X 4.00 = 12.0
Course 2	B+	3.30	3	3 X 3.30 = 9.9
Course 3	B-	2.70	3	3 X 2.70 = 8.1
Course 4	B	3.00	3	3 X 3.00 = 9.0
Total			12	39
Credit counted : 12		Total grade points : 39		
Total credits accumulated : 12		Total grade points obtained : 39		
GPA = 39/12 = 3.25				
Semester II				
Course 5	B+	3.30	3	3 X 3.30 = 9.9
Course 6	B	3.00	3	3 X 3.00 = 9.0
Course 7	B-	2.70	3	3 X 2.70 = 8.1
Total			9	27
Credit counted : 9		Total grade point : 27		
Total credits accumulated : 21		Total grade point obtained : 66		
GPA = 27/9 = 3.00		CGPA = 66/21 = 3.14		

- (3) For the purpose of paragraphs (1) and (2) above, the value of GPA and CGPA in a semester cannot be rounded up without any amendment to the marks of any course registered in the semester concerned.
- (4) Grade points and credit for a course that are obtained in a semester shall be included in the calculation of the GPA and CGPA for that semester.
- (5) Determination of GPA and CGPA based on Credit Counted and completion of his degree based on Credit Obtained are as stated in the following table:

Grade	Determination of GPA and CGPA		Completion of Degree
	Credit Obtained	Credit Counted	
A+ to B	Yes	Yes	Yes
B- to F	No	Yes	No
K, CT(APEL)	Yes	No	Yes
I, P, W, W1, W2, R, UR, K1	No	No	No

* Note: Does not apply to programme by clinical.

- (6) Courses given grades I and P will not be given credit until the actual grade of that course is obtained in the semester concerned.

- (7) Notwithstanding anything mentioned in paragraphs (1) to (6) above, the calculation of CGPA for a candidate repeating the failed course, the best grade point will be taken into account.
- (8) In the circumstances where any candidate who has been found guilty and punished under Rules 6 or 8(a) to (d) of Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024, a zero (0) mark with grade F will be given for the course concerned as determined by the Senate.

44. Academic Probation Period

- (1) Any candidate with a GPA of below 3.00 in a semester will be given the result Probation for that semester concerned and be placed in an Academic Probationary Period in the following semester where the candidate registers. This period will remain until the candidate's GPA achieves 3.00.
- (2) When a candidate is placed in an Academic Probationary Period in a semester, the Dean of the Faculty or the Deputy Dean of Postgraduate shall caution the candidate concerned about his academic observation status. The caution should contain clear statement as to what amounts to "satisfactory progress" and what the candidate needs to do to achieve it.

45. Academic Dishonesty

- (1) Academic dishonesty may occur in various forms including but not limited to:
 - (a) plagiarism
 - (i) the act of copying or taking an idea, writing, data or invention of that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property belonging to others and claiming that the idea, writing, data or invention that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property belonging to others is the result of his own finding or invention; or
 - (ii) an attempt to show or the act of showing, in any way, that he is the original source or creator of an idea, writing, data or invention that is stated clearly in the form of objects, writing, data, creations, or any intellectual property which is actually taken from another source.
- (2) Any candidate who is found committing an act which amounts to academic dishonesty can be subject to disciplinary action by the University.

46. Failed and Terminated from Programme of Study

- (1) A candidate is termed as failed and terminated from the programme of study if:
 - (a) he does not achieve at least a minimum passing grade for the core course including compulsory courses by the Faculty after three (3) attempts;

- (b) obtains a GPA of less than 3.00 for three (3) consecutive semesters including Special Semester (if any);
 - (c) the candidate's progress report is unsatisfactory for two (2) consecutive times regardless of the candidate's candidature status.
 - (d) fails in his Candidature Defence presentation twice (2);
 - (e) fails in the dissertation's examination and viva voce (if any); or
 - (f) fails to fulfil the conditions and graduation requirements of the programme of study within the specified maximum duration.
 - (g) a candidate who is re-admitted after being terminated from his programme of study and obtains a CGPA of less than 3.00 for the examinations in the semester in which he has registered immediately upon re-admission will be terminated from his study;
 - (h) Any candidate who appeals and is re-admitted will be terminated from his/her studies if the result of the progress report is unsatisfactory in the semester in which the candidate is re-admitted.
- (2) Any candidate may also be terminated from the programme of study if:
- (a) the candidate was found to plagiarise his dissertation as decided by the Committee of Examiners meanwhile for the research report, it shall be as stipulated under the Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024;
 - (b) the candidate was found to have given false information pertaining to his admission to the University or committed any academic dishonesty other than that stipulated in the Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024, or
 - (c) failure to renew his candidature for two (2) consecutive semesters.
- (3) Senate may use its discretion to terminate the registration of any candidate at any time if the Senate is of the opinion that the candidate is incapable to continue with his programme of study. The candidate's name will be removed from the list of student register of the University and the candidate shall cease being a student of the University. The decision made by the Senate according to subrule 6(5) shall be final.
- (4) The failure of any candidate to pay all fees and other payments within the stipulated time by the University may cause the candidate to be barred from registering in the following semester and his status as a student of the University may be terminated.
- (5) When a candidate has been terminated from his programme of study, the termination notice shall be sent to the candidate by the University.

