

7. Selection of Postgraduate Applicants on Taught Programmes

7.1 Taught Postgraduate Programmes, where tuition fees are applicable, are advertised in local newspapers, on the University Website and University students and staff are sent an e-mail.

7.2 The applicants fill in an on-line application form for all Programmes applied. The system automatically generates application forms based on number of programmes applied Form A (master copy) is kept at ASRO and form B (faculties copy) sent to faculties.

7.3 The University's policy on selection and entry to taught Postgraduate Programmes is based on:

- (i) recognition of academic merit (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.)
- (ii) recognition of prior learning (relevant experience and/or personal development).

7.4 Selection Panel

A selection panel comprising relevant academic staff is constituted for each taught Postgraduate Programme of Studies and determines the list of selected applicants according to standard criteria approved by Senate. In addition, each selection panel may have its own specific criteria.

7.4.1 Composition of the Selection Panel

The selection panel will be composed of: -

- Head of Department offering or in charge of the Programme - *Chairperson*
- One Senior Academic and the Programme Coordinator(s)
- Head(s) of Department(s) and Programme Coordinator(s) from other relevant Department(s)/Faculty(ies)/Centre(s).

7.4.2 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Panel would be:

- to evaluate the application of each candidate on the basis of the written application and supporting documentation;
- to hold interviews with pre-selected applicants, if necessary; and
- to recommend admission(s) to the Dean/Director.

7.5 The Selection Process

7.5.1 Phase One - Screening of Qualified Applicants

Once submitted, applications are assessed against key eligibility criteria and other Programme specific criteria that may apply to the Programme.

Qualified applicants are selected by the Panel on basis of merit and according to the following criteria:

- (i) Undergraduate academic results
- (ii) Postgraduate academic results (*if applicable*)
- (iii) Practical proficiency (Standard Aptitudes Tests, e.g. GRE, GMAT, etc.)
- (iv) Personal motivation at interview (*if applicable*)

7.5.2 Phase Two - Quantification of Qualifications and Work Experience

The quantification of qualifications will be determined as follows:

Qualifications	Points
First Class Honours* or $GPA \geq 3.5$	20
Second Class Honours First Division* or $3 \leq GPA < 3.5$	14
Second Class Honours Second Division* or $2.5 \leq GPA < 3$	10
General Degree: First Class or $GPA \geq 3.5$	10
: Second Class or $2.5 \leq GPA < 3.5$	6
Aegrotat Degree*	6
Other relevant qualifications (e.g. Professional qualifications)	6-20**
Masters Degree* - $CPA \geq 70$ or $GPA \geq 3.5$	4 (additional)
- $CPA < 70$ or $GPA < 3.5$	3 (additional)
MPhil Degree*	4 (additional)
PhD*	8 (additional)

*From the University of Mauritius or equivalent.

**Depending on level of achievement.

Note: Additional points for postgraduate qualification will be given only to the highest qualification. For example, if an applicant holds a BSc (Hons) First Class, a Master's Degree with CPA ≥ 70 or GPA ≥ 3.5 and a PhD Degree, the marks allocated to qualifications would be $20+8 = 28$ points and not $20+4+8=32$ points.

Work Experience

This criterion will be applied only if the Programme Requirement specifies “work experience” or “relevant work experience”.

Two (2) points will be granted for each additional completed year of work experience or relevant experience, up to a maximum of 6.

7.5.3 Phase Three - Pre-Selection/Selection of Applicants

After computation of the above following a scrutiny of applicants' academic qualifications and relevant work experience (if applicable) based on General Entry and Programme Requirements and where there are more qualified applicants for a Programme than places available, applicants may be short listed for an interview. A maximum of 10 points will be awarded based on interview.

In cases where there is minimal competition for places, an interview may not be required. Applicants will be assessed on their complete applications with particular attention paid to academic performance and work experience (if applicable), as laid down above.

7.5.4 Eligibility Test

In those Programmes where prerequisite knowledge is required, applicants must demonstrate same. Applicants who have completed any test taken within the last three years with scores above the threshold for eligibility (e.g. GMAT Score ≥ 500 for admission in MBA) will normally be considered for entry to Postgraduate Programmes. (Note: *As approved by Senate, “ Students not possessing a recognised qualification in English Language should provide evidence of proficiency in same, e.g. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Tests Systems), or other similar test”.*

These applicants will be ranked according to their level of achievement in the test. Admission to one of the Programmes of Studies will be made considering the applicants' level of achievement, the demand for the Programme of Studies and applicants' preferences.

7.6 The list of selected applicants is approved by the Head(s) of Department and Dean(s) of Faculty/ Director before transmission to the Registrar.

7.7 The list of selected applicants is sent to the ASRO, which issues letters of offer for registration procedures.

7.8 The procedure for the selection of applicants for taught Postgraduate Programmes is also outlined in the flowchart (code: UoMQA7) given in Annex 8.