Student Handbook
(Procedures & Guidelines)
for
Undergraduate Programmes

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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT
OF UCSI UNIVERSITY

VISION STATEMENT

To be an intellectually resilient praxis university renowned for its leadership in academic pursuits and engagement with the industry and community

MISSION STATEMENT

- To promote transformative education that empowers students from all walks of life to be successful individuals with integrity, professionalism and a desire to contribute to society

- To optimize relationships between industry and academia through the provision of quality education and unparalleled workplace exposure via Praxis Centres

- To spearhead innovation in teaching and learning excellence through unique delivery systems

- To foster a sustainable culture of research, value innovation and practice, in partnership with industries and society

- To operate ethically at the highest standards of efficiency, while instilling values of inclusiveness, to sustain the vision for future generations
Graduate Attributes

Getting a university degree is every student’s ultimate dream because it opens doors to career opportunities anywhere in the world. A university degree is proof of one’s intellectual capacity to absorb, utilize and apply knowledge at the workplace.

However, in this current competitive world, one’s knowledge and qualifications alone are not enough to land that dream job or to sustain a meritorious career. Success takes more than intelligence. It requires a graduate to possess certain other personal attributes that would make you stand out among others and be recognised as a person of substance.

We, at UCSI University, recognize the absolute importance of developing worthy personal attributes in our students that will make you very attractive to employers, or make you steadfast entrepreneurs on your own. Our Mission is to develop these characteristics in you.

Thus, we have developed a list of Graduate Attributes (below) which we endeavour to imbue in you throughout the course of your studies at UCSI University, through various activities, in and out of your lecture halls.

As our graduates, you will demonstrate the following attributes:

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<td>Effective Communication Skills</td>
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<td>- To convey written information competently</td>
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<td>- To utilize various information technology skills</td>
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<td>- To present information precisely and accurately</td>
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<td>Creative and Critical Thinking Abilities</td>
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<td>- To use critical thinking skills to formulate alternative approaches to learning</td>
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<td>Ethical and Civic Responsibility</td>
<td>The ability to function as responsible individuals with ethical values who are accountable to the local, national, and international community:</td>
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<td>- To strive for justice, equality, honesty, and integrity in all personal and professional pursuits</td>
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<td>- To acknowledge and accept the common responsibility to preserve the environment and its surroundings</td>
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<td>- To actively contribute to the development of societal concerns</td>
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<td>Knowledge of Disciplines</td>
<td>The ability to demonstrate sound understanding of concepts, theories and skills with effective application in relevant areas:</td>
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| Interpersonal Skills       | The ability to work effectively and productively as members of a group:  
  - To interact and collaborate with others  
  - To commit and focus on group task or decisions  
  - To uphold the integrity and passion for individual and group work  
  - To acknowledge and appraise the contribution of others |
| Lifelong Learning          | The attitude of having a high regard for and commitment to continuous learning:  
  - To actively seek new learning opportunities  
  - To use reflective thinking to generate new learning  
  - For continuous engagement in learning new knowledge  
  - To learn independently |
| Engaged Global Citizen     | The ability to function in an international context with a deep appreciation for diversity:  
  - To develop greater appreciation for cultural and racial diversity  
  - To communicate effectively in cross-cultural contexts  
  - To think across national and international borders  
  - To function in a global environment  
  - To become more knowledgeable about international current issues |
| Leadership                 | The ability to lead in different contexts to innovate and create change:  
  - To initiate responsible actions to create change for the common good  
  - To adopt and adapt change to motivate others  
  - To initiate the development of new ideas  
  - To lead with a high regard for ethical standards |
| Entrepreneurship and       | The ability to create and restructure a context and/or an organization to innovate and generate business ideas:  
  - To evaluate the context and viability of an organization or business  
  - To optimize available resources in a constraint environment  
  - To engage risk and reality in decision-making  
  - To seek and network with different sources  
  - To generate new ideas for a new business venture  
  - To negotiate effectively |
| Management Skills          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
PREFACE

The Student Handbook (Procedures & Guidelines) is designed to assist you to be familiar with the practices of the University on matters relating to academic and general administration. However, for further clarification, on all the procedures or guidelines, you need to refer to the respective departments, or to the Student Affairs and Alumni Division. Hence, it is your responsibility to comply and abide by all the Procedures & Guidelines stated.

Responsibilities of the University:

• To serve and provide you with a well-rounded education.
• To safeguard and protect all your private information, documents and other personal details and that of your parents/guardians within the university. Such information should enjoy total confidentiality within and outside the university at all times. However, the university reserves the right to reveal the details or any part of them to the approved government authorities upon their request and in compliance with the law.
• To seek continuous improvement and setting high attainable standards of education and services.
• To deal with complaints promptly.

Obligations and undertakings of a student:

☐ To understand and comply with all the rules, regulations, procedures and guidelines stated in the Student Handbook (Procedures & Guidelines).
☐ To behave and act in a responsible and orderly manner at all times and avoid engagements in actions, which will disrupt the academic environment.
☐ To use the facilities provided responsibly and not cause damage to the University’s properties.
☐ To attend all classes punctually and complete all assignments, class work and laboratory work as required.
☐ To maintain regular contact with your respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools, and duly notify them of any difficulties encountered to obtain the necessary advice.
☐ To adhere to all deadlines set by the University and/or by lecturers/staff of the University.
☐ To respond to reasonable requests from staff without any undue delay.
☐ To make full use of the resources and support services provided.

The University has the right to amend or delete any part of this Handbook or its content in line with the University’s policy as well as in compliance with the government regulations and requirements from time to time.

This Handbook contains extracts of the University policies, procedures, and guidelines deemed to be relevant to students. However, reference to the full policy is advised for comprehensive clarity. A separate list of policies (Policy for Undergraduate Programmes) is also available at the Student Affairs and Alumni Division for further reading. You may also find the softcopies of this Student Handbook and the Policy for Undergraduate Programmes on the University’s website at http://www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/orientation/services.aspx.
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<td>Integrated Information System</td>
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<td>UEB</td>
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<td>UEC</td>
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<td>URL</td>
<td>Uniformed Resource Locator (the global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web)</td>
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ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

1. Admission

1.0 General
All applicants are to submit a duly completed Application Form or via UCSI University Online Registration site, enclosing a certified true copy of the relevant documents required.

An applicant is advised to complete the Application Form or online registration in detail and in legible handwriting (if Application Form submission is made). Please ensure the clarity of your name, correspondence address and contact number(s). Your name must be as printed on the identity card (for Malaysian students) or passport (for international students) for the legitimate name to be printed on the academic certificate issued and/or to facilitate processing of the visa/immigration-related matters.

Once admitted into the programme, you, the student, should ensure that your details are updated accordingly and regularly. All letters, official documents and correspondence shall be sent to the student’s last known/recorded address. The University shall not be responsible for information not received due to submission of incorrect/incomplete data due to negligence/non-submission.

Admission to any programme offered by the University is subject to meeting the academic entry requirements and submission of the following:

(a) A complete set of certified true copy of your previous academic achievements, certificates and/or transcripts, and
(b) For Malaysian students
   (i) A certified copy of your Malaysian National Registration Identity Card (NRIC)
   (ii) One (1) copy of your passport-sized photograph with white background.

For International students:
   a) Colour passport-sized photograph of international students in JPEG format

1 passport size photograph; white background; 45 millimetres (mm) high x 35mm wide (with students name and passport number written on the reverse side of the photograph) for visa application purposes.

   b) 2. Colour copy of international student’s passport

All pages are to be photocopied (in PDF format) including the front and back covers. The passport must be valid for at least another 18 months. Page numbers and picture must be clearly visible.

All documents presented to the University for admissions purpose will not be returned to the students.

   a) No Objection Certificate (NOC) and Letter of Eligibility (LOE) for students from Sudan and Iran

   Please ensure that the No Objection Certificate (NOC) and Letter of Eligibility (LOE) are completed by the relevant authorities from the respective embassies.
An Admission Letter will only be issued upon you meeting the full conditions, including the required admission documents as stipulated by the University.

The Letter of Admission includes an Appendix 1 that stipulates the terms of the offer and Appendix 2 that shows the fee schedule for your first semester of your programme.

You are to read and understand the stipulated terms before returning a copy of the duly signed Appendix 1 to the Admission Office.

1.1 Entry Requirements

Since entry requirements for all programmes may differ from one to another, applicants are advised to ascertain the exact entry requirements or assistance from the University’s course counsellors from the Student Enrolment Centre prior to applying. Only applicants who meet the programme entry requirements may be admitted accordingly.

The programme entry requirements are governed by the Malaysian Ministry of Education and/or the relevant Professional Boards and/or authorities (e.g. the Nursing Board, Pharmacy Board, the Board of Engineers, the Malaysian Medical Council, etc.). For applications into Pharmacy and Medical programmes, an interview would be part of the application process.

For the Music programmes, in addition to meeting the programme’s academic entry requirements, you will also be subjected to an audition for further assessment, before an offer is made to you.

1.2 Letter of Admission

Applicants, who satisfy the programme’s entry requirements and, where applicable, passed the interviews or auditions, will be issued with a Letter of Admission.

Fees stipulated in the Letter of Admission are to be paid within the stipulated time period. UCSI University reserves the right to increase the fees that are applicable and payable, and that the fees mentioned/stated in the letter of acceptance shall only apply to the time stipulated therein.

For the admission of the Medicine and/or Pharmacy programmes, as there is a limited seat in the Medicine and/or Pharmacy programmes, the delay or non-forthcoming payment of fees as stipulated in the Letter of Admission will result in not securing a seat in the programme. The Admission quota for these critical programmes is governed by the respective professional Boards. Therefore, payment of the required fees does not guarantee acceptance. Upon receiving the full payment of the fees as stipulated in the Letter of Admission, and the quota for the programmes have yet to be met, a Letter of Acceptance will be issued to you for admission into these critical programmes.

1.3 Conditional Letter of Admission

A Conditional Letter of Admission may be issued to an applicant whose academic results or other certified true copy of the admission documents have yet to be received at the point of application or required to fulfil additional academic requirement prior to admission.
into/commencing the intended programme. In the case where certified true copy document is required, the documents must be certified by the authorised and approved authorities.

A Conditional Letter of Admission may also be issued under the following circumstances:

a) International students intending to transfer from another Malaysian higher educational institution. Among others, the following documentations must be submitted and verified before the Letter of Admission is issued:
   - Release Letter from the former institution.
   - Attendance Record of the programme studied in the previous institution meets the minimum 80% attendance requirement as required by the Malaysian Immigration.
   - Academic result with a minimum CGPA 2.00 in the previous institution.

b) Applications that require further verification of document(s) due to inconsistent information such as different names on various identification and/or admission documents.

c) Applications with forecast results or academic entry requirements that is not listed in the programme entry list approved by the University and/or MOE or Professional Bodies governing the programme.

The conditional admission is usually made by UCSI University on the terms and conditions that fulfil the entire entry requirements. It is your responsibility to fulfil all the requirements, failing which you will be prohibited from continuing in the programme or from graduating.

1.4 Validity of Offer

Letters of Admission (with or without conditions) are valid only for a period of two (2) semesters or eight (8) months; whichever is shorter. Applicants who have not accepted the offer at the point of application and still failed to do so within the offer validity period, will have your successful offers withdrawn and the registration/application fees forfeited.

When the period of offer has lapsed, and you are still keen to pursue the programme, you are required to re-apply for the programme. Such applications will then be considered under the programme entry requirements and fees applicable at the point of time of the re-application. For critical programmes (e.g. Pharmaceutical Science & Medicine), validity will be more restrictive and the offer validity period will not be applicable to these programmes.

