

2. MODULES

2.1 A **module** refers to any discrete and relatively self-contained course unit for curriculum option, each of which is likely to be characterized by a particular content and structure, specific methods of delivery (a combination of lectures, tutorials, practicals and independent learning, or a set of learning-teaching materials) and a particular approach to assessment. It is a subset of a Programme of Studies.

2.2 Each module has a unique code of 4 or 5 digits. For a given module, say #¹#²#³#⁴(#⁵), the attributed number has the following connotations:

#¹: Year (y), where $1 \leq y \leq 5$, for Undergraduate Programmes. For Postgraduate Programmes, #¹ = 6 or 5 (for some postgraduate modules).

#²: Semester (s), where $1 \leq s \leq 2$; s=0 if the module is on offer during both semesters.

#³#⁴: Module number (01-99)

(#⁵): Weighting (w) where $w = 1, 3$ or 5 depending on the module status (Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced). It gives an indication of the notional degree of difficulty or academic attainment expected by the student.

For any year, at least 70% of the modules appearing in the Programme plan should be weighted as per the Table 2 below. For example, for Year 2, at least 70% of the modules should be set with weighting 3.

Table 2: Weighting of Modules

YEAR/LEVEL	WEIGHTING
1	1
2	3
3/4; Dissertation	5

For example: the module ELEC 1101(1) is normally offered in year 1 semester 1, and carries a weighting of 1.

However all modules offered at postgraduate level have the same weighting (w=1).

Some modules are denoted by suffix Y after the fourth digit in the module code, e.g. CSE 1001Y(1). These modules, termed yearly modules, are taught over a period of two semesters.

2.3 The number of credits allocated to a module is based on the following guidelines:

15 hrs of lectures and/or tutorials/seminars: 1 credit

30-45 hrs of laboratory/field work: 1 credit

Undergraduate Certificate project: up to 3 credits

Undergraduate Diploma project: 3-6 credits

Undergraduate 3-3½ final year project: 6-10 credits

Undergraduate 4 year final year project and Master's project: 6-12 credits

2.4 Modules can be of different types as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Types of Modules

Core	Elective/Optional	
Module that is essential in a particular Programme and must be passed by the student on the Programme.	Module for which the student has a choice to register. In case of failure, the student can either retake the module or register for another elective/optional module that is on offer unless otherwise stated.	
Self-Study	Independent Study	Audit
Under special circumstances, a student may be allowed to complete a maximum of 12 credits for an Undergraduate Programme and a maximum of 6 credits for a Postgraduate Programme by Self-Study. There will be no formal lectures but laboratory work will be conducted, if necessary. Assessment will be based on laboratory work and/or assignments as well as tests and examinations. Self-study modules will be supervised. <i>(to read in conjunction with section 3.3.1)</i>	One elective in the form of project may be offered to students who have already earned at least 75 credits for Undergraduate Programmes and 27 credits for Postgraduate Programmes subject to recommendation by Department and approval by Faculty/Centre Board. This elective will carry 3 credits and may be completed in a maximum of 2 semesters. Grade S, U or X will be awarded for Independent Study.	Students who wish to follow specific module(s) or are advised to do so by a Department/Centre may audit same (i.e. such modules are not examinable for them). However, such modules do not carry any credit nor any grade but would appear in their transcript subject to satisfactory attendance.

Given resource constraints and critical mass consideration, the University does **not** bind itself to offer any specific elective in any Semester/Year.

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