CHAPTER 1

SELECTION AND ADMISSION TO TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

1.1 APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

All applicants should apply on the official online application form of the University and should ascertain that all information and documents, as requested, are submitted by the deadline set.

Online application forms for undergraduate Programmes of Study are normally available on the University website at the following address: http://www.uom.ac.mu/prospective/students, as soon as the Higher School Certificate results become official.

Before filling the application form, applicants are strongly advised to read the Notes of Guidance and Information to Students accompanying the online application form. The Notes of Guidance and Information to Students give information on:

- Documents required for submission of application forms;
- Fees payable;
- Maximum number of Programmes that may be applied;
- Entry requirements for Programmes;
- Structure and duration of the Programmes.

Mauritian applicants are required to use the online undergraduate Application Toolkit available when they apply. Applicants should fill in the online application form *via* the internet at the following address: http://online.uom.ac.mu/application.

For taught Postgraduate Programmes, the applicants need to fill in an online application form for all Programmes applied *via* the internet at the following address: http://online.uom.ac.mu/application. The system automatically generates application forms based on number of Programmes applied.

An online application fee is payable by candidates who wish to alter their choices of Programmes by the deadline (Refer to section 13.16).

1.2 SELECTION OF STUDENTS

Applicants must satisfy the relevant and specific Programme Requirements in addition to the University General Entry Requirements.

All applications will be assessed fairly and against specific academic selection criteria as outlined in the University's Policy on Recruitment, Selection and Admissions, available on: http://www.uom.ac.mu/index.php/centres-offices/quality-assurance. The latter describes fully the criteria and process for selecting applicants for admission to Programmes of Study at the University of Mauritius (UoM).

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 ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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

Senate shall have power to recognise attendance and examinations passed at other universities or institutions recognised for this purpose by Senate. Such recognition shall be given at the beginning of the first academic year in which admission is secured provided Senate is satisfied that the content of the Programme and the examinations passed are equivalent to those of a corresponding university Programme or examination.

The University may offer alternate Programmes of Study (not figuring in the student's choice(s) on the application form) to an applicant in the event it is not able to run the Programme(s) on which the applicant is registered or has applied. However, no prejudice should be caused to better qualified applicants in the list for that/those specific alternate Programme(s).

Any undergraduate degree awardee of the University of Mauritius or any student whose registration had been terminated or who had previously withdrawn from the University, can be admitted on a Programme at the University and should submit a fresh application.

1.4 GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

1.4.1 Postgraduate Programmes

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class **Honours** 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.

Note: Applicants may also be admitted based on special cases (Refer to section 1.6) or as mature students (Refer to section 1.7).

1.4.2 Undergraduate Programmes

1.4.2.1 Undergraduate Degrees

A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent;

AND

Either(i) Three (3) Credits at School Certificate or General School Certificate of Education/'O' Level and Passes in at least two (2) subjects at 'A' Level at the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or General Certificate Examination (GCE)

OR (ii) Qualifications awarded by other Universities and Institutions, which have been approved by the Senate, as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission;

Examples of qualifications deemed equivalent to HSC and GCE 'A' Levels are:

- A minimum of three (3) credits at SC/'O' Level + Diploma pitched at least Level 5 in the National Qualifications Framework;
- A minimum of three (3) credits at SC/'O' Level + "Pass" in at least one subject at 'A" Level at HSC or GCE + Foundation Course awarded by a recognised Higher Education Institution;
- SC + Pre-University Certificate;
- IGCSE + Foundation Programme or equivalent awarded by a recognised Higher Education Institution;
- National Senior Certificate from African countries;
- South African Senior Certificate;
- Italian Diploma for Final Year of secondary education (Diploma di esame di stato);
- Grade 12 Certificates/ Higher Secondary School Certificate or equivalent from India;
- University Examination Entrance from China;
- French Diplôme National du Brevet;
- West African Senior School Certificate;
- Australian Senior Certificates of Education; and
- Grade 12 Certificates/High School Certificate from other countries.

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 (IB);

OR (vi) Grade 12 Certificates/High School Certificate from other countries.

NOTE:

(a) A pass at Subsidiary/Advanced Subsidiary Level in General Paper at Higher School Certificate could be considered in lieu of a "Pass" grade in English language at School Certificate level.

(b) The Dean of a Faculty/ Director of a Centre may require an applicant for admission to either sit for a Special Entrance Examination or take a specific Foundation Course/ Module;

(c) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual programmes);

(d) Applicants may also be admitted based on Special Cases (Refer to Section 1.6) or as Mature Students (Refer to Section 1.7); and

(e) Equivalent qualifications to the above will be acceptable, especially for international students.