All offers for international students are subjected to visa approval in accordance to the Malaysian Immigration rules and regulations.

1.5 English Language Requirement

In addition to the academic requirements, UCSI University applicants are also required to meet the English Language Requirements by respective academic programmes. This requirement is one of the programme completion and graduation requirements.

An applicant who does not meet the respective academic programme’s English Language Requirement will need to complete and meet the required band score at Level 10 of the English Enrichment Programme and/or Basic English and/or English Foundation.
Placement into the various levels of the English Enrichment Programme depends on the English Language qualification you have at the point of admission and/or the outcome of the English Placement Test. You must complete and pass Level 10 of the English Enrichment Programme before you can begin taking university level courses.

Basic English must be taken in the first semester of your programme followed by the English Foundation. However, specialised courses can be taken concurrently.

1.5.1 Exemptions

Exemptions from the English Language requirements can be granted for the following corresponding requirements as attached in Appendix A.

When in doubt or in uncertain cases, you are required to sit for the English Placement Test.

1.5.2 No Exemptions

Applicants who fall within the guidelines below are NOT eligible for exemptions from the English Language requirements:

i. International students without any of the listed qualifications as stated in Appendix A must sit for the English Placement Test and be placed in the respective levels of the English Enrichment Programme. A successful score must be obtained before you are allowed to take any academic courses.

ii. MUET < Band 5

   • Band 1: to complete Levels 5 – 10 of the English Enrichment Programme.
   • Band 2: to complete Levels 8 – 10 of the English Enrichment Programme.
   • Band 3: to complete Basic English and English Foundation*
   • Band 4: to complete the English Foundation*

iii. SPM < A- in English

   • C-, B+: to complete the English Foundation*
   • D or E: to complete Basic English and English Foundation*
   • G: To sit for the English Placement Test for placement and subsequently complete Level 10 of the English Enrichment Programme with the required band score)

iv. UEC < A2 in English

   • B3-B6: to complete the English Foundation*
   • C7-C8: to complete Basic English and English Foundation*

v. London or Cambridge O-Level

   • D: to complete the English Foundation*
   • E: to complete Basic English and English Foundation*

vi. Certificate holders from government polytechnics who have passed A1003, A2003 and A3005/A4001 with a minimum of 60% or CGPA equivalent are to complete the English Foundation*

vii. Applicants who have completed Level 109 from ELS are to complete the English Foundation*

viii. Applicants with a valid IELTS band score of 5.0 will be placed automatically to study at Level 9 of the English Enrichment Programme.

*Students must enrol and attempt in the Basic English or English Foundation course in
their 1st semester of the academic programme.

1.5.3 English Enrichment Programme

The structure of the English Enrichment Programme is as follows:

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Abiding by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia’s (MOHE) regulations and programme standards by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), all international students commencing their undergraduate / postgraduate programme studies at UCSI University from May 2017 semester onward are required to fulfil the English language requirements of the programmes enrolled via IELTS / TOEFL / MUET results. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that these English test results are submitted to the Registrar’s Office prior to completion of the programme, failing which may result in the deferment of graduation. In most cases, students who enrol at the university with academic programmes / qualifications that are of English language medium satisfy the requirements and shall verify their status with the Admission Office.

Effective January 2016, the passing score for each level of the English Enrichment Programme is 50%. You will have to repeat the level, if your score is < 50%. If your score is ≥ 50% at Level 10*, you can then proceed to register for the specialisation courses which accept an entry English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 5.5. For academic programmes that require an entry English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.0, your Level 10 score must be ≥ 70%. A Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to you upon completion of Level 10.

The passing score for Basic English and the English Foundation courses/courses is 50%. Students who score < 50% in these courses are required to repeat the course. There are no supplementary examinations for these courses.

*You are advised to check on the respective academic programme’s English Language Admission Requirement before you apply for the programme

1.6 English Requirements for Selected African Countries

There is continuous effort to map the English equivalency of various countries to UCSI University’s requirements. A set of equivalency tables (see Appendix B) has been established for selected African countries.
2. **Orientation**

As in-coming new students, you are required to attend an Orientation to familiarize yourself with the environment, the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools, the premise, the systems, to understand the rules and regulations and other essential procedures before starting your academic classes. The Orientation will help you to settle to the administrative requirements on a guided basis. It is also an opportunity to exchange information and develop new friendships before the start of your academic journey at the University. Students have found the Orientation to be useful and beneficial on first arriving at the Campus. Thus, all new students are strongly encouraged to attend it.

3. **Commencement of Classes**

Students (new and existing) are required to attend the very first classes at the beginning of the semester to avoid missing important information that may affect your lessons for the whole semester. The timetable is usually made available at the following areas:

- Notice boards of the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools.

You are to view, check and be guided by the Academic Calendar issued yearly in November for the following academic year.

4. **Deferments of Studies**

4.0 **General**

Deferment of Studies may be defined as the approved period of non-study requested by a student. The reasons for this request must be valid and acceptable before approval can be given. This is especially applicable to international students who are residing in Malaysia on student pass. The approved deferment must be accompanied with your confirmed air ticket to return to home country during the specific period of deferment.

You are strongly discouraged to defer your studies on tolerable grounds, as it will prolong your length of studies. **The norm allowable deferment period at any one time is one (1) semester.** In the case of students undergoing the English Enrichment Programme, the norm allowable deferment period at any one time is one (1) level/calendar month. Requests for subsequent deferment of semester are unlikely to be granted but may be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the circumstances. **Absence for two (2) semesters or eight (8) months (whichever is longer) without notification will result in automatic termination of your studies.** If you wish to continue with the programme, you need to re-apply as a new student.

4.1 **Procedure for Deferment**

The request for deferment must be accompanied by a duly completed Deferment Form, and a confirmed air ticket indicating your departure date (for an international student). You must seek approval from the relevant Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools as stated in the form before submitting the duly completed form to the RO. In the event the deferment is on medical grounds, supporting documents from the respective medical centre is required.

The deadline for a deferment request is stipulated in the academic calendar. The request for deferment should be made and finalized by the stipulated deadline.
4.2 Fees in Deferment Cases

When approval is granted for a deferment request made for the following semester, the tuition fees payable for the deferred semester will be exempted. However, if the deferment is for the existing active semester, the fees will be ascertained by the GFO and the rules governing the deferment.

5. Travels during Semester & Examination

While travelling is allowed during the semester breaks or weekends, you are not encouraged to travel during the semester indicated in the academic calendar. Requests for travel documents and letters from the RO will not be entertained. It is only on valid grounds or extenuating circumstances that you may apply for a deferment. If approved, you would need to return to your home.

Leisure travel and tour during the semester will inevitably affect the accumulation of component marks, if not the studies of a student.

6. Transfer of Programme

6.0 General

A transfer of programme is defined as a switch from an existing programme of study to a new programme, effective in the next semester.

6.1 Eligibility and Procedure

To initiate a transfer of programme, you must possess the following:

- Full acceptance into an existing programme
- Meeting of the entry requirements of the programme intended to transfer to
- Approval from the Dean of the accepting Faculty
- Approval from the Dean of the departing Faculty
- Approval from the RO
- Approval from the VPU/IO for student visa purposes (International Students)
- Approval from the GFO and the payment of the programme transfer fee of *RM150.

* The University reserves the right to change the amount from time to time without prior notice.

The duly completed Programme Transfer Form is to be submitted to the RO by the stipulated deadline as published in the Academic Calendar (with approvals from the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools required).

In any case, the transfer cannot take effect immediately unless the transfer was promptly completed at the end of the semester, after the final examination. A sponsored student (especially by governments) is required to obtain prior approval from the sponsoring agency before the transfer request is considered.

As and when government new regulations and/or changes are enforced, the University is compelled to adhere to and execute such latest intervening rules without prior notice.
6.2 Courses Completed Previously

You are to seek advice from the Head of Department of the new programme to ascertain the number of courses that can be transferred or exempted in the new programme.

7. Government Requirements

7.0 General

Through the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Higher Education Sector has imposed the following requirements on programmes offered by all private tertiary education providers:

(i) Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU)/General Courses
This requirement is applicable to all students who have been admitted from July 2013 onwards.

7.0.1 Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU)

This requirement is only applicable to Diploma and Bachelor Degree programmes.

There are four (4) categories of MPU courses where a student must fulfil the MPU requirements. The courses can be a core or elective course of a programme (please refer to the respective programme structure).

Requirements for Diploma and Bachelor’s Degree levels vary, as set out below:

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(b) MPU requirements for Diploma programmes

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8. Selection of Courses

8.0 General

UCSI University students should select the courses of your choice and/or according to the advice given by your respective Head of Programmes, Head of Departments, Director, Deputy Deans or Deans.

Students shall undertake the responsibility of registering for the appropriate courses offered in the programme enrolled including the course selection period and adhere strictly to the add/drop procedure and deadlines accordingly.

8.1 New and Existing Students

The guidelines for the online course selection process will be given during the Orientation and thus, you need to be familiar with the procedure. The semester’s course selection period, usually scheduled on the 12th week of the semester, although variations could occur, is outlined in the academic calendar and often runs over five (5) working days. A new international student must undergo the briefing conducted by the International Office before being able to access the online course selection module.
At the beginning of the commencing semester, you will be given approximately 15 working days to add and/or drop the pre-selected courses.

Requests for Add/Drop courses after the stipulated Add/Drop period will be subject to:

- approval from the Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools and,
- Penalty charges (refer clause 8.6).

If you receive approval to Add/Drop course after the Add/Drop period, you will not be able to perform the online transaction via the IIS and will be required to proceed to the RO for over the counter transactions.

8.2 Procedure

All students are required to complete the course selection online via the IIS at http://www.ucsiuniversity.edu.my/currentstudent/listing.aspx. Approval for the chosen courses is dependent on class capacity and courses offered in the semester. Online course selections eliminate the need for physical presence on Campus to perform the task.

Lectures/tutorials/labs class capacity are set by the faculty. You are to consult the faculty for alternative courses should the class you select be of full capacity.

Consequently, any delays in completing the course selection process will not be entertained except under special extenuating circumstances.

8.3 Credit Hours

In a long semester (January – April and May – August of each academic year), a full-time student is required to undertake four (4) to five (5) courses, or 15 credit hours, whichever is higher. The maximum credit hours that a full-time student is allowed to undertake is 20 credit hours.

In a short semester (September – October), a full-time student are expected to undertake approximately two (2) courses, or nine (9) credit hours or, whichever is higher. The maximum credit hours that a full-time student is allowed to undertake is 10 credit hours.

However, the Faculty/School/Centre/Institute reserves the right to approve additional credit hours per semester on a case-to-case basis. This regulation applies to all programmes except A Levels, Nursing, Pharmacy and Medicine.

Total credit hours undertaken for an academic year must not exceed 50 credit hours.

8.4 Approval of Courses

Once the course selection has been completed, you are reminded to do regular checks online for the course selection approval status, as the courses you selected may not always be approved. Your course selection may be rejected on the following grounds:

- Incompletion of pre-requisites,
- Insufficient courses undertaken in the semester,
• Number of courses exceed the maximum courses limit,
• Courses are not required for the programme,
• Course is of a different academic level, or
• Any other reason(s) by the Dean or appointed Head.

Submission of course selection does not guarantee approval for the intended course(s). Rejection of course(s) should be addressed immediately and preferably in a face-to-face consultation with the Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools.

