

CHAPTER 9

STUDENT FACILITIES AND WELFARE

9.1 STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union was established in 1971 and is the official organisation of the students of the University. It is the centre of the students' non-academic activities. In addition to acting as representative body in all matters of the students, the Students' Union also promotes and provides for the welfare and the social, cultural and educational activities of the students (**Refer to Chapter 16 for more information**).

A wide variety of clubs and societies, affiliated to the Students' Union, have been set up to meet the educational, cultural, social and recreational affiliations of the University students. Interested students should contact the Students' Union Office or consult the Students' Union webpage.

9.2 FIRST AID

There are three First Aid Posts at the University and they are open to all staff and students. They offer services including first aid, general and emergency medical services under the supervision of a doctor, from the Department of Medicine of the Faculty of Science, who is responsible for the proper running of the three first aid posts.

Location	Ex-Student Common Room Building, near Faculty of Agriculture	Ebene Core Building and Gymnasium
Opening Hours	Monday to Friday: 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (During Semester) 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Off Semester) Saturday: 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Throughout the Year)	Monday to Friday: 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (Throughout the Year)
Staffing	2 Qualified Full-time Specialised Nursing Officers of the Department of Medicine	1 Qualified Full-time Nursing Officer of the Department of Medicine

9.3 LIBRARY

The Library provides the necessary bibliographic support as well as the services and facilities to satisfy the information/ research needs of its various categories of users, namely students and the staff of the University (**Refer to Chapter 10 for more information**).

The library provides a non-stop service from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on weekdays. On Saturdays, the opening hours are 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (The opening hours may change on the decision of the Chief Librarian/ Senate/ Council).

9.4 SPORTS AND GAMES

The Sports Unit provides a wide range of activities comprising indoor and outdoor games. Most of the activities are carried out in the University Campus (Students' Centre, Maryse Justin multi-purpose stadium and University multi-purpose Gymnasium).

A calendar of sports and games activities is drawn up each academic year and students willing to take part in such activities may contact the Sports Organiser at the Sports Unit.

A Sports Committee chaired by an academic staff oversees the sports and games activities.

Mid Semester activities including Sports Activities are normally held in the 6th or 7th week of the first semester.

Students are allowed free access to the gymnasium from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on weekdays and from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Facilities at the University gymnasium and Maryse Justin University Sports Complex are rented to staff and students from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. on weekdays and from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Saturdays (excluding public holidays).

For further info about booking the sports facilities, contact the Sports Unit at 54713503/ 4676576 or e-mail a.kistamah@uom.ac.mu or sport@uom.ac.mu or visit its website at: <http://uom.ac.mu/campus/athleticsfitness/sports>.

9.5 FOOD OUTLETS

Currently, there are two food outlets on the Campus:

- A Main Cafeteria located at Ground Floor, Students' Centre;
- A Mini Canteen located at Ground Floor, ex-CPDL Building; and

Staff and students should address in writing any complaints regarding the operation of the food outlets to the Chairperson of the University Catering Services Supervisory Committee (UCSSC).

9.6 BANKS

Two banks are operational on the University campus.

- **Mauritius Commercial Bank** (ATM Services and information)

Location: Ground floor of the ex-CPDL building (near the Stone Building)

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

- **State Bank of Mauritius (SBM)**

Location: Near the University Cafeteria

Opening Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9.00 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Friday: 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

9.7 PARKING

Car parking facilities are available for students in designated areas. The use of the University parking facilities is at the student's own risk. The University will not be held responsible for any loss of or damage to vehicles or their contents.

9.8 STUDENT COUNSELLING UNIT

Students who have difficulties in studies, personal problems, traumas and conflicts between peers which may affect their studies are referred to the Acting Assistant Registrar, Admissions and Student Records Office (ASRO). Based on individual cases, these students are offered advice on regulations, and when necessary they are referred to psychologists, family counsels, psychiatrists and if needed to Faculties Programme Coordinators and Lecturers for individual consideration. There are now two psychologists on campus and all cases of students seeking help are referred by ASRO staff. Much care is taken to deal with such matters in all confidentiality.

9.9 PHOTOCOPY AND PRINTING

Photocopying facilities are available to students against payment at the Students' Centre and Library.

Laser printing facilities are available to students against payment at the following CITS Labs:

- Labs at First Floor, Phase II Engineering
- Lab 2A at Second Floor, Faculty of Agriculture
- ETB Lab at First Floor, Professor E. Lim Fat Engineering Tower

Free printing facilities are available at the following CITS Labs:

- Ex-Common Room Lab
- Lab 1B at First Floor, Phase II Engineering
- Lab 1C at First Floor, Phase II Engineering
- FSSH Lab at Ground Floor, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Lab 1A at First Floor, Faculty of Agriculture
- Lab 2B at Second Floor, Faculty of Agriculture
- Ebene Core Computer Lab, Ebene

(Students are advised to bring along their printing papers)

9.10 CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Students and staff may enroll in Mandarin and other classes offered by the Confucius Institute at the University of Mauritius (CI-UoM). More information about the classes and other activities can be obtained from the Institute, situated on the first floor, ex-CPDL building (near the Stone Building).

9.11 SOUVENIR ITEMS

UoM Souvenir items such as UoM caps, UoM ties, Mugs, etc. are available for sale at the Public Relations Office, situated at the Basement, Academic Tower Block.