47. Minimum Requirement for Academic Performance for Course Component (except for Programme of Study by Clinical)

To fulfil the minimum requirements for academic performance at the University, a candidate shall obtain a GPA and CGPA of not less than 3.00 for each semester until the completion of his studies.

48. Repeating a Failed Course

- (1) A candidate who fails any Core courses is required to repeat the same course until he achieves at least a passing grade subject to the maximum duration of his candidature. The best grade point will be taken into account for the calculation of the CGPA.
- (2) A candidate who fails any Elective course, may repeat the same course or take another course in the same course category as replacement to the failed course.

Calculation of CGPA is as follows:

- (a) For a candidate repeating the same course, the best grade point will be taken into account; and
 - (b) For candidates who take other courses instead, the grade points for the course in question are calculated cumulatively.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything stated in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, if a candidate obtained a fail grade for three (3) times for the same course, the candidate shall be terminated from his programme of study.

49. Special Examination

- (1) The Special Examination for the purpose of replacing a Grade I will only be given to candidates subject to the approval by the Committee of Examiners.
- (2) For the purposes of subregulation (1) above, Special Examination refers to:
 - (a) any final examination held after the original date of examination as stipulated in the Examination Schedule; and/or
 - (b) any other suitable form of assessment which is given to candidate with physical disability who are unable to take the examination on the recommendation of the Faculty concerned in order to replace the examination that has been determined.
- (3) In the event of emergency or out of scope cases that could affect the implementation of the final exam, the Vice-Chancellor may, after considering the recommendation from the Dean of the Faculty concerned, give permission for the Special Examination to be held and it shall be reported to the Senate as soon as possible.
- (4) A candidate who does not take the whole or part of the special examination of a course registered without reasons that are acceptable by the Committee of Examiners will be given zero (0) mark for the whole or part of the course.

50. Other Matters Related to Examination

- (1) Examination Invigilators

Examination invigilators shall be appointed for each examination and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor concerned.

(2) General Instructions for Examination

General Instructions for examination is issued from time to time by the University. Each examination conducted by the University is subject to the General Instructions for examination as specified in Schedule 2 of these Regulations.

(3) Illness during examination

A candidate who falls ill at the time of the examination shall report to the chief invigilator or any invigilator who is on duty. He shall then arrange for the candidate to be examined immediately by the Registered Medical Practitioner of the Universiti Malaya Clinic or Universiti Malaya Medical Centre or Government Hospital. The doctor's report and the report of the chief invigilator or the invigilator regarding the incident shall be forwarded to the Dean of the Faculty as soon as possible but not later than two (2) working days from the date of the candidate's last examination paper.

(4) Examination Results

(a) Results of all University examinations shall be submitted for the approval of the Senate or to any other party duly authorized by the Senate.

(b) The date of the official notification is the date when the results of the examination are notified to the candidate by the University.

(5) Confidentiality in Examination Matters

All matters relating to the examination, including the appointment of examiners, examiners' reports and exam scores are confidential and will not be disclosed to any party except with the permission of the University.

PART IX
APPEAL

51. Appeal Against Examination Results

(1) A candidate who is not satisfied with his examination results including the continuous assessment component and/or final examination of the course may appeal for a review of his examination results. The appeal shall be made within seven (7) days from the official date of announcement of his examination results.

(2) A payment based on the prescribed rate shall be made to process the application for the final examination results to be reviewed. The payment made is non-refundable regardless whether the appeal is successful or otherwise.

(3) The appeal shall be made in a form prescribed by the University. The completed form shall be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty together with a copy of the receipt of the payment for the appeal made.

(4) The form for an appeal will not be accepted if it is:

(a) submitted after the period stipulated in subregulation (1);

- (b) incomplete; or
 - (c) submitted without the payment receipt.
- (5) When an appeal is received, the Dean of the Faculty shall appoint a second examiner for the course concerned. The original Examiner and the appointed second Examiner shall review the answer script and/or any assessment component for the said course and report the results of the review to the Faculty Appeals Committee.
 - (6) The Faculty Appeals Committee will decide whether the mark and/or grade of the said candidate is retained or amended. The original examiner and the second examiner concerned may attend the Faculty Appeals Committee's meeting if needed.
 - (7) The Faculty Appeals Committee shall make recommendations of any amendments of marks and/or grades of the candidate to the Committee of Examiners for their approval.

