

# CHAPTER 1

## REGULATIONS FOR MATRICULATION

### 1.1 Meaning of Matriculation

- (i) Matriculation is the act of placing a student's name upon the matricula or Roll of Members of the University.
- (ii) In order to matriculate, a student must have fulfilled the requirements for admission.

### 1.2 Admission of Students

No student shall be admitted to any scheme of study in the University except by special permission of the Senate unless s/he has satisfied the entrance requirements for that scheme of study.

Any undergraduate degree awardee of the University of Mauritius should not be admitted on another undergraduate degree programme until a minimum period of two years has lapsed between obtention of the degree and application for another undergraduate degree programme.

### 1.3 General Entry Requirements for Admission to the University

#### 1.3.1 Postgraduate Programmes

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution.

**OR** alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

#### 1.3.2 Undergraduate Programmes

All applicants should be holder of an IT proficiency certificate or an alternative equivalent acceptable to the University of Mauritius.

##### 1.3.2.1 Undergraduate Degrees

- (i) A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent **and**

**either** (i) Credit in five other subjects (School Certificate), together with at least two passes at Advanced Level (Higher School Certificate or General Certificate of Education);

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only four other subjects)

**or** (ii) Passes in three other subjects at Advanced Level.

**OR** (ii) Qualifications awarded by other universities and institutions, which have been approved by the Senate as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.

**OR** (iii) The French Baccalauréat.

**OR** (iv) Relevant subjects/combinations of related subjects included in any Diploma of the University of Mauritius or in any technical qualifications, as may be approved by the Senate as being

equivalent or comparable to an 'O' Level or 'A' Level may be accepted in lieu of corresponding subjects prescribed in (i) above.

- OR** (v) The IGCSE and the International Baccalaureate awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, Switzerland.

**NOTE:**

- (a) A pass (at least grade C or c) at Subsidiary/ Advanced Subsidiary Level in any subject or General Paper in a Higher School Certificate could be considered in lieu of a credit in that subject or English Language respectively, taken at School Certificate/ 'O' Level, and a pass at Principal Standard in a Higher School Certificate will count as a GCE pass at Advanced Level.
- (b) No subject shall be counted at both School Certificate/ 'O' Level and Higher School Certificate/ 'A' Level or their equivalent.
- (c) The Dean of a Faculty/ Director of a Centre may require an applicant for admission to either sit a special entrance examination or take specific Foundation Course.
- (d) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual programmes).

**1.3.2.2 Undergraduate Diplomas**

- (i) A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent **and** Credit in five other subjects (School Certificate).

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only four other subjects)

- OR** (ii) Qualifications awarded by other universities and institutions, which have been approved by the Senate as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.
- OR** (iii) The IGCSE and the International Baccalaureate awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, Switzerland.

**NOTE:**

- (a) A pass (at least grade C or c) at Subsidiary or Advanced Subsidiary Level in any subject or General Paper in a Higher School Certificate could be considered in lieu of a credit in that subject or English Language respectively, taken at School Certificate/ 'O' Level, and a pass at Principal Standard in a Higher School Certificate will count as a GCE pass at Advanced Level.
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- (c) The Dean of a Faculty/ Director of a Centre may require an applicant for admission to either sit a special entrance examination or take specific Foundation Course.
- (d) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual programmes).

### **1.3.2.3 Undergraduate Certificates**

- (i) A School Certificate with credit in two appropriate subjects or equivalent.
- OR** (ii) Qualifications awarded by other universities and institutions, which have been approved by the Senate as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.
- OR** (iii) The IGCSE awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, Switzerland.

**NOTE:**

- (a) The Dean of a Faculty/ Director of a Centre may require an applicant for admission to either sit a special entrance Examination or take specific Foundation Course.
- (b) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual programmes).

### **1.3.1.4 Approved Subjects for Admission to Schemes of Study for University Awards**

Any 'O' Level/ 'A' Level subjects, subject to the following:

“Subjects whose contents are related or are of similar nature will not be considered as separate subjects unless they are allowed to be taken at the same sitting by an examining body recognised by the University of Mauritius”.

## **1.4 Programme Requirements**

In addition to the above, special requirements are prescribed for admission to particular programmes. Please see under Programme Requirements for individual programmes.

## **1.5 General and Programme Requirements - Special Cases**

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the general and programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 1.3 and 1.4 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 1.3 and 1.4 above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.

## **1.6 Mature Students**

In line with the Government Policy of commitment to lifelong learning, the University has developed the concept of admission of mature students on some Programmes of Studies. 'Mature Students' shall be those who fall under the following criteria:

- (i) who are not recent school leavers, are older in terms of age and do not have the General Entry Requirements for admission at the University of Mauritius;
- (ii) who are not recent school leavers, are older in terms of age and who possess the General Entry Requirements for admission but are lower in terms of their computer list ranking at the University of Mauritius;

- (iii) who have relevant work experience.
- (iv) All such applicants must have a minimum of SC.

Mature Students will only be admitted on Programmes of Studies identified by Deans of Faculty/ Directors/ Principals of Centre/ Partner Institution. A maximum of three Mature Students per Programme of Studies over and above the normal intake would be admitted in the first year of the Programme.

Mature Students are selected by the Faculty/ Centre/ Partner Institution on the basis of the following:

- (i) qualifications and experience of applicants; and
- (ii) interview to assess commitment, motivation and academic standards (25%) and a written examination (75%), if applicable.

Upon receipt of an application by a “mature candidate”:

- (a) The Department concerned will process the application as outlined at (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) If the Department is satisfied that the candidate can be admitted as a mature student, the Head of the Department concerned will submit a report thereon to the Dean of Faculty/Director of Centre/Director Partner Institution (PI).
- (c) The Dean of Faculty/Director of Centre/ Director, PI will seek the approval of Faculty Board/Centre Board/PI Board of Studies.
- (d) Upon approval of Faculty Board/Centre Board/PI Board of Studies, the Dean/Director will communicate the decision to the Registrar for the issue of a letter of offer of seat to the applicant.
- (e) The Faculty/Centre/PI will submit an Information Paper to Teaching and Learning Committee on the admission of any mature student.

Difficult cases will be submitted to Teaching and Learning Committee and Senate for approval.

**Note : The above regulations are also applicable to Postgraduate Taught Programmes except for provision (iv) above.**

### **1.7 Enrolment as ‘Auditeur Libre’**

A student may register as ‘Auditeur Libre’ for specific module(s) subject to approval by the Faculty/Centre/Cluster Board.

Modules taken as ‘Auditeur Libre’ are non-award ones. Candidates having followed such modules will be given an attendance certificate by the Faculty/Centre subject to at least 80% attendance of lectures.

The maximum number of ‘Auditeur Libre’ students should be limited to a maximum of 15% of the proposed intake for each programme offered.

### **1.7.1 Minimum Entry Requirements**

#### **Undergraduate Modules**

- (i) A school certificate with credit in two appropriate subjects or equivalent
- OR** (ii) Qualifications awarded by other Universities and institutions, which have been approved by the Senate as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.
- OR** (iii) The IGCSE awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, Switzerland.

#### **Postgraduate Modules**

Successful completion of a 2 year post A Level Diploma or equivalent acceptable to the University.