

# CHAPTER 1

## REGULATIONS FOR MATRICULATION

### 1.1 Meaning of Matriculation

- (a) 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.

#### 1.2.1 Disclaimer Note

The following disclaimer note will be included in the Letters of "Offer of Place and Registration" issued to selected candidates who had applied for admission at the UoM:

*'The University reserves the right to amend the Programme Structures and individual modules, as well as the offer of modules during the duration of a course at any time with reasonable notice, by letters circulated through the Programme Coordinator and email to the students concerned at least one month prior to the implementation of the amendment(s) made.'*

### 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

##### 1.3.2.1 Undergraduate Degrees

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

**AND**

**either** (i) Credit in **three (3)** other subjects at Cambridge School Certificate/GCE 'O' Level, together with passes in two (2) subjects at 'A' Level and two (2) subjects at Advanced Subsidiary/Subsidiary Level at the Higher School Certificate Examination.

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only **two** other subjects).

**or** (ii) Passes in three (3) subjects at 'A' Level and **one (1) subject at Advanced Subsidiary/Subsidiary Level** at the **Higher School Certificate** Examination.

**or** Passes in three (3) subjects at 'A' Level at the **London General Certificate Examination**.

**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.
- (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).

### **1.3.2.3 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:**

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual Programmes).

### **1.3.2.4 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 practicing 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:

### Part I- For Undergraduate Programmes

Candidates having full School Certificate and

- (i) who do not satisfy the General Entry Requirement and who are (preferably) at least 25 years of age and who have at least 5 years **relevant** work experience;
- (ii) who satisfy the General Entry Requirement and who are (preferably) at least 25 years of age, but are lower in terms of their computer list ranking at the UoM; and who have at least 5 years **relevant** work experience

### Part II – For Postgraduate Programmes

- (i) who are older in terms of age (>30) and do not have the General Entry Requirements for admission at University of Mauritius but have a minimum of

#### Either

- (a) a recognised undergraduate Diploma in relevant field or any other equivalent qualifications acceptable to the University plus at least 15 years' of relevant work experience

#### OR

- (b) third class or pass degree in relevant field plus at least 7 years' of relevant work experience

- (ii) who are older in terms of age (>30) and who possess the General Entry Requirements but are lower in terms of admission ranking at the University.

Mature Students will only be admitted on Programmes of Studies (except for BSc (Hons) Medical Science and Bachelor of Laws with Honours) identified by Deans of Faculty/ Directors/ Principals of Centre/Partners/Affiliated Institutions (P/AI).

Mature Students are selected by the Faculty/ Centre/ P/AI 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/P/AI.
- (c) The Dean of Faculty/Director of Centre/ P/AI will seek the approval of Faculty Board/Centre Board/P/AI Board of Studies.
- (d) Upon approval of Faculty Board/Centre Board/P/AI 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/P/AI will submit a Paper to Teaching and Research Committee on the admission of any mature student.

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

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

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

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