52. Appeal to Review Examination Results of Dissertation

- (1) A candidate who is not satisfied with the examination results of the dissertation may appeal in writing to the University within one (1) month from the date of notification of examination results.
- (2) The candidate's appeal will be considered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned. If the candidate's appeal does not merit consideration, the candidate will be informed that his appeal was rejected. If the candidate's appeal merits consideration, the appeal will be brought to the Special Senate Committee to review the examination results of the dissertation and submit its recommendation to the Senate. In the event where the Special Senate Committee deems the appeal to be rejected, the candidate's appeal does not need to be endorsed to the Senate. The decision of the Special Senate Committee is final.
- (3) The Special Senate Committee shall comprise of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned as Chairman and two (2) members of the Senate from the Science and Arts field.

53. Appeal to Continue with Studies

- (1) A candidate who has failed and exited from a course examination may appeal in writing to continue his studies to the Dean of the Faculty concerned within one (1) semester from the date of notification of his examination results. The candidate's appeal will not be considered if the candidate exceeds the specified period.
- (2) The candidate's appeal will be reviewed and considered by the Faculty Appeals Committee before recommended to the University Appeals Committee.
- (3) Subject to subregulation (1) above, the following appeals will not be reconsidered:
 - (a) a candidate whose appeal has been approved, and failed and exited in the semester in which the candidate was re-admitted; or
 - (b) the candidate's appeal was rejected by the University Appeals Committee.

- (4) The semester in which the candidate does not register will be taken into account in the duration of study.

Academic administration charges will be charged for all previous semesters with a failed exit status until the last semester the student is still in studies.

54. Appeal to Activate Candidature

- (1) A candidate whose candidature has lapsed due to failure to renew his candidature may submit an appeal to the Dean of the Faculty no more than two (2) semesters from the lapsed semester to continue his studies. The appeal shall be made in accordance with the procedure as prescribed by the University.

If the appeal is approved:

- (a) The candidate is required to pay Service Fees and fines for the semester in which the candidate is given Lapsed status, and
 - (b) The semester in which the candidate lapsed will be taken into account in the duration of study. Academic administration charges will be charged for all previous semesters with a failed exit status until the last semester the student is still in studies.
- (2) Approval to activate the candidature may only be given if the lapsed candidature does not exceed two (2) semesters at any one time, subject to the remaining duration of candidature.

55. Appeal to Extend Maximum Duration of Candidature

- (1) A candidate whose maximum candidature duration is about to expire but still requires time to complete the dissertation and other graduation requirements, may submit an appeal to extend the maximum duration of his candidature to the Dean of the Faculty. The appeal shall be made in the last semester before his candidature lapses and shall be made in accordance with the procedure as prescribed by the University.
- (2) Extension of the maximum duration of candidature may be given not exceeding three (3) semesters only subject to the candidate's performance. The candidate's status after the expiry of maximum extension duration is "Failed and Exit".

56. Membership of the Faculty Appeals Committee

- (1) The Faculty level Appeals Committee comprises of:
 - (a) Dean of the Faculty as Chairman;
 - (b) Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate;
 - (c) Head of Department concerned;
 - (d) Programme Coordinator concerned; and
 - (e) Full-time teacher appointed by the Faculty.

- (2) If the Dean of the Faculty for any reason is unable to perform his duties as Chairman of the Faculty Appeals Committee, the Faculty's Deputy Dean of Postgraduate may perform the duties of the Dean as Chairman of the Appeals Committee at the said Faculty level.
- (3) Quorum of the Faculty Appeals Committee meeting shall comprise of Chairman and two (2) members.

57. Powers of the Faculty Appeals Committee

- (1) The Faculty Appeals Committee shall consider and approve the matters below:
 - (a) appeal from a candidate who obtained unsatisfactory status for his Progress Report for two (2) consecutive semesters, and
 - (b) appeal from a candidate who has failed twice (2) in his Candidature Defence presentation.
- (2) The Faculty Appeals Committee shall consider and recommend to the Committee of Examiners of any amendments on marks and/or course grade for approval.
- (3) The Faculty Appeals Committee shall consider and recommend to the University Appeals Committee as below:
 - (a) appeal from a candidate that has failed and exited studies according to regulations 46 (1)(a) (b), (g) and (f) based on academic achievement except for subregulation 46(1)(e) which is directed to the Special Senate Committee;
 - (b) appeal by a candidate whose extension period has lapsed after his maximum candidature duration ended, and

Regardless of what is stated in Rule 57(3)(b), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned may make a decision to the contrary; and
 - (c) appeal by a candidate whose study was terminated for failure to complete his candidature within a duration of two (2) consecutive semesters.