8.5 Changing the Courses Selected

You are allowed to change the courses selected if the course selection has yet to be approved. If the course selection has been approved, the changes (refer clause 8.8) can only be made in the early weeks of the commencing semester. There are deadlines given for the Adding and Dropping of courses and you are advised to note the period carefully.

To make the changes on the selected courses before the courses selected are approved, you may re-enter the IIS and re-do the course selection within the stipulated period as stated in the Academic Calendar.

8.6 Processing Fee for Late Course Selection

A charge of RM100 per request will be imposed on students who are completing the online course selection after the stipulated course selection due date but prior to the last day for the Add/Drop course.

You are to proceed to GFO to settle the penalty payment before proceeding to the RO to request for activation of the grace period for the late course selection via IIS.

Adding and/or dropping of courses after the stipulated Add/Drop period will subject you to a charge of RM100 per course being dropped and/or added at an over the counter transaction (course selection function in IIS will be deactivated).

8.7 Attendance Listing

Once the course selection has been approved, your name will appear on the attendance list of the commencing semester. This list will facilitate the lecturer to take attendance and to ensure that you are registered for the course. If your name is not listed, then you are required to report to the RO immediately. You will not be registered for final examination if your name is not listed on the IIS generated attendance list.

8.8 Adding and Dropping of Courses

As outlined above, students who wish to change the courses selected may do so within a given period of the next semester. The academic calendar should be consulted to determine the exact deadline. After the deadline, a penalty of RM100/ will be imposed on each course dropped and/or added.

The fees paid for the course dropped after the stipulated due date for dropping of courses can neither be brought forward to the next semester nor could they be refunded.
Hence, you are discouraged to add beyond the deadline as some courses may have already launched the first assignment or test and disallow late-add students to accumulate their component marks. Furthermore, a late-add student may have missed out important knowledge and lessons examinable in the final paper.

8.9 Modular Courses

At times and in certain programmes, courses could be offered on a modular basis. For such courses, students are restricted from dropping the modules. However, you may choose to defer the modules by sending in a written request to both, the Centres/ Faculties/ Institutes/ Schools and the RO within one (1) month from the semester commencement date.

The list of modules offered will be provided by the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools separately. The Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools may also vary the procedure slightly to accommodate certain situations that are essential to facilitate the operation of the modular courses.

8.10 Withdrawal of Courses

Withdrawal of courses is not encouraged but is permissible within a certain extent of time in each semester. You may have surpassed the Add/Drop deadline and attended many weeks of lessons before deciding to discontinue from the course. In such a circumstance, you may withdraw from the course within the due date given, i.e. on/before the deadline for course withdrawal (usually by the end of Week 8 of a semester).

The withdrawal request is subject to approval from the Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools. There will be a processing fee of RM100 imposed for each withdrawal per course.

The withdrawal will prohibit you from sitting for the final examination. The course will appear in your records with a “W” remark indicating that you had withdrawn from that course. A withdrawn course will not contribute to GPA and/or CGPA computation. The course fee paid can neither be brought forward nor refunded.

8.11 Marginally Passed / Failed Courses

Students who have obtained marks ranging from 40% to 48% are eligible to sit for a supplementary examination. The examination is scheduled at the beginning of the following semester. A marginal pass is also considered as a marginal fail, therefore, this examination allows you with another opportunity to prove your understanding of the course taught.

You may choose to either sign up for the supplementary examination of the marginally passed course(s), or forgo the opportunity given and re-register the course with full attempt for all components with the minimum 80% attendance.

If you choose to exercise your claim for the given opportunity, apart from signing up for the supplementary examination for the marginally passed course(s), you are also strongly advised to immediately Add the same course(s) as a fresh attempt for the course(s) during the Add/Drop period. This is to enable you:
- Not to be subjected to the late Add/Drop penalty that would otherwise be charged if you only register for the course(s) after failing the supplementary examination. The results of the supplementary examinations are usually released after the stipulated Add/Drop deadline.
- To accumulate marks for course components launched (e.g., Test 1, Assignment 1, and so forth) simultaneously while waiting to attempt the supplementary examination for the same course(s). Therefore, you would not be disadvantaged from any course(s) component even if you failed the supplementary examination.

Students who failed the supplementary examination are required to re-register and attempt full components of the failed course with a minimum 80% attendance in the same active semester the supplementary examination was attempted. If the retake course clashes with another new course, the new course must be dropped to retake the course failed in the supplementary examination until the marginally passed course is passed. Exception to this will be on a case-to-case basis.

Marks for the supplementary examination are capped at 50% regardless of the overall marks obtained by the student in the aggregate. When you have successfully passed the supplementary examination, the same course may be dropped without penalty, provided the dropping of the course is done within the stipulated deadline scheduled for students with supplementary examinations. Therefore, it is crucial for you to approach the RO immediately upon the release of your supplementary examination results.

Supplementary examination applies to most of the programmes with the exception of the other programmes that have been pre-determined now or future programmes as prescribed by the Senate. You are therefore advised to refer to the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools for overriding of specific policies and regulations.

9. Course Components

9.0 General and Structure of Courses

A course may have several components that contribute towards the final grade. You have to complete all components as prescribed for the course. Course components are spread over the entire semester for a better assessment and evaluation of your learning outcome at different points in time. The system is also aimed to enable you to gather marks throughout the semester instead of being evaluated on a concentrated 100% final examination.

Some of the common course components are as follows, although not all components will be applicable to all courses:

- Assignments
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Projects
- Laboratory work
- Presentations
- Thesis / dissertation
- Final examination

Although the above components appear in most of the courses, there may be exceptions for certain programmes and Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools. The composite components are determined by various factors such as appropriateness of component assessment, relevance of component evaluation, adherence to approval given by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA), and/or synchronisation with common academic practices worldwide.
9.1 Cumulative Marks

Marks will be awarded to all components assessed throughout the semester. You have to attempt all components in any particular course. These marks are cumulative and will be added to the marks obtained in the final examination for an overall result. Thus, you should keep a record of the marks you obtained in each component for an overall self-assessment of your academic performance before the final examination.

Once the final examination is conducted, the total marks compiled by lecturers and Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools will undergo a stringent evaluation by the School Examination Board of the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools before further verification by the University Examination Board, and subject to the review and endorsement by the Senate before they are finally released and published. The results are usually released on the first day of the following semester, although there are circumstances in which a handful of results could be released earlier (e.g. Foundation level) or later (e.g. final year courses).

Should your overall result fall between the marginal pass/fail category (whereby you will sit for a supplementary examination), your existing marks from all the course components will be maintained and re-used in the computation of the new total marks, together with the new marks obtained from the supplementary paper. However, the overall marks taken into computation of the supplementary examinations will be capped at 50%. The supplementary examination, at present, only applies to students enrolled in the Foundation and undergraduate programmes.

9.2 Submission of Coursework

Whether assignments or projects, students undertaking courses are academically bound by the compulsory submission of coursework required in those courses. You are advised to be aware of the respective due dates and deadlines for submission, as well as the penalties for late submission. You are also advised to adhere to the stringent format required of each course/lecturer to avoid marks being deducted for non-compliance.

9.3 Attendance and Absenteeism

UCSI University regards class attendance highly and policies developed repeatedly emphasize the importance of achieving 80% attendance for each course undertaken. Students who are unable to meet the 80% attendance will be issued with a Poor Attendance Report and will subsequently be barred from sitting for the final examination by their lecturers. The barred list will be submitted by a lecturer in week 11 for a long semester, and in week 6 for the short semester.

Where courses consist of quizzes, tests and/or mid-term tests, you are required to ensure attendance in all assessments. At times, the marks of a missed component may be spread or added to other components. Absenteeism is to be reported immediately to the lecturer concerned for consideration for another assignment or a replacement test as deemed fit by the concerned lecturer.

Absenteeism may be acceptable on medical grounds and if supporting documents are presented to the lecturer. Unlike absenteeism from final examination, the decision for absences in quizzes, tests and mid-term tests, and the remedial actions to be taken is entirely within the jurisdiction of the respective lecturers and/or Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools.
Students who arrive late will be admitted to the class at the lecturer’s discretion. If admitted, the onus is on you to ensure that attendance is taken. Habitual offenders may be referred to the SDB for action. Also, students who are caught marking attendance on behalf of others will both be barred from the examination and/or referred to the SDB.

10. Transcripts and Examination Results

The semester’s examination results are available to students and parents (via IIS). A transcript is a document that indicates your cumulative academic performance during your tenure at UCSI University in the programme you are enrolled in. The transcript is usually requested by students at the end of a programme. To request for a transcript, you are required to approach the RO to complete a form or via IIS three (3) working days before the desired receipt of the transcripts.

The first transcript issued by UCSI University is complimentary with the subsequent copies to be charged at a normal fee of RM10 per transcript except for the transcript to be used for Co-Op placement.

With effect from 01 May 2008, all transcripts will adopt the grade point (GP) format with the final computation of grade points being represented by a cumulative grade point average (CGPA).

CESSATION OF PROGRAMMES

11. Policies Governing Discontinuation of Studies

11.0 General

The cessation or discontinuation of studies by an existing student may arise from voluntary withdrawal or termination.

11.1 Withdrawal

You must seek approval from the relevant Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools as stated in the form before submitting the duly completed form to the RO.

You may voluntarily withdraw from your studies prior to completing the programme. The reasons for the withdrawal may vary from going to another institution to financial difficulties. Such withdrawals will be processed in accordance with the procedure and requirements outlined by the GFO (please refer to Appendix C). This will include the completion of the ‘Withdrawal Form’ which includes obtaining the approval from all relevant departments and/or persons outlined in the Form.

Tuition fee refunds (if any) are guided by the University’s Refund Policies and Procedures and you are advised to ascertain the procedure. It is imperative that all rules and regulations are strictly adhered to, including settling the outstanding tuition fee (if any), failing which, the Refundable Deposits shall be forfeited.

The approval for withdrawal of an International student must be accompanied by, apart from, a duly completed Withdrawal Form, also a confirmed air ticket indicating your departure date. A Letter of Offer from the acceptance institution is also required for transfer cases.
11.2 Termination of Studies

When and if you are found guilty of any serious disciplinary offences and your prolonged stay in the country (international students) affects the peace of the country or tarnishes the image of the University, your studies will be terminated immediately.

Apart from the above, reasons for termination of studies may include any one or a combination of the following:

- Poor academic performance for two (2) or more consecutive semesters.
- High absenteeism in classes (i.e., less than 80% attendance).
- Non-response to warning letters issued.
- Unacceptable reasons in reply to warning letters.
- Advised by Dean of the Faculty/ Director of the Centre/ Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/ Centres/ Institutes/ Schools
- Submitting forged/ tampered documents.
- Rejection of student visa renewal by the MID.
- Exceeding maximum duration allowed to complete a programme.
- Disciplinary issues.

For poor academic and attendance performances, you will be issued a warning letter and may be referred to the SDCD of SAA for the necessary support and guidance. If the poor performance continues, a second warning letter will be issued. A termination letter will follow if the poor performance persists. For termination involving international students, you will be requested to surrender your passport to the International Office for cancellation of your student visa.

Where and when the causal factors for termination appear to be too severe (as deemed by the University), a termination letter may be issued without notice or warning letters. Such incidents usually relate to offences that are criminal in nature or that places the University’s name at stake.