1.4.2.2 Undergraduate Diplomas

(i) A pass in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/ 'O' Level or equivalent **and** credits in three (3) other subjects at School Certificate/'O' Level;

(Applicants having credit in English Language need to have credit in only two (2) 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.

NOTE:

(c) A pass (at least grade C or c) at Subsidiary/ Advanced Subsidiary Level in any subject at Higher School Certificate could be considered in lieu of a credit in that subject taken at School Certificate/ 'O' Level. A pass at Subsidiary/Advanced Subsidiary Level in General Paper at Higher School Certificate could be considered in lieu of a "Pass" grade in English language at School Certificate level.

(b) The Dean of a Faculty/ Director of a Centre may require an applicant for admission to either sit for a Special Entrance Examination or take a specific Foundation Course/ module;

(c) Specific additional entrance requirements often apply (See under Programme Requirements for individual programmes);

(d) Applicants may also be admitted based on special cases (Refer to section 1.6) or as mature students (Refer to section 1.7); and

(e) Equivalent qualifications to the above will be acceptable, especially for international students.

1.4.2.3 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.

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 a specific Foundation Course/ module.

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

(iii) Applicants may also be admitted based on special cases (Refer to section 1.6).

1.4.2.4 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".

1.4.2 Dual Degree Programmes in Collaboration with International Institutions

(i) Students will be admitted to Dual Degree Programmes, once they satisfy the admission criteria of the partner University.
(ii) The UoM will admit the students directly without conducting any further selection exercise; and
(iii) No application fee will be charged to these students by the UoM.

1.5 PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

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

1.6 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 1.4 and/or 1.5 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Faculty/ Centre Board to be equivalent to any of those listed.

(ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 1.4 and/or 1.5 above but who in the opinion of Faculty/ Centre Board 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.

1.7 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 Study. 'Mature Students' shall be those who fall under the following criteria:

1.7.1 Undergraduate Programmes

Candidates having credit in at least three (3) subjects at School Certificate/ 'O' Level with at least a "Pass" in English and

(i) who do not satisfy the General Entry Requirements and who are (preferably) at least 25 years of age and who have at least 5 years relevant work experience; and

OR

(ii) who satisfy the General Entry Requirements and who are (preferably) at least 25 years of age, but are lower in terms of the computerised admission ranking at the University of Mauritius, and who have at least 5 years relevant work experience.

1.7.2 Postgraduate Programmes

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

Either

(a) a recognised undergraduate Diploma in a relevant field or any other equivalent qualifications acceptable to the University plus at least 7 years of relevant work experience;

Or

(b) a third class or pass degree in relevant field plus at least 3 years of relevant work experience;

OR

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

Mature students will only be admitted on Programmes of Study identified by Deans of Faculty/ Director of Centre/ Principals of Partner Institutions (PI)/ Affiliated Institutions (AI).

Mature students are selected by the Faculty/ Centre/ PI/ 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/ Principal of PI/ AI.

(c) The Dean of Faculty/ Director of Centre/ Principal of PI/ AI will seek the approval of Faculty Board/ Centre Board/ PI/ AI Board of Studies.

(d) Upon approval of Faculty Board/ Centre Board/ PI/ AI Board of Studies, the Dean/ Director/ Principal 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/ AI will submit a Paper to the Teaching and Research Committee (TRC) on the admission of any mature student for information.

Difficult cases will be submitted to TRC for approval.

1.8 ADMISSION RESTRICTIONS

No student shall be admitted as a student for more than one degree, diploma or certificate at the same time at the University of Mauritius, unless decided otherwise by the Senate. A student enrolled at another local public Tertiary Education Institution on a full-time Programme shall not be registered for a full-time Programme concurrently at the University of Mauritius.

1.9 ENROLMENT AS 'AUDITEUR LIBRE'

University of Mauritius students (full-time or part-time) or members of public may register as 'Auditeur Libre' for specific module(s) subject to approval by the Faculty/ Centre Board and payment of the required fees (Refer to section 13.18).

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/ classes.

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

Members of public enrolling for such modules will not be recognised as registered students of the University but will have access to Auditeur Libre Identity Card and the library.

Minimum Entry Requirements

<u>Undergraduate Modules</u>

(i) Cambridge 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.

OR (iii) The IGCSE.

Postgraduate Modules

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

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