PART X READMISSION TO THE DEGREE PROGRAMME OF STUDY

58. Readmission to the Degree Programme of Study

- (1) A candidate who has withdrawn from his programme of study may apply for consideration for readmission to the previous degree programme of study or any other higher degree programme of study in the University.
- (2) A candidate who pursued the Master's Degree programme of study by Research and by Mixed Mode whose candidature was terminated for the following reasons, may apply to be considered for readmission for his programme of study subject to the condition that the candidate enrolls to different research topic and supervised by a different supervisor and does not use any data from the previous research:
 - (a) has failed in all forms of assessment including the examination;

- (b) his candidature lapsed due to failure to register for a course; or
 - (c) has exceeded the maximum duration of candidature.
- (3) A candidate who pursued a Master's Degree programme of study by Coursework or by Clinical that was terminated for the following reasons may apply to be considered for readmission to a degree programme of study subject to the condition that he has to pursue a different programme of study:
- (a) failure in the examination;
 - (b) his candidature has lapsed due to failure to register for a course; or
 - (c) has exceeded the maximum duration of candidature.

PART XI **GRADUATION**

59. Programme of Study by Research

A candidate shall fulfil the following requirements for the purpose of graduation for a programme of study by Research:

- (1) has achieved sufficient academic merit and has passed in the examination of his dissertation and viva voce (if any) and/or other designated test;
- (2) has fulfilled other requirements determined by the Faculty where the candidate is pursuing his programme of study;
- (3) has fulfilled the language requirements as prescribed; and
- (4) has fulfilled the other requirements approved by the Senate from time to time.

60. Programme of Study by Coursework and Mixed Mode

A candidate shall fulfil the following requirements that has been stipulated for a programme of study by Coursework and Mixed Mode:

- (1) Fulfil the requirements of the course component, that is:
 - (a) achieves a final CGPA of 3.00 and above;
 - (b) completes the number of credits as prescribed for his Master's degree;
 - (c) fulfils the programme requirements (if any) pursued;
 - (d) fulfils the language requirements as prescribed; and
 - (e) fulfils the other requirements approved by the Senate from time to time.
- (2) For a programme of study by coursework, the number of credits required for the purpose of graduation is at least 2/3 of the total number of credits for his programme of study and shall be obtained from courses carried out by this University except for

University collaborative programmes and professional programmes governed by the respective professional body concerned.

- (3) For programme of study by mixed mode, the candidate shall fulfil requirements of the research component, as prescribed in Regulation 59.

61. Programme of Study by Clinical

A candidate shall meet the following requirements for the purpose of graduation for a programme of study by Clinical:

- (1) passes the prescribed Examination;
- (2) fulfils other requirements set by the Faculty, if any
- (3) fulfils the language requirements, as prescribed; and
- (4) fulfils other requirements approved by Senate from time to time.

62. Conferment of Master's Degree (With Distinction)

- (1) Programme of Study by Research and by Mixed Mode

A candidate who has met the requirements for graduation as provided in Regulations 59 and 60 may be awarded a Master's Degree (With Distinction) if he:

- (a) has achieved a final CGPA of 3.70 and above;
- (b) has never failed any courses;
- (c) has never repeated any courses throughout his programme of study;
- (d) the dissertation is recommended as Excellent by the Committee of Examiners based on the examiners' report;
- (e) the dissertation is his first submission for examination; and
- (f) the duration of study not exceeding five (5) semesters from the first semester of study;
- (g) fulfils all other requirements determined by the University from time to time.

- (2) Programme of Study by Coursework

A candidate who has met the requirements for graduation as provided in Regulation 60 may be awarded the Master's Degree (With Distinction) if he:

- (a) has achieved a final CGPA of 3.70 and above;
- (b) has never failed any courses;
- (c) has never repeated any courses throughout his programme of study; and
- (d) has completed his programme of study for the course component within a duration not exceeding four (4) Semesters from the date of the candidate's initial registration except for a candidate for a Master of Business Administration

programme and a Master of Architecture programme within a duration not exceeding five (5) semesters;

(3) Programme of Study by Clinical

- (a) A candidate of the Faculty of Dentistry who has met the requirements for graduation as provided in Regulation 61 may be awarded a Master's Degree (With Distinction) if he:
- (i) has achieved grade A for all Core Courses in the professional examination;
 - (ii) has never failed any courses;
 - (iii) has never repeated any courses throughout the duration of the Master's programme of study; and
 - (iv) has completed the programme of study within a period as below:
 - (A) not exceeding four (4) years from the initial registration of the full-time candidate; or
 - (B) not exceeding five (5) years from the initial registration of the part-time candidate.
- (b) A candidate from the Faculty of Medicine who has met the requirements for graduation as provided in Regulation 62 may be awarded a Master's Degree (With Distinction) as has been approved by the Senate and stated in the Postgraduate Handbook of the Faculty of Medicine.