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11.3 Appeal Process

The appeal board is set up for purpose of having a final avenue for students to appeal to. The process of appeal will be discussed and decided by an appeal board for the termination based on submitting fake documents and committing serious offences.
The Appeal Board shall comprise of the following members:

(i) Deputy, Vice Chancellor (AAS)
(ii) Deputy, Vice Chancellor (SAA)
(iii) Registrar
(iv) GFO
(v) Legal Officer

The Registrar will attend appeal against termination due to the following circumstances:

- Consecutive poor academic performances
- Poor attendance record
- Rejection student pass renewal by MID

11.4 Cessation of Academic and Administrative Services

Upon termination of studies, all academic and administrative services previously extended to you will be curtailed and ceased with immediate effect. Students whose studies have been terminated are required to comply with the exit procedures immediately and refrained from entering the University and its premises thereafter.

11.5 Deportation

Where resistance is encountered, deportation may be exercised whereby you will be escorted to the airport to board the next flight home. Refundable deposits and surplus tuition fees may be utilized to bear the costs of your deportation.

DRESS CODE

12. Rules & Regulations

12.0 General

UCSI University promotes a consistent professional image throughout the University to help staff, students and customers to feel safe, confident and comfortable at our University.

A. Student Identification Card

Students must at all time worn and display their student identification cards appropriately while on campus.

B. Clothing

Clothing MUST NOT be excessively short, tight, or revealing.

1. Shirts
   i. No sleeveless shirt or blouse
   ii. No spaghetti straps shirt
   iii. No shirts with offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons or slogans

2. Pants, Slacks and Skirts
   i. No shorts, No ¾ pants
   ii. No mini-skirts and no tight skirts and pants.
   iii. Dress and skirts length should not be shorter than 2 inches above knees
   iv. Pants/ Jeans should be ankle length
v. Female students are not allowed to wear veils on campus

**C. Foot wear**
No flip flops, No Japanese slippers as well as No house slippers

**D. Jewellery**
No excessive jewellery

**E. Specific Dress Code Requirements**
Student is required to adhere to specific dress code requirements of their faculties or in the laboratories as specified in the respective Faculty Student Handbook or the Lab Safety Guides.

**F. Review and Revision**
The University may amend the student’s dress code at any time.

*Warning*: University authorities may take action on students who do not comply to the dress code, including denying entry to campus and its facilities and may be subjected to disciplinary action.

Students who are inappropriately dress will NOT be allowed to sit for examinations.

**EXAMINATIONS**

13. **Final Examination Component**

13.0 **General**
You are to sit for a final examination towards the end of each semester if the course undertaken requires this assessment.

The duration of the final examination may vary between 1.5 hours to 3 hours, depending on the requirement of the programme and the course. The venue for the final examination is usually in the Examination Hall but could be located elsewhere depending on the capacity and the logistics of the entire examination. Students are to refer to Appendix D for Examination Rules and Regulations.

13.1 **Examination Timetable**
The examination timetable is electronically computed and will rarely result in clashes of papers. However, if and when there is a clash, the affected students are duty bound to report the clash to the EC (examcentre@ucsiuniversity.edu.my) immediately upon the publication of the first draft of the examination timetable. As the examination periods have been stipulated in the Academic Calendar published ahead from the commencement of the academic year, you are forewarned to avoid scheduling of any activities during these periods. Therefore, the University will not entertain requests to relocate examination slots if clashes occur for personal reasons, i.e., travelling plans, other external examinations registered on your own accord, recreation/ extracurricular activities, travelling for exchange student programmes, etc. A second draft of the timetable will be published in a week’s time. Should there be no request for changes, the final timetable will then be released in one (1) weeks’ time and thereafter, no
amendments will be entertained.

You are to check the final examination timetable published on-line. Incorrect information recorded by you will not be entertained and absenteeism on such grounds will lead to re-registration of the said course with attendance in the future semester offered.

The examination timetable is scheduled after taking into account the entire examination papers of the University and the number of days allocated for the examination period. At times, some papers are scheduled within the same day to avoid clashes of students undertaking other courses. Negotiations will not be entertained as the examination is regarded as an assessment to gauge the knowledge, principles, concepts, theories and/or practice a student has already learnt and acquired throughout the semester.

At times, the examination period may fall within the festive seasons. While sensitive care is taken into account to rest the festive day, particularly if it is religiously inclined, the examination nevertheless will proceed thereafter. In line with universities worldwide, pleas to take leave will not be accepted.

13.2 Eligibility, Barring and Un-Barring

To meet the eligibility to sit for the final examination, you have to meet the 80% attendance requirement in the semester. If this requirement is not met, the system will bar you from the course and you will be prohibited from taking the examination.

Students are responsible to check their status (if status is barred) in the system two (2) weeks before the final examination period and take the necessary remedial actions. E.g. engaging discussions with the lecturers concerned to clarify the reason(s) for your high absenteeism, or to work out the various options to lift the bar status. Should the lecturer accept the justification, they will update your status (unbar) in the system.

Ineligibility to sit for the final examination may also be due to long outstanding and unsettled tuition fees. The GFO will check your payment record and withhold the examination token if you have outstanding tuition fees.

Students who failed to settle the outstanding fees by the last day of classes will be barred from the final examination sitting. Settlement of outstanding fees after the examination day/period will not entitle you for a re-sit and/or supplementary examination. As such, you will receive an “F” grade for the course registered and you are to repeat the course in the next offering semester.

You have to settle your tuition fees before the semester commences. Finance charges will be incurred for fees settled after the stipulated due date for payment but prior to the commencement of the examination period. While delays in fee payment may be tolerated on valid grounds, the onus is on you to approach the GFO to discuss an alternative and acceptable pattern of payment.

The RO will not entertain any verbal barring or unbarring of students without the receipt of the supporting documents from the lecturers and/or Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools and/or GFO.
13.3 Quarantine

Where and if there is a clash of examination time or unreported undertaking of different levels of courses during the semester, candidates may either be quarantined and/or merged the two (2) papers into four (4) hours or at a duration that the University deems fit.

In order to avoid clashes, you are strongly advised to select courses of the same level during the semester. Undertaking courses at different levels will subject you to the risk of clashes in the final examination timetable. The clashes in the class timetable during the semester are already an indication of a possible clash in the final examination timetable.

13.4 Examination Regulations

13.4.1 Examination Slip

As mentioned, you are required to obtain an examination token approximately one (1) week prior to the final examination. Your student ID and examination token are required to enter the Examination Hall. Without either one, you will need to approach the RO to obtain a temporary token and/or identification tag after a penalty payment of RM5 for each item needed.

The examination token will outline all the courses that have the final exam component and you are undertaking for the particular semester. Where a student is barred from the final examination, a line will be drawn across the course and you are urged to act swiftly to be unbarred from the examination.

13.4.2 Prohibited Items in the Examination Hall

Certain items and materials are strictly prohibited from being brought into the examination hall. If you are caught with these items in the examination, you may be found guilty of cheating and may, on the advice of the Chief Invigilator, be dismissed immediately.

This is notwithstanding whether the examination has commenced or not, and whether the prohibited items were brought in intentionally or otherwise. The onus is on the student to check that prohibited items are not brought into the examination hall. Invigilators will check items that are allowed into the examination hall when suspicion arises. Examples of such items are outlined below:

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Prohibited items found in the examination hall will be confiscated and used as evidence in the UEB meeting and may not be returned to you. If you want to bring your personal and valuable
belongs into the Examination Hall, you are advised to seek alternative avenues to safeguard your items. Coin lockers are provided by the Student Affairs and Alumni Division located outside of the examination hall. UCSI University will not be held responsible for the loss of any item within the premises if you fail to heed the advice of not bringing valuable items to the examination.

13.4.3 Mobile Phone in the Examination Hall

Mobile phones may only be brought into the examination hall on the condition that students keep their mobile phones in their bags and the bags must be placed at the front of the examination hall or in the lockers located outside the examination hall. All mobile phones must be switched off (including any alarms) throughout the examination.

If a mobile phone is found in your possession (pockets, clothing, on your desk / chair / on the floor) or rings in your bag during an examination, the mobile phone will be confiscated. A penalty of RM100 will be imposed to redeem both the SIM card and the mobile phone from the RO counter.

Students are advised to take proper precaution with regards to safeguarding their own mobile phones or other valuable items. UCSI University will not be held responsible for the loss or theft of any items within the premises.

13.4.4 Washroom Procedures

To safeguard the integrity of the examination, you are prohibited to go to the washroom immediately upon entering the examination hall within the first 30 minutes of the examination, and towards the last 15 minutes before the examination ends. However, the Chief Invigilator on duty is authorised to exercise his/her discretion to act accordingly on needs arising under special circumstances.

You are advised to visit the washroom before any examination session. Where deemed appropriate, you may be subject to a body search by Invigilators (of the same gender). When consent is given, you are required to sign a washroom control booklet outside the restroom to indicate when and who has been to the washroom during a particular paper.

13.4.5 Seating Arrangements

At each examination session, you will be given special seat arrangements that differ by sessions. The seating arrangements will be made available at the nearest notice boards to the examination hall, 15 minutes before commencement of the examination session. You are advised to be at the examination hall early to check your respective seat numbers.

The arrangement is fixed according to the attendance logistics. Unauthorized movement is strictly prohibited, unless otherwise instructed or requested by the Invigilators.
13.4.6 Attendance Slips and Waiting Period

If you enter the examination hall early, you have the advantage of completing the attendance slips and the details requested on the answer booklets and other documents before the examination commences. The announcement to start the examination will be made only when the hall has been put in order and/or it has reached the scheduled time to commence the examination. Recorded warning messages will be played at each session, and you are required to listen attentively and abide by the instructions and examination regulations announced.

The attendance slip should be completed prior to attempting the questions. It will be collected at the end of the first 30 minutes for attendance affirmation. As such, you are not allowed to leave the hall within the first 30 minutes when the examination commences.

13.4.7 Examination Materials

All materials distributed to candidates at any examination session, used or unused, are to be returned to the examiner. Taking materials out of the examination hall is regarded as an offence. If you are caught bringing out the examination material from the examination hall, you will be subject to penalty as deemed appropriate by UEB.

13.4.8 Time Keeping

As a reminder, you are advised to adhere to the following practice:

- Arrive early to check the seat number.
- Remain seated until the examination starts.
- Remain in the examination hall within the first and the last 30 minutes of the examination. Any movements within the examination hall during this period, including leaving the hall or visiting the washroom, are restricted.

The adherence to the above practice is in compliance with the time management of the examination. If you arrive after the first 30 minutes, you will not be allowed into the examination hall unless authorised by the Chief Invigilator. The delay will be regarded as absenteeism, especially if there were students who had left the hall or visited the washroom.

13.5 Absenteeism from Final Examination

The University defines absenteeism as not physically present in the examination hall during the stipulated date and time of the paper in question, under whatever circumstances.

Absenteeism in the final examination entails a serious consequence amounting to an ‘F’ grade awarded. However, absenteeism due to extenuating circumstances may be considered for a supplementary exam if supporting documents justifying the absenteeism are acceptable to the UEB. Misreading or misunderstanding the final timetable cannot be accepted as a reason for failure to attend an examination.
If you are unable to attend the final examination due to a medical condition, you are required to submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor from either a government or private hospital, or from UCSI University’s clinic. A Medical Attestation Form duly completed by the doctor who attended to the illness must be enclosed with the medical certificate(s) should the medical certificate(s) be issued by private clinics other than Laurent Bleu Medical Centre.

The medical certificate(s) must be submitted to the RO within five (5) calendar days inclusive of the scheduled examination day. Late submission of medical certificate must be supported by justification from doctors from the same clinic/hospital where the student obtained the medical certificate. Acceptance of the late submission is subject to decision of the UEB.