63. Aegrotat Award

Notwithstanding Regulations 59, 60 and 61 above, in a situation where a candidate is unable to complete his programme of study due to medical reasons or has passed away may be considered to be given an Aegrotat Award. The award shall be managed as set out in Schedule 3 to this Regulation.

PART XII
GENERAL

64. Non-graduating Candidate

The Dean of the Faculty is given the authority to enroll any person as a non-graduating candidate subject to the following requirements:

- (1) not more than one calendar year if the candidate is conducting a research or not more than one academic session if the candidate is taking courses; and
- (2) the total number of courses that may be taken by the non-graduating candidate cannot be more than two-thirds of the total maximum number of credit assigned to a candidate pursuing a programme of study in any one semester.

65. Mobility Programme Candidate

- (1) The Dean of the Faculty is given the authority to accept candidate's application as a mobility programme candidate subject to the following requirements:
- (2) For candidates from external universities/institutions who are admitted (inbound) to follow the Mobility Program at the University are subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) not more than one calendar year if he conducts research, or not more than one academic session if he is taking courses.
 - (b) may register any courses and may sit for the University final examination. The examination results will be given to the candidate or may be sent directly to his university or institution.
- (3) For University candidates who follow the Mobility Program (outbound) at other universities/institutions are subject to the regulations of those universities/institutions.

66. Auditing Courses

- (1) The Dean of the Faculty is given the authority to allow a candidate to audit courses subject to the following requirements:
 - (a) obtaining the approval of the teacher in charge of the course, and
 - (b) not more than one academic session.
- (2) The teacher will verify that the candidate has fulfilled the criteria determined by the Faculty for a programme of study by Clinical or the minimum requirement of eighty percent (80%) attendance for a programme of study by research, by mixed mode and by coursework for the candidate to be eligible to be awarded a grade R. Grade UR will be given to the candidates who do not meet 80% attendance.

Both R and UR grades for audited courses will be noted on the academic transcript.
- (3) Candidates who audit courses are not allowed to sit for exams for registered courses.

67. Authority of the Senate

The Senate has the authority to make, repeal or amend any regulations governing the Degree programme of study as provided under these Regulations. Any new regulations, repeal or amendment to the said regulations shall be announced to the candidate before the commencement of the candidate's academic session.

68. Exemption from Application

Notwithstanding anything that is stated in these Regulations, the Senate has the right to exempt the application of these Regulations or any provisions of these Regulations to any Degree programme of study of the University.

69. Compliance to the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, the Constitution of University of Malaya, Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the University

Every candidate is subject to the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, the Constitution of the University of Malaya, other statute, rules and regulations currently applicable in the University including Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024.

Senate 27.02.2025

70. Repeal

Subject to Regulation 1(3), the University of Malaya (Master's Degree) Regulations 2019 are hereby repealed

Updated on 26.02.2026 by the Senate of the Universiti Malaya

**ENTRY REQUIREMENT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT FOR
ADMISSION TO MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMME**

1. ENTRY REQUIREMENT

(1) The minimum entry requirement for an academic programme is as follows:

(a) Programme by Research/by Mixed Mode and by Coursework

(i) Bachelor's degree with a CGPA not less than 3.00;

Or

(ii) Bachelor's degree with a CGPA between 2.50 to 2.99 and fulfil at least one (1) criteria as follows:

(A) graduate of University of Malaya;

(B) Has at least one (1) year of working experience in the related field;

(C) has produced publications in the related fields;

(D) is a scholarship recipient;

(E) a government agency staff;

(F) passed the interview conducted by the Faculty; or

(G) passed the special assessment by the Faculty.

Or

(iii) Bachelor's degree with a CGPA of 2.50 to 2.69 and fulfil at least one (1) criteria (for UM graduate applicant) or two (2) criteria (for non-UM graduate applicant) as listed:

(A) has at least three (3) year of working experience in the related field;

(B) has produced publications in the related fields;

(C) is a scholarship recipient;

(D) a government agency staff;

(E) passed the interview conducted by the Faculty; or

(F) passed the special assessment by the Faculty.

Or

(iv) professional qualification from a recognised professional body.

Or

- (v) other qualification approved by Senate from time to time.

Or

- (vi) Qualification via *Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Access* (APEL.A); or

Or

- (vii) Qualification via *Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Qualification* (APEL.Q) (only for programme by Mixed Mode and Coursework).

(b) Programme by Clinical

- (i) Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (for programme in the Faculty of Medicine) or Bachelor of Dental Surgery (for programme in Faculty of Dentistry);

Or

- (ii) professional qualification from a recognised professional body;

Or

- (iii) other qualification approved by the Senate from time to time.

- (2) Subject to the requirement to fulfil the minimum requirement as stated in subregulation (1) above, the applicant shall also fulfil the special requirements determined by the Faculty for each Master's Degree programme of study concerned.

2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

- (1) A non-citizen applicant who obtained his degree from a university or institution of higher learning which does not use English Language as the medium of instruction for the relevant degree who wishes to follow a degree programme of study and/or write his dissertation in the English Language shall fulfil the English Language competency requirement determined by the University as in the paragraphs below:

- (a) A non-citizen applicant who wishes to follow a Master's Degree Programme (other than specific programme at the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics and all programmes in the Faculty of Medicine) shall obtain at least the result below in one of the English Language competency examination as stated below:

- (i) a minimum score of 60 for the internet-based total (IBT – Centre based) for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 8.5 for TOEFL Essentials (Online); or;
- (ii) a minimum score of band 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic);
- (iii) score according to the respective standard programmes if it is higher than (i) and (ii).

- (iv) for any standard programme which states that the TOEFL or IELTS (Academic) score is lower than the minimum score of the University, these programmes should follow the minimum score set by the University;
- (v) a minimum score of 59 for Pearson Test of Academic English (PTE Academic);
- (vi) obtain a score of 169 for Cambridge English Qualifications and Tests B1 Preliminary, B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency, B2 Business Vantage, C1 Business Higher, Linguaskill Online, or score of 250 for Occupational English Test (OET) (Conventional/Online);
- (vii) minimum band 4.0 Malaysian University English Test (MUET).

OR

- (b) For non-citizen applicants who wishes to follow a Master's Degree programme as stated below at the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics and Master's Degree at the Faculty of Medicine shall obtain the result as follows:
 - (i) Master of English Language Studies programme and Master of Arts (Linguistics) programme
 - (A) a minimum score of 79 for internet-based total (IBT- *Centre based*) for the *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (TOEFL) or a score of 9.5 bagi TOEFL Essentials (*Online*); or
 - (B) a minimum score of band 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic); or
 - (C) scores that have been aligned with any set of competencies.
 - (ii) Faculty of Medicine Master's Degree Programme
 - (A) obtain a minimum score of 60 for the internet-based total (IBT- *Center based*) for the *Test of English as a Foreign Language* (TOEFL) or a score of 8.5 for TOEFL Essentials (*Online*); or
 - (B) a minimum score of band 6.0 for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic); or
 - (C) scores that have been aligned with any set of competencies.
- (2) A non-citizen applicant with the background as stated below is exempted from the English Language requirement:
 - (a) from a Country where the National Language is the English Language;
 - (b) to use the academic qualification from an institution which uses English Language fully as their medium of instruction; or
 - (c) has studied in Malaysia and plans to further his study at a higher level subject to the requirement in (b).

- (d) come from the countries of Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and Southern Thailand who follow a programme of study that uses a language similar to *Bahasa Melayu*.
- (3) A non-citizen applicant pursuing a programme of study and/or writing a dissertation in a language other than English Language, that is, *Bahasa Melayu* and Arabic, which is related to his field of research prior to graduation is required to:
- (a) obtain a minimum score of 400 for the paper-based total (PBT) or a score of 30 for the internet-based total (IBT-Centre based) or scores according to the respective program standards for TOEFL; or a score of 5 for TOEFL Essentials (Online); or
 - (b) a minimum score of band 4.0 or a band following related programme standard for International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic);
 - (c) obtain a minimum score of 36 for *Pearson Test of Academic English (PTE Academic)*;
 - (d) obtain a score of 140 for *Cambridge English Qualifications and Tests B1 Preliminary, B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency, B2 Business Vantage, C1 Business Higher, Linguaskill Online*.
 - (e) candidates who wish to change the writing of their dissertation from Malay *Bahasa Melayu* or Arabic to English are required to meet conditions 2(1)(a) or (b) before being awarded a degree.

GENERAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINATION CANDIDATES/STUDENTS**

(1) **EXAMINATION TIMETABLE**

Candidates/students need to observe and take note of:

(a) Date, time, place and the examination mode of each course as stated in the Examination Timetable which is posted on the students' portal. Any amendment will be posted in the student's portal and around the examination hall/RC.

(b) The official examination schedule is determined as follows:

MORNING SESSION (1)	:	8:30 (0830) AM
MORNING SESSION (2)	:	11:30 (1130) AM
EVENING SESSION (3)	:	3:00 (1500) PM
NIGHT SESSION (4)	:	8:15 (2015) PM

(2) **IDENTITY CARD/PASSPORT AND STUDENT REGISTRATION CARD**

Candidates must bring along their self-identification document (Identity Card/Passport and Student Registration Card) in order to make them eligible to sit for their respective examinations. Candidates who do not bring any self-identification document (Identity Card/Passport and Student Registration Card) will be requested to fill up the form that has been prescribed by the University at the examination location.