In the case of a student who had submitted medical certificate(s) for being absent in examination for three (3) consecutive semesters or more, the University reserves the right to reject future medical certificate(s) and to disallow the student from attempting the supplementary examination.

Medical certificate(s) will not be accepted if you are found to have fees owing to the University prior to and/or during the final examination period.

Students who submit medical certificate(s) for absenteeism may apply to attempt the supplementary paper at the beginning of the next semester. The Supplementary Examination application can be made online via the IIS Student Portal.

The marks awarded after supplementary examination will be capped at 50% (if > 50%). Please refer to clause 13.11 for more details on supplementary marks. However, if it involves special medical condition(s), special consideration, on a case-to-case basis, will be made for non-capping of marks if it is supported by sufficient convincing medical reports to substantiate the gravity of the medical condition. If the UEB is satisfied with the gravity of the medical condition, which you suffered during the time, and date when the paper was examined, your accumulated component marks may be added to the marks obtained in the supplementary paper. Time off slip is not acceptable for reasons of absenteeism in final examinations.

Submission of forged and tampered medical certificates will be referred to the SDB for further action. Depending on the degree of the severity of the act, the penalties imposed could be one or more of the following actions:

- Recorded warning letters.
- Award of an “F” grade.
- Suspension of a semester or more.
- Termination of studies at UCSI University.

13.6 Computations of Marks and the 40% Rule

Component marks obtained throughout the semester will be accumulated and taken into account in the computation of the final marks. This total mark will be moderated by the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools or second examiner prior to submission to the UEB for approval, endorsement and release. The final grade will be released to the student on the commencement week of the new semester.
At UCSI University, a further ruling of 40% rule governs the accumulation of marks. Under this rule, a minimum of 40% in the final examination paper is required before the component marks of the course can be added. Otherwise, if the total marks is:

- > 40% of the final examination, the total marks will be shown;
- < 40% of the final examination, the total marks will be reduced to 40%.

The following table illustrates several examples of the 40% rule:

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<td>Final Mark (Grade)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>(D)</td>
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Example 1
Final exam = 13/40
= 13/40 x 100
= 32.50 % (< 40%)
Therefore, the final mark is: = 40 % (instead of 67%); “F” grade

Example 2
Final Exam = 35/40
= 35/40 x 100
= 87.50 %
= > 40
Therefore, the final mark is: = 41 % (3+2+1+35); “F” grade

13.7 Cheating and Misconduct

13.7.1 Definition of Cheating

UCSI University views cheating seriously and considers both the intentional action of cheating and failure to prevent the unintentional action of cheating as a grave offence.

UCSI University adopts a broad definition of cheating as any acts, intentional or otherwise, that would provide an opportunity to enhance the performance of the students in the examination, with the use or unused, of relevant or irrelevant tools, materials and/or actions. Examples of such incidents are:
• Copying, in part or whole, from an examination paper, mathematical analysis, formulae, research or creative project or equivalent sources that belongs to another person;
• Submission of a piece of academic work that has been purchased, borrowed, stolen; or fabricated data;
• Use of notes, sources, materials from items and/or electronic devices not authorised in the examination or by the examiner;
• Collusion or making arrangements with another student to cheat, including employing a surrogate to sit for an examination or any form of academic assessment mode, in part or whole, or agreeing to be that surrogate aiding and abetting the dishonest act;
• Bringing any other unauthorised items into the Examination Hall, whether relevant or not, whether used or not, and irrespective of the ownership.

The penalties imposed on students who are caught cheating may vary between a recorded warning letter; a Fail grade being awarded, suspension of a semester, or even termination of studies at the University. The type of penalty will depend on the degree of severity of the act.

13.7.2 Consecutive Cheating

Students with recurring/consecutive cheating offences will be suspended for one semester or more or termination of studies depending on the degree of severity of the act.

Consecutive cheating is defined as follows:

• Being caught cheating in one paper on a particular day and again in another paper a few days after the first incident;
• Being caught cheating in course work components (such as test, mid-term test, quiz, and other reported incidents) and again in the another assessment component or final examination;
• Being caught cheating in any form of assessment in one semester and again a repeat of the incident in another semester.

Records of any cheating incidents will be recorded and kept in the respective students’ files and Student Database records. These incidents will be referred by authorities to determine the future services to be provided to you and in the provision of character references requested by your future employers.

International students, who are being suspended due to a cheating offence, will have their student visas shortened or cancelled. As such, they will be asked to return to their home country for that suspended semester(s). If their visa is extended over a considerably long period, then they may maintain their visa but it will be made mandatory for them to present their homebound air ticket to the RO. Upon returning to Malaysia to resume their studies, they will be asked to show the pages in their passport to certify their departure and arrival. The University is duty bound to report to the MID any students who fail to adhere to the above regulations.

Students (local or international) who are suspended will not be allowed to:

• Transfer programmes or complete their course selection.
• Sit for any supplementary, if any. They will be required to repeat the course again.
13.7.3 Misconduct during Examination

Misconduct, which may include the act of cheating or attempting to cheat, is taken to include a broader definition. Examples of actions that constitute misconduct include the following, but are not limited to:

- Incessant talking in the examination hall.
- General disobedience of examination instructions.
- Unruly and rowdy behaviour shown towards invigilators /lecturers.
- Inability to adhere to, as well as aloofness towards examination procedures.

All academic misconduct cases are presented to and considered by the UEB. Where required, the students involved will be required to attend an interview for further clarification. Where appropriate, the cases may be referred to the SDB for further actions.

13.8 Passing Marks and Grades

You are expected to be familiar with the grading system of your respective programmes in your Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools. While a 50% passing mark may generally be adopted, you are advised to re-confirm with your Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools.

The overall grading system at UCSI University, which applies to all programmes excluding the A Levels, Pharmaceutical Sciences & Medicine, is presented as follows:

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The results of the MPU compulsory courses and English requirement courses are excluded from the computation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

13.9 Results

13.9.1 Release and Publication

Your results will usually be published on the first day of the commencing semester. You are advised to proactively check the academic calendar for the schedule dates.

The results are published online to enable borderless access. Results enquiry via phone calls will not be entertained. Access for parents to view their children’s academic performance is granted with a valid email address.

13.9.2 Withholding of Results

Results will be withheld under the following circumstances:
- On-going investigations in Cheating/Misconduct during the examination.
- Outstanding tuition fees.

13.10 Appeals and Re-Evaluation of Marks

13.10.1 General & Definition

If you are confident of an arithmetic error in the marks computed by the examiner and/or have other valid reasons, you could submit appeals for your examination scripts to be re-evaluated. However, appeals can only be made to review the final examination answer scripts. Anomalies or disagreement in marks obtained in tests, quizzes, mid-term tests, assignments, projects and/or other course components will not be entertained. The appeals are only applicable for that particular semester and within the stipulated time set according to the Academic Calendar. Backdated appeals will not be accepted.

13.10.2 Re-Evaluation Procedure

You may online apply to re-evaluate the mark by the stipulated due date as published in the Academic Calendar together with the payment of the processing fee. The payment of the re-evaluation fee does not in any way construe that the marks will be adjusted upwards. There may be instances where the second examiner may downgrade the marks if proven that the marks had been incorrectly given.
13.10.3 Outcomes of Appeals and Re-Evaluation

You will be notified the outcome of your appeals through email before the supplementary examination. Where marks are upgraded to a supplementary band, you may be allowed to sit for the supplementary examination. The outcome of the appeals is final and further appeals will not be entertained.

13.11 Supplementary Examinations

13.11.1 General and Eligibility

The supplementary exam serves as a second but final attempt for a single course enrolment for marginally failed students to demonstrate their understanding of the course. Students with marks ranging from 40% to 48% are eligible to apply for the supplementary examination.

Supplementary examinations must be attempted during the scheduled period as published in the Academic Calendar. Requests for the examination to be brought forward or postponed will not be entertained. The same applies to students (local/international) completing your Co-op placement. Similarly, requests for a backdated supplementary exam will not be approved.

Approval for supplementary exams will be considered if:

- the aggregate marks of the other components of the course are significant for a maximum mark in the supplementary exam that enables you to pass the course. (see Example 1, Table 13.5 below), and
- you have settled all fees due including the supplementary exam fees.

The regulations governing the supplementary exam and computation of marks stated herein are of a general nature and may not apply to all programmes. For programmes where the computation of marks are also governed by external regulations (e.g. Architecture, A Levels, Nursing and Medicine programmes), the external requirements will prevail. Therefore, you are advised to consult your respective Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools on the specific requirements for such programmes.

13.11.2 Computation of Supplementary Marks and Capping at 50%

The component marks for supplementary examinations are as per the component marks of the final examination. The score will replace the one obtained in the final examination. The marks achieved in the supplementary examinations, together with the aggregate components marks will contribute to the final mark. However, if the marks obtained in the supplementary paper are lower than the previous achieved in the final examination, the higher mark will be recorded in the transcripts (see Example 2 below). If marks computed after the Supplementary exam are higher than 50% (e.g. 65%), the Supplementary results will be capped at 50% instead of 65% (see Example 3 below).

Table 13.5: Examples of Treatment of Supplementary Marks
**Marks Obtained**

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<td>4</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Project</td>
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<td>Mid-term test</td>
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<td>Quiz</td>
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<td>Test</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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**Final Mark (Grade)**

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<tr>
<td>Final Grade</td>
<td>46 (F)</td>
<td>40 (F)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remark</td>
<td>Not allowed to attempt supp exam as components' marks are too low; full supp marks (40%) + aggregate components marks will still be &lt; 50%</td>
<td>Supp exam's mark (9) &lt; Final Exam (13), therefore final exam mark will be recorded. Final mark is capped at 40% according to 40% rule as the final marks weightage is &lt; 40%</td>
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**13.11.3 Procedure and Fees**

To apply for a supplementary examination, you:

- Must meet the eligibility criteria (refer Clause 13.11).
- Register online within the stipulated duration of supplementary examination application in accordance to the academic calendar.
- Are required to make the supplementary exam processing fee payment at GFO, once approval to attempt the supplementary examinations granted.
- Must submit the Form to the RO for registration of the supplementary paper within the stipulated deadline as published in the Academic Calendar. Payment of the supplementary exam fee does not construe registration of the supplementary exam until and unless approval is granted and the registration of the paper is completed.

**13.11.4 Absenteeism in Supplementary Examination**

Absenteeism from the supplementary exam is not acceptable. Payments made for the supplementary paper are not refundable. If you missed your supplementary papers, you are required to re-take the course in the current semester or in the following semester.

**13.11.5 Appeals and Re-Evaluation of Supplementary exam Results**

Appeal to review results is not applicable for the supplementary examination. The results of
the supplementary exam are final and appeals or re-evaluation will not be entertained.

13.12 Courses without the Final Examination Component

In general, the supplementary examinations are not applicable to courses without a Final Examination component.

However, if the final take-home project assignment is used solely as a final assessment component, then that component may be regarded as an equivalent of the Final Examination. If you failed that component, it is of the discretion of the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools to allowing you to re-submit it (within a reasonable length of time). If re-submission is approved, you are required to pay the fee as per the amount imposed on the Supplementary Examination. This practice is highly dependent on the structure of the course and the weightage of the final project.

13.13 Improvement of Grades

There is no re-take/repeat to better the grade/CGPA of passed courses. All courses are given a single attempt, unless it is a Fail grade.
14. Policies Governing Plagiarism

14.0 General

UCSI University regards plagiarism as an academic misconduct and treats such incidents with a high degree of severity and attention.