If the examination is conducted in an online mode, the candidates/students have to comply with the procedure providing self-identification for purposes of sitting for the examinations as prescribed under the directions by the University or the respective Responsibility Centres.

(3) **PROHIBITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR EXIT/ENTRY OF THE EXAMINATION HALL**

(a) Candidates/students are **NOT ALLOWED** to enter or bring into the examination hall any of the following matters:-

- i) wear any clothing that covers the face other than a face mask, immodest and inappropriate clothing according to the situation, for example, slippers, hats, shorts and gloves except for medical students during clinical and in the laboratory;

- ii) any books, papers, brochures, pictures or any documents or other items except for goods/materials that are allowed by the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator;
- iii) If any communication devices such as mobile phones or electronic equipment (including those with cases) or gadgets such as calculators, smartwatches, ear plugs, tablets, laptops, or electronic dictionaries, are brought in, candidates/students must ensure that they are turned off and placed underneath the table;
- (iv) personal items such as laptops, bags (any type of bag including handbags, wallets, money bags, etc.), cigarettes including electronic cigarettes (vapes), prohibited food and drinks except bottled water/mineral water small transparent should be left outside the examination hall.

If any candidate/student do any matter or accidentally bring in any of the things mentioned in para 3(a) above, the candidate/student **CAN** be asked to leave the examination hall by the Invigilator/Chief Invigilator, if he refuses to do so.

If the examination is conducted using the online mode, the candidates/students are not allowed to have access to books or any material in any form or format or has access to any links illegally unless it is allowed for the subject concerned.

- (b) Candidates/students **ARE NOT ALLOWED** to bring out of the examination hall any of the following items:-
- i) the question paper and attachments provided unless with the permission of the Invigilator/Chief Invigilator;
 - ii) examination answer booklet (which has been used or not used);
 - iii) the student's answer script and/or the Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) paper;
 - iv) examination materials which were supplied (such as acts, log books and so on);
 - v) examination attendance slip;

If the examination is conducted using the online mode, the candidates/students are not allowed to make a duplicate copy or download in any form and format, the examination questions and answer

scripts unless as is allowed or instructed in accordance with the subject concerned.

- (c) The procedure to exit/enter the examination hall is as follows:-
- (i) candidates/students **are not allowed to enter** the examination hall **30 minutes after the examination begins**. Howsoever, candidates/students who are late but not later than the 30 minutes time limit may be allowed to enter with the permission of the Chief Invigilator and will not be given extra time for the examination for the paper concerned;
 - (ii) candidates/students **are not allowed to leave** the examination hall within **the first 30 minutes after the examination begins AND 15 minutes before the examination ends**;
 - (iii) candidates/students are not allowed to enter or leave the examination hall until the Chief Invigilator has made the announcement to do so.
 - (iv) Candidates are responsible for sitting in the spaces provided for each examination paper.

If the examination is conducted using the online mode, the candidates/students are required to comply with the instructions that have been laid down regarding the attendance or access to the relevant link and the time period which has been set to conduct the said examination.

The failure of a candidate/student to comply with the said instructions which have been laid down and complete the examination within the time period which has been determined, it then becomes the responsibility of the candidate/student, unless the candidate/student can prove that he was facing a technical problem which was beyond his control.

(4) INSTRUCTIONS WHEN INSIDE THE EXAMINATION HALL

- (a) Candidates/students **CANNOT**-
- (i) receive any books, papers, brochures or pictures or any other documents and electronic/telecommunication devices from anyone, except goods/materials allowed by and supplied by the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator;
 - (ii) communicate and interact with one another in any way during the examination. If candidates/students want to speak to the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator, candidates/students must raise their hands;

- (iii) leave the examination hall except with the permission of the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator. If candidates/students want to go to the toilet, the candidates/students must raise their hands. The candidates/students will be accompanied by an identified staff/examination assistant.

If the examination is conducted using the online mode, candidates/students are not allowed to contact or communicate with any other students or any other persons, using any method or medium of communication save as is allowed or instructed for the subject concerned.

- (b) Once seated, or after having access to the examination access or link (for examinations conducted using the online mode), the **CANDIDATES/STUDENTS MUST-**

- (i) fill in the attendance details in the Attendance Slips and put it together with the self-identification document on the right-hand corner of the table to be collected by the Invigilators, or fill in the attendance details according to the format instructed (if the examination is conducted using the online mode);
- (ii) comply with all instructions listed on the front page of the question paper and answer booklet and write any information needed on the answer booklet. All outlines of answers must be made in the answer booklet only. Candidates/students are not allowed to tear/separate any part of paper of the answer booklet. If the examinations are conducted using the online mode, candidates/students have to comply with the instructions to answer the questions as has been determined.
- (iii) **CANDIDATES/STUDENTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM WRITING THEIR NAMES OR ANY NOTES TO THE EXAMINERS ON THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

(5) INSTRUCTIONS AFTER THE END OF EXAMINATION

- (a) **CANDIDATES/STUDENTS MUST** take note and take the following actions after the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator announces the end of each examination -
 - (i) stop writing;
 - (ii) bind additional answer booklet and any additional answer scripts (if any) to the main answer booklet; and
 - (iii) place the answer booklet on the right-hand corner of their respective examination tables to allow the

Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator to collect the answer booklet.

- (b) If the examination is conducted using the online mode, the candidates/students are required to submit or produce the answers according to the format or medium and within the duration as has been prescribed for the subject concerned.

2. SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATION

- (1) If the Vice-Chancellor has reasons to believe that the state or the contents of any examination question or content of any examination question papers may have been known prior to the date and time of the actual exam by any person other than the examiners or the Committee of Examiners concerned or the Registrar or any person authorized by the Registrar, the Vice-Chancellor may order the suspension of the examination or cancellation of the examination question papers and give instruction to prepare new question papers.
- (2) If a situation arises where the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator is of the opinion the cancellation or postponement of an examination is required, he shall stop the examination and, has to quickly collect all the answer sheets that have been written and report the matter to the Vice-Chancellor.
- (3) If the examination is conducted using the online mode, and the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that cheating or leakage has occurred in the examination or there was an occurrence of an incident which has resulted in the examination being unfair to any candidate/student, the Vice-Chancellor may issue an order to consider the examination that took place as null and void and order a new examination be held or a different form of assessment be held.

3. COMPLAINTS ABOUT EXAMINATION

- (1) If, in the opinion of the Examiner/Invigilator/Chief Invigilator, during the examination, a situation arises which makes the examination unfair to any candidate/student, he shall report the matter to the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Any examination candidate/student, teacher or any staff of the University may complain to the Vice-Chancellor that the examination had been carried out incorrectly.
- (3) Where a matter has been reported to the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with paragraph (1) and (2) above, he may take an action as he thinks fit, and if he orders that another examination should be held, or that another form of assessment should be held, and that examination or assessment shall be considered as the examination or assessment as prescribed under any Rule or Regulation that governs the relevant course.

- (4) Any complaint by any teacher of the University that the examination had been carried out incorrectly or that the provisions of any Rules or Regulations related has not been complied, must be made to the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall investigate the complaint and report the results of its investigations to the Senate. The Senate may then take such action as it deems appropriate.

4. DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF GENERAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Disciplinary action will be taken against candidates/students who violate any of the instructions set out in the General Examination Instructions or additional instructions in force from time to time.

AEGROTAT AWARD

1. Where a student has completed at least two-thirds of the work required for the programme of study, to the satisfaction of the Senate but has been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from completing the programme of study, the Senate may confer the student an Aegrotat Award in the Faculty concerned.
2. An Aegrotat Award is conferred without class or distinction and it does not necessarily entitle the holder to registration with a professional body, or exemption from the requirements of any professional qualification, or progression to another academic programme or another stage of a programme which might otherwise be associated with the programme of study concerned.
3. Application for consideration for the grant of an Aegrotat Award must be made by the student, student's family or next of kin in writing to the Dean of the Faculty not later than one week after the end of the student's final examination paper. The written application must be accompanied by a medical report issued by the Registered Medical Practitioner Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, government hospital or private medical centre.
4. The Committee of Examiners concerned shall lay before the Senate a report on the student's work in his programme of study which must show beyond reasonable doubt that he or she would have obtained the degree but for the illness or event which occurred.
5. For coursework and mixed-mode programmes of study, the student must have completed at least two-thirds of the credits required. In the case of research programme of study, the student must have completed sufficient literature review, laboratory work, papers and/or publication and thesis/dissertation draft or other accessible evidence to indicate that, he or she would have satisfied requirements for the programme of study, had the incapacity not intervened.
6. No student may be granted an Aegrotat Award on more than one occasion.
7. If a student dies before completing the programme of study, the Senate may, upon the recommendation of the Committee of Examiners concerned and upon such conditions as it shall think fit, confer a posthumous Aegrotat Award.
8. Application for consideration for the posthumous grant of an Aegrotat Award must be made by the deceased student's family or next of kin, in writing to the Dean of the Faculty within a year from the death of the student.



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