Plagiarism is defined as the act of submitting academic work (e.g. assignment, project, thesis, dissertation, essays, or other equivalent written assessment) with the use of academic work publicly published and produced by another person for the purpose of obtaining credit or fulfilling requirements, without the acknowledgement and consent of that person. Specifically, UCSI University further defines plagiarism as:

- The inclusion of ideas, words or sentences, paragraphs, in whole or in parts, from other sources into your work without the appropriate acknowledgement;
- The use of another person’s intellectual work, including musical composition (tune or lyrics), computer programme, photographs, drawing or sketches, sculpture or research and other equivalent forms into your own work, attempting intentionally or otherwise to represent it as your own work.

In order to avoid being penalised, where in doubt, you are urged to seek clarification from the examiner or lecturer prior to submission of such work.

14.1 Plagiarism in Course Work Components

The course work components are taken to mean any take-home written assignments between the percentages of 5% to 25%. If sufficient evidence of plagiarism is found in a student’s work, the following procedure shall take place:

1) The lecturer/examiner of that piece of work is to gather the evidence for documentation;
2) Confirmation with the Dean or Deputy Dean of Faculties, Director of the Centre/Institute and member of Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools that the piece of work does indeed contain plagiarized work. These “members” will form the immediate committee to address this incident until the matter is resolved;
3) Request for you to attend a scheduled meeting with the lecturer/examiner, the Dean or Deputy Dean and members of Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools. This is to be completed within three (3) days from the date of discovery and with the meeting agenda extended to you. Failure to be present at the meeting may add on penalty to the case, unless proven that the absenteeism is due to extenuating circumstances;
4) During the meeting, you will be explained on the allegation of plagiarism and requested to clarify and respond. The Committee would allow you to admit the offence and where possible, resolve the matter informally.
5) You are to sign the Admission to Plagiarism Form at the meeting witnessed by the committee members (who will also be required to acknowledge the discussion with their signatures);
6) The penalties for such an incident are:
   - An award of a Fail grade in that particular component, where the committee members are of the opinion that the case is severe OR
7) If the objectives of the meeting are unfulfilled as in:

- Your absenteeism without notification/acceptable reasons; or
- Your non-cooperation, or
- Adamant denial on your part without valid evidence.

The following actions shall be executed immediately:

- An award of a Fail grade in that particular component, where the committee members are of the opinion that the case is severe; and
- A stern warning letter issued by the Dean of Faculty and recorded in your student file with the RO.

14.2 Plagiarism in a Major Project /Thesis/Dissertation

Plagiarism could occur at a higher level or in a component that carries a heavier weightage in the total assessment of the module. A heavy weightage is denoted by the contributing mark of above 25% in a take-home written component within that module.

Allocation of higher marks in such a component invariably places higher importance for that learning component. Thus, the offence of obtaining credits through dishonest means by using another person’s academic work is correspondingly higher in such an attempt. Plagiarism in this context takes the similar broad definition given in 14.0 (above) and will be dealt with accordingly to the processes outlined above.

The aim of the discussion with you also entails providing the necessary counselling to prevent future recurrence. The penalty however, is still severe and will be as described in 14.1 (6). The penalty allowing re-submission, if recommended, will cap the re-submission mark to a Pass mark, while non-re-submission will result in a Zero (0) mark for that component. If you were absent from the meeting, the incident shall be recorded as such.

14.3 Plagiarism in Group Work

Where an assignment is worked on by a group of students (i.e. more than one individual), the process of administering the incident and the corresponding penalties will be similar to those described in items 16.1 and 16.2. The exception is that the number of students will be more than one and each has to sign the same Admission to Plagiarism Form.

14.4 Repeated Plagiarism (Second Time)

Where a student is found to have committed the plagiarism offence again in whatever weighted component, similar procedures as outlined in 14.1 (1) to 14.1 (5) will apply. The members will be alerted that this is a repeated plagiarism.

In the discussion session with a student, the student would be informed of the repeated offence. The aim of the discussion is to inform the student of the severity of the repeated offence and to
serve a verbal warning.

The penalty for such level of plagiarism, if proven with documented evidence is an automatic Fail grade in that module and a stern final warning letter issued by the Dean of the Faculty/Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools to be recorded in your Student File and student record database system.

Whether the objectives of the meeting are fulfilled or not, the Fail grade will be imposed. You will also be barred from sitting for the Final Examination. Thereafter, it is your decision whether to continue with the class attendance if the semester is still actively on going.

14.5 Repeated Plagiarism (Third Time)

When a student is caught plagiarizing after the second time, the inquiry meeting as stipulated in 14.2 will be convened.

The matter is reported in writing to the RO within the immediate two (2) days, and the following penalties will take effect:

- You will be suspended for a semester. A suspension letter from the RO with a copy extended to the Dean of the Faculty/ Director of the Centre/ Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/ Centres/ Institutes/ Schools will be issued to you;
- The suspension shall take immediate effect, i.e. in the current, un-ended semester in which you are at, plus the following semester; you may be subject to fee & financial policy.
- You will be barred from all Final Examinations if it is an on-going semester and the courses selected for the following semester will be void.

Appeal will be forwarded to the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools for the remote possibility of consideration. The Dean of Faculties/Director of the Centres reserves the right to choose whether the appeal should be responded to or not.

14.6 Repeated Plagiarism (Beyond the Third Time)

When a student is caught plagiarizing after the third time, an inquiry meeting will be convened accordingly.

The matter will be reported in writing to the RO within two (2) days, and the following penalties will take effect:

- Your study at UCSI University will be terminated. A termination letter from the RO with a copy extended to the Dean of the Faculty/ Director of the Centre/Institute or designated staff of the Faculties/Centres/Institutes/Schools will be issued to you.
- The termination shall take immediate effect, i.e. in the current, un-ended semester in which you are at, irrespective of whether Final Examinations have been sat;
- The courses selected for the following semester shall be void. All academic and administrative services will be ceased and in the case of an international student, your visa will be cancelled immediately. You may be subject to fee & financial policy.

Appeals will be not be entertained nor responded to.
14.7 Plagiarism at Foundation Level

The process of handling plagiarism at the Foundation Level is similar to that of the process described in all the clauses mentioned above. However, as it involves recent school leavers who may not have been taught proper citation, referencing or bibliographical techniques, (Deans/Deputy Deans/Director/lecturers) will moderate the situation and offer soft counselling, in addition to the procedures outlined.

14.8 Plagiarism at Undergraduate

In the case of plagiarism occurring at the Undergraduate Level, the process of handling is similar to that of the process described in all the clauses mentioned above.

PROGRESSION AND AWARDS

15. Policies Governing Progression and Awards

15.0 General

You have to pass all the courses prescribed by the programme of study before being considered for graduation. Any failures must be re-attempted until a Pass is obtained (with the exception of the final year projects of certain degrees where these projects are generally only submitted once).

The duration of study with UCSI University may vary from time to time depending on the availability of the courses being offered, thus UCSI University shall not be held liable for any unforeseeable extension of time for programme completion. It shall be the onus of the student to plan his/her studies accordingly to the courses offered.

The maximum duration to complete a programme is:

- 2 years for Foundation (1 year)
- 4 years for Diploma (2 years)
- 5 years for undergraduate Degree (3 years)
- 6 years for undergraduate Degree (4 years)
- 7 years for undergraduate Degree (5 years)

If you have exceeded the maximum duration prescribed for the programme of study, you are to withdraw your study from the University.

Any other conditions and requirements over and above the aforementioned will be decided by the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools (e.g. conditions for year-to-year progression, or entry to the Final Year, etc.).
15.1 Classification of Honours Degrees

The computation of Honours classification is based on the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) obtained throughout the duration of study of a programme at UCSI University. Thus, it takes into account the grades earned for each module/course completed in the programme. The credits accompanying the grades will determine the classification at the completion of your study.

The following courses are excluded from the computation of CGPA:

i. MQA compulsory courses
ii. Courses without a grade point
iii. English Requirement courses
iv. Course(s) with credit(s) transferred from other institutions
v. Failed courses which has been replaced and subsequently passed

Formula for the calculation of CGPA is as follows:

\[
\text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum (\text{course credit} \times \text{grade point})}{\sum \text{course credits}}
\]

The grade points are in accordance to the Grade Legend as stated in clause 13.8.

The following table serves as a guide in equating classification to CGPA grades.

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<td>First Class</td>
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<td>3.67 and above</td>
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<td>Fail</td>
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The above classification applies to all programmes Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools with the exception of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science. The final awarding classification may differ accordingly to the discretion of the University with the advice from the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools staff in their process of reviewing the performance of each student throughout the entire programme. Extenuating factors of material significance may be taken into account in determining the classification if found to be appropriate by UEB. Likewise, other behaviours and conduct recorded throughout and during your study may be taken into account in the classification.

All decisions for classification of Honours are final upon submission by the UEB through the Senate for endorsement. CGPA scores outside the range indicated above will automatically be rounded off to the next higher score, unless otherwise advised by the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools.

15.2 Progression of Study
The progression of studies occurs at three (3) levels:

(i) Foundation/Diploma programme to undergraduate programme;
(ii) Each year/level within the undergraduate programme; and
(iii) The undergraduate programme to post-graduate programme.

The conditions for each level of progression are outlined below:

15.2.1 Progression from Foundation Programme to Undergraduate Degree Programme

Students are restricted to register a mixture of modules for the Foundation and Year 1 Degree. You must successfully complete the UCSI University Foundation Programme before progressing onto the undergraduate programmes (such progression is subject to having met the entry requirements of the selected programme).

Progression from the Foundation Programme to the Degree programme is not subject to completing all MOE Matapelajaran Wajib (compulsory course) (unless you wish to exit immediately with a Certificate from the Foundation Programme upon completion of the Foundation Programme).

Students are often anxious to proceed to the next higher level in the course of their studies. The rush may often result in more harm than good to their learning process. To ensure the smooth progression of your studies, Diagrams 15.0 and 15.1 are set to guide and illustrate the different scenarios that may occur for you to continue with a partial progression while in your final semester of your foundation studies. Permutations that are not outlined below will be determined on a case-to-case basis and separately.

Partial progression is not applicable to international students. Completion of the foundation programme is required for the application of visa of the progression undergraduate programme.

15.2.2 Progression within the Undergraduate Degree Programme

Progression from one year to the next is governed by the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools with their own internal policies and requirements. Generally, you must clear all MOE Matapelajaran Wajib (compulsory course) before you are allowed to embark on your Final Year study.

15.2.3 Progression from Undergraduate to Postgraduate Degree Programme

Progression of the above is subject to meeting the entry requirements of the postgraduate degree programme as outlined in the brochures of the intended programme.
Diagram 15.0

**CORE Foundation Courses**

- **Fail 1 course**
  - Repeat that course before proceeding to Year 1

- **Supplementary 1 course or missed 1 course on medical grounds**
  - Allowed to undertake Year 1 courses while sitting for the Supplementary Examination and waiting for result
  - If you passed all courses, continue with Year 1 courses
  - If failed 1 course, DROP all Year 1 courses and repeat failed Foundation course(s) until cleared

- **Supplementary 2 courses or missed 2 courses on medical grounds**
  - Sit for all 4 papers in Supplementary Examination before proceeding to Year 1

- **Supplementary 3 courses or missed 3 courses on medical grounds**

- **Missed 4 courses on medical grounds**

- **Supplementary 4 courses**
  - If passed all courses, proceed to Year 1
Diagram 15.1

Progression involving MOE Foundation Courses (For Malaysian Students Only)

- **Fail 1 Course**
  - Allowed to proceed to Year 1 but required to repeat the MoHE course at Foundation

- **Supplementary 1 MOE course or missed 1 MOE course on medical grounds**
  - Allowed to proceed to Year 1 but required to sit for the Supplementary paper at Foundation

- **Supplementary 2 courses (including MOE) or missed 2 courses (including MOE) on medical grounds**
  - Allowed to proceed to Year 1 but required to sit for the Supplementary papers at Foundation

- **Supplementary 3 courses or missed 3 courses on medical grounds (including MOE courses)**
  - Allowed to proceed to Year 1 while sitting for the Supplementary papers and waiting for results

- **Missed 4 subjects on medical grounds (including MOE courses)**
  - Not allowed to proceed to Year 1. Must sit for all the Supplementary papers

- **Supplementary 4 courses**
  - Allowed to proceed to Year 1 but required to sit for the Supplementary papers at Foundation

- **If failed, allowed to continue with Year 1 but need to repeat that failed MOE course at Foundation level concurrently**

- **If failed Core course but passed MOE course, DROP all Year 1 courses and repeat that Core Foundation course**

- **If failed MOE course but passed Core course, continue with Year 1 but repeat the MOE Foundation course simultaneously**

- **If failed even one Core course but passed MOE course, DROP all Year 1 course and repeat that Core Foundation course**

- **If failed MOE course but passed Core courses, continue with Year 1 but repeat the MOE Foundation course simultaneously.**
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
16. Policies Governing International Students

16.0 General

An international student is defined as a student:

- Whose citizenship is NOT Malaysian;
- Who is NOT a permanent resident in Malaysia;
- Who enters UCSI University, Malaysia on a student visa permit solely and purely for the purpose of pursuing his/her education.

International students form a sizeable portion of UCSI University’s total student population. You may consider the same variety of options as Malaysian students but caution must be made in your subsequent admission to and recognition by professional governing bodies in Malaysia as well as in your home country. UCSI University’s efforts may be restricted in the admission of international students to such Boards as they may be governed by certain authorities, ministries, statutes and/or professions. Examples of such bodies are the Malaysian Pharmacy Board, Malaysian Medical Council, Nursing Board and the Board of Engineers. International students are urged to seek advice and guidance from the respective Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools for the most current and updated rules.

16.1 Registration and Admission

The registration procedures for international students are as follows:

- Submission of the Application Form together with payment for the Application Fee
- These fees paid are non-refundable even if you fail to obtain a Student Visa from the respective Malaysian Government agencies.
- The submission must be accompanied with the relevant certified true copies of previous academic documents, i.e. certificates, transcripts and other relevant documents, for admission into the University as well as for student visa application purposes.
- Upon approval of the student visa, remittance of the other fees and initial tuition fees in full as stipulated in the Letter of Acceptance.

The offer to international students, except for programmes with admission quota as regulated by professional bodies is valid for two (2) semesters or eight (8) months, from the intake offered for admission. In the event that you failed to commence the programme after the offer’s validity period, you are required to re-apply and re-initiate the application procedures mentioned above.

16.2 General Requirements

International students studying at UCSI University are required to adhere to and comply with the following:

- Possess sufficient funds to cover the tuition fees and expenses for at least one (1) year.
- Be admitted into a full-time programme (as opposed to part-time courses).
- Prohibited from being gainfully employed beyond the stipulated hours allowed by the Malaysian Immigration.
- Fulfil minimum 80% of attendance requirements.
• Maintain a CGPA of at least 2.0 and above.

Apart from the above, all academic and administrative rules and regulations stated in this Handbook are applicable to you.

16.3 Withdrawal

Once you withdraw from the University, the University will no longer be rendering any form of service to you and the withdrawal will be reported accordingly to the relevant authorities.

16.4 Withdrawal and Student Visa

The handling of student visas or student passes is appended below:

16.4.1 Cancellation

A student’s visa will be cancelled under the following circumstances and conditions:-

16.4.1.1 Withdrawal
a. You are required to complete the “Withdrawal Form” and obtain clearance from all the relevant departments and Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools
b. To submit to the IO, a copy of your passport and booking air ticket bearing your departing date and flight.

16.4.1.2 Completion of the programme
a. You are required to complete the “Programme Completion Form” and obtain the clearance from all the relevant departments and Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools
b. To submit to the IO, a copy of your passport and booking air ticket bearing your departing date and flight.

16.4.1.3 Termination of Studies
a. You may be terminated from your study at the University on the grounds of poor academic performance and/or attendance record or other reasons related to indiscipline or academic misconduct
b. Your student visa will be cancelled and you are expected to make immediate arrangements to return to your home country as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in your status being regarded as illegal by the Immigration authorities.

16.4.1.4 Transfer of Institution
a. International students who wish to transfer to another institution will need to have your student visa for studies with UCSI University cancelled. The new institution will then be expected to apply for the new visa on your behalf. The procedures and conditions of transferring to another institution are:-
   • Approval from the Centres/Faculties/Institutes/Schools.
   • A copy of the Letter of Offer from the receiving institution.
   • A fulfilment of 80% class attendance in general (where this is not met, the Release Letter will state the actual percentage).
   • Settlement of outstanding fees.
UCSI University reserves the right to issue the Letter of Release to students.

16.4.2 Renewal

Your Student Pass will be renewed or extended when and if you have not completed the programme yet on the date of visa expiration. The extension or renewal may be granted for the period of time you require to fulfil any uncompleted graduation requirements.

Where a renewal of visa is sought, the following procedures are to be followed:

- Attainment of clearance from GFO.
- Submission of passport, renewal application document and fee for Student Pass renewal application to the respective Faculties at least THREE (3) MONTH before the expiry date of the Student Pass. Failing to do so would result in a penalty being imposed amounting to RM30 per day.

The renewal of Student Pass will not be processed by VPU:

- If there are any Outstanding Fees and did not acquire clearance form GFO
- If there is no course selection in the current semester or following semester whichever is applicable

The renewal will not be supported by EMGS and Immigration Department of Malaysia if you have any of the following:

- Poor class attendance (less than 80%); or
- Academic result below CGPA 2.0 (as Immigration Department requirement)

16.5 Medical and Health Insurance

It is mandatory by the Ministry of Education (MOE) that all international students have a medical and health insurance while studying in any of the listed Private Higher Educational Institutions (IPTS) in Malaysia.

The medical and health insurance guideline covers Personal Accident & Death, In-patient Services, Repatriation and Outpatient Services.

All new students who have entered Malaysia with a valid Visa Approval Letter will have Medical coverage upon entry under the EMGS systems. However, the students will only receive their medical card within 14 working days of submitting their passports to EMGS. Students can notify IST if they have not received their medical card.
LIBRARY

17. Rules & Regulations

17.0 General

The Library is accessible to all full-time and part-time students officially enrolled in any of the programmes offered by UCSI University. The use of the Library, however, is governed by its rules and regulations set forth herewith.

The operating hours for the UCSI University Library is available at UCSI University website.

17.1 General Requirements

For the Library to carry out its function effectively, as well as for the benefit of other library users, UCSI University Library requires all visitors to comply with the following general rules and regulations:

- Display your student identification nametags upon entering the library.
- You must be decently dressed and should conduct yourself properly in the Library.
- All library users must observe silence in the library and its environs at all times.
- As seating in the library is limited, reservation of seats is not permitted. The Library staff may remove books and other articles left for any length of time on chairs and tables.
- The discussion rooms are to be used strictly for group discussions only.
- The Librarian on duty has the right to request you to leave the premises if you are found to be violating any of its rules.
- An announcement will be made ten minutes prior to closing time and you must vacate the premise punctually.
- The Library will not be held responsible for the loss or misplacement of personal belongings.
- The Librarian is empowered to withhold the library facilities for any infringement of these rules.

The Management may amend the Library Rules and Regulations as and when necessary.

17.2 General Prohibitions

The following items and actions are prohibited in the Library:

- Smoking, including electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)
- Consumption of food and drink.
- Playing games or any non-academic related activities.
- Pets of any kind, living or non-living.
- Talking excessively loud, shouting or chatting noisily with other users or on mobile phones.
- Any person who causes a disturbance in the library or who refuses to abide by library rules may be directed by the librarians or security personnel to leave the library.
17.3 **Circulation Services**

You may borrow general books for normal loan at the circulation counter. Borrowing privileges for the various categories of user are as follows:

17.3.1 **Books**

- Full-time students may borrow a maximum of five (5) books for two (2) week.
- Students can borrow the Green Spot books for one (1) day.
- The Red Spot collection may be borrowed after 5.00pm and to be returned on the next day before 9.00am (Overnight loan book(s)).

17.3.2 **Journals/Magazines**

The current and latest issues of journals and magazines are to be used only within the Library. These are to be kept in the Library for all users until a certain time has lapsed and then they are “released” to the users for borrowing.

- You are allowed to borrow journals and magazines for a maximum of two days only.

17.3.3 **Reference Materials**

- Reference materials are to be used only in the Library.

17.3.4 **Red-Spot Books**

- All users are to use the red-spot books collection within the Library premise only.

17.3.5 **Audio Visual Materials**

- All audio-visual materials are to be used in the Library. Certain audio-visual materials, however, could be on loan to all users for a period of two (2) days. Request to use audio-visual materials should be directed to the Librarian on duty.

17.3.6 **Students’ Project Reports**

- These project reports may be borrowed for reference within the Library only. Photocopies of these project reports can only be made with a permission from the Librarian on duty.

17.3.7 **Other Library Materials**

- Other library materials may or may not be accessible to you. Thus, you are requested to consult the respective librarian at the circulation counter.

17.4 **Rules on Borrowing**

You are required to abide by the following rules and regulations:
Borrowers are to produce their staff/student identification nametags when borrowing library materials.

Books or library materials may NOT be brought out of the Library until the loan has been recorded. Unauthorised removal of library materials is regarded as a very serious offence.

Borrowers are responsible for the safekeeping and return of library materials issued under their name.

Library materials borrowed must be promptly returned on or before the due date.

Library books must be returned via electronic (book drop) or manually at the circulation counter located at the library.

The normal loan period for books is two weeks. The Library, however, may fix varying loan periods for the different types of materials or users as it deems fit.

All borrowers must settle their overdue loans before they are permitted to borrow again.

Users may borrow library materials up to 10 minutes before the library closing time.

Borrowers are fully responsible for the materials checked out. It is also the borrower’s duty to ensure that the materials are returned before or on the due dates.

Failure to receive any notice sent does not relieve a borrower from their responsibility to return library materials by the due date.

Borrowers are prohibited from borrowing on behalf of other users.

17.5 Renewals

Library materials that have been borrowed may be renewed. The following are some other guidelines on renewals applicable to both staff and students:

- Renewals can be done twice at the Circulation Counter or via online renewal.
- Any items that have been requested/hold by another user may not be renewed.
- You are allowed to renew one (1) day before or on the due date.
- Online renewals for library books are available via e-Library/My Account.
- Your fines must be paid before you can renew reserve or borrow a book.

17.6 Loss or Damage

- Borrowers will be held fully responsible for the library materials in their possession and are required to pay for the value of the book, overdue charges (if any) plus administration fee if the materials are lost or damaged.
- Borrowers are responsible for ensuring that the books are in good condition they borrow, otherwise, they will be held responsible for and will be charged for the damage.
- If the material is lost, an immediate report should be made to the Librarian to enable appropriate actions to be taken. The borrower may replace the material lost/damaged either by directly purchasing or by requesting the Library to replace it.
- If the latter alternative is chosen, the borrower will have to pay twice the market price of the book as a penalty.
- All books replaced in this manner must be of the latest edition. If the book is one of a set series, the borrower may be called upon to replace the whole set or series.
- Any attempt to steal library properties is a serious offence and will result in disciplinary procedures and other appropriate actions.

17.7 Discussion Rooms
You are required to abide by the following rules and regulations:

- Users are required to use the Discussion Room for group study and discussions only.
- Use of the room is limited to a maximum of 2 hours. Please refrain from loud or disruptive behaviour when using these rooms.
- Users must register at the Reference Desk with their Student ID card. The ID card will be returned at the end of the session.
- Use of the rooms is on a first come first served basis. No reservations are allowed.

The following are prohibited inside the discussion rooms:

- Food is not permitted.
- Loud noises.
- Playing of cards/games/gambling.
- Leaving personal belongings unattended.
- Bringing in additional chairs/other pieces of furniture.

17.8 Fines

Official time for determining fines of overdue books and other purposes will be read according to the time shown in the computer system at the circulation counter. Should the system be down, the correct time would be determined by the library staff at the service counter.

Overdue library materials, including reserved materials, are subject to fines. This Policy applies to all categories of borrowers. The fines for all categories of books and audio-visual materials are assessed at the rates below:

- 1 – 7 days - RM0.50 per day.
- More than 7 days - RM1.50 per day.
- Hour- RM 0.50 per hour (red spot collection).
- More than 1 month - a bill will be sent to you based on the value of the book(s) and other processing fees. If you fail to pay, the management will deduct it from your caution fee.

Persistent repetition of this offence may result in you being barred from registration for the following semester and eventually non-conferment of your degree/diploma/certificate and the forfeiture of your deposits.

As soon as a fine is incurred, all library-borrowing privileges will be suspended. Overdue notices are generated every seven (7) days until the third notice, which is clearly marked as FINAL NOTICE. All recorded fines must be settled before borrowing privileges will be reinstated.

One week after the THIRD and FINAL notice, an invoice will be generated in respect of delinquent accounts and sent to the borrower. Overdue books may be subject to replacement costs, accrued fines and a RM20.00 per item processing fee.

Appeals should be directed to the Chief Librarian.
PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

18. Disclosure of Personal Data

Pursuant to the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, the University shall not disclose any Personal Data to any party including parents and/or guardians without the approval of the student with the exception to those parties clearly stated in the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 or permitted with consent from the student.

18.0 Notices and Correspondence

All notices and correspondence official or otherwise shall at all times strictly be between the student and the University, except for any matter which shall include but not limited to financial matters that the university may provide notice in a written manner and/or form the discretion is totally with the university.
APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Exemptions from the English Foundation course can be granted for the following corresponding requirements:

i. London or Cambridge Boards A-level qualifications

ii. STPM with
   - MUET with minimum of Bands 5
   - SPM English with minimum grade of A-

iii. London or Cambridge O-Level qualification with minimum Grade C in English

iv. SPM English with a minimum grade of A-

v. UEC with minimum grade of A2 in English

vi. Canada Pre-university studies conducted in English - Ontario Secondary School Diploma

vii. Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) Certificates

viii. Australian High School Certificates
   - Australian Capital Territory
      - ACT Year 12 Certificate
   - New South Wales (NSW)
      - Higher School Certificate (HSC)
   - Northern Territory
      - Northern Territory Certificate of Education (NTCE)
   - Queensland
      - Queensland Certificate of Education
   - South Australia
      - South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)
   - Tasmania
      - Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)
   - Victoria
      - Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)
      - Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)
   - Western Australia
      - Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)
ix. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
   • Internet-based Test (iBT) with minimum of 69
   • Computer-based tests (CBT) with minimum of 196
   • Caper-based tests (PBT) with minimum of 525

x. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with minimum of Band 5.5

xi. International Baccalaureate

xii. Secondary School Diploma (American Curriculum)

xiii. Holders of diplomas from government polytechnics who have passed A1003, A2003, A3005/A4001 and A5001 (or Levels I, II, III and IV) with a minimum of 60% or CGPA equivalent

xiv. Applicants who have studied at least one year in a programme at an Institution of Higher Learning with minimum overall CGPA of 2.00 / average percentage of 50% where English is the medium of instruction. Applicants must produce a verification letter from the Institute of Higher Learning confirming the medium used in the delivery of the programme was in English
## APPENDIX B

### English Equivalent Requirements for Selected African Countries

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APPENDIX C

Refund Policies and Procedures

A. APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

1. I hereby agree that the Registration Fee paid is strictly, NON-REFUNDABLE under any circumstances.

2. I hereby agree that once the initial fees are fully utilised, fees will be charged based on the Approved Course Selection.

3. I hereby agree that in the event I drop all the courses before the ADD/DROP deadline and subsequently follow up with a withdrawal from UCSI University, the University will charge back the full fees based on the initial Approved Course Selection.

4. I hereby agree that UCSI University will refund the following: Caution Fee; Library Deposit; International Student Deposit and Security Bond. However, this is provided that no rules or regulations have been breached and I do not have any outstanding fee with the University.

5. I hereby agree that in the event of graduation or in the event of a withdrawal, the respective forms must be submitted within a maximum of 2 semesters from the event for the Refundable Deposits as per paragraph 4 above.

6. I hereby agree that at all times, it is imperative that all rules and regulations are strictly adhered to, failing which UCSI University shall forfeit all Refundable Deposits and the said deposits may be required to be paid once again, where applicable.

7. I hereby agree that in the event that I fail to settle my fees in accordance with the respective due date, I shall be liable to pay late payment charges that will be levied accordingly by UCSI University.

B. APPLICABLE TO MEDICAL AND PHARMACY DEGREE APPLICANTS ONLY

1. I acknowledge, understand and accept that to confirm my acceptance into either the UCSI University Medical or Pharmacy degree programme within the stipulated deadline (as well as to book a seat for myself in the relevant programme), I need to pay all fees outlined in the Letter of Offer/ Conditional Letter of Offer within the date provided. I agree that failure to pay the fees by the stipulated date will result in a seat not being reserved for me. Due to limited seats available as well as taking into consideration other eligible candidates, I further agree to abide by the Policy that all payments made to confirm a seat are strictly non-refundable and this is regardless of whether classes have begun.

2. If I am not a Malaysian citizen, I am made to understand that in the event I am not able to obtain the relevant visa from the Malaysian authorities (and strictly and solely for this reason alone), I may apply to UCSI University for a refund of the tuition fees paid (but any fees paid towards the Registration Fee and International Student Services Fee are strictly not refundable).
C. APPLICABLE TO MALAYSIAN STUDENTS ONLY

1. In the event that a refund is requested, a 50% refund of initial tuition fees (new students) or Approved Course Selection (existing students), provided withdrawal from the programme is made/ submitted before the commencement of the classes, with the exception of Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays. In the event I have not paid the fees, 50% of the fees based on the initial tuition fees or Approved Course Selection is chargeable. UCSI University has every right to use the Refundable Deposits to offset the outstanding due to the University.

2. In the event that a refund is requested, a 30% refund of tuition fees provided withdrawal from the programme is made within seven (7) days from the commencement of the classes. In the event I have not paid the fees, 70% of the fees based on the initial Approved Course Selection are chargeable. UCSI University has every right to use the Refundable Deposits to offset the outstanding due to the University.

3. There shall be NO refund of tuition fees if the withdrawal is done, anytime later and/or not in compliance with the fore-going conditions.

D. APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

1. I hereby agree that all initial tuition fees paid as stipulated in the Letter of Acceptance/Conditional Letter of Offer/Conditional Letter of Acceptance are strictly NON-REFUNDABLE.

2. In the event that a refund is requested, once the initial fees are fully utilised, a refund amounting to 50% of the Approved Course Selection tuition fees for the IMMEDIATE semester will be allowed, if the application for the said refund is strictly made BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SAID SEMESTER. It is important that you comply with this deadline, failing which UCSI University will not entertain any requests for refunds.

3. All applications should be duly submitted using the prescribed form and not any other. In the event I have not paid the fees, 50% of the fees based on the Approved Course Selection are chargeable. UCSI University has every right to use the Refundable Deposits to offset the outstanding due to the University.

4. In the event that a refund is requested, once the initial fees are fully utilised and after the commencement of the semester, a refund amounting to 30% of the Approved Course Selection tuition fees for the IMMEDIATE semester will be allowed, provided that the application for the said refund is made WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SAID SEMESTER. It is important that you comply with this deadline, failing which UCSI University will not entertain any requests for refunds.

5. All applications should be duly submitted using the prescribed form and not any other. In the event I have not paid the fees, 70% of the fees based on the Approved Course Selection are chargeable. UCSI University has every right to use the Refundable Deposits to offset the outstanding due to the University.

6. I hereby agree to submit my Application Form, Registration Fee and International Student
Services Fee and agree that in the event I am not able to obtain the relevant visa from the Malaysian authorities; all the cash paid will not be refunded.

7. I hereby agree to remit with immediate effect all initial tuition fees to UCSI University, upon my visa being approved and I am notified of the same, prior to arriving at UCSI University, Malaysia.

8. For applications into the University degrees of Medicine and Pharmacy, I acknowledge that I am bound by Section B above.
APPENDIX D

Examination Rules and Regulations

A. Before the Examination

1. Candidates must bring along their student identification nametag and examination token. They need to show their student identification tags to the Invigilators at the entrance before being allowed into the Examination Hall.

2. Candidates who do not have their student identification nametags will need to obtain Letters of Identity from the RO. A levy of RM5 will be charged for each Letter of Identity.

3. Candidates who do not have their examination tokens will need to obtain replacement examination tokens from the RO.

4. Candidates may not be allowed into the Examination Hall if their examination tokens indicate that the paper that they are sitting for has been barred/dropped (for financial or attendance reasons).

5. Candidates who fear that they might be late on the account of unforeseen accidents are required to contact their classmates, friends or the RO to notify the delay. Proof of accidents in the form of a police report may be submitted later.

B. During the Examination

1. Candidates will need to refer to the seating arrangements posted on the notice board within the precinct of the Examination Hall and be guided to the appropriate row in the Examination Hall. Invigilators have the right to re-arrange student seating.

2. Candidates may be dismissed from the Examination Hall if they fail to follow any of the examination regulations or instructions given by the Invigilators.

3. Candidates are NOT allowed to enter the examination hall 30 minutes after the commencement of the examination.

4. Candidates will NOT be allowed to leave the Examination Hall until 30 minutes have lapsed after the commencement of the examination, and 30 minutes prior to the end of the examination.

5. Invigilators have the right to conduct a body search if candidates are suspected of cheating.

6. Candidates are NOT allowed to employ surrogates to sit for examinations on their behalf. Where it is found or discovered, severe penalty will be imposed upon both candidates.
7. Candidates are NOT allowed to give or receive assistance or to communicate by word of mouth during the examination.

8. Prohibited items in the Examination Hall include pencil cases, books, papers, notes, dictionaries, electronic dictionaries, all programmable electronic devices (including programmable calculators), except those authorised by the examiner.

Mobile phones may only be brought into the examination hall on the condition that students keep them in their bags and the bags must be placed at the front of the examination hall or in the lockers located outside the examination hall. All mobile phones must be switched off (including any alarms) throughout the examination. If a mobile phone is found in your possession (pockets, clothing, on your desk/chair/on the floor) or rings in your bag during the examination, the mobile phone will be confiscated. A penalty of RM100 will be imposed to redeem both the SIM card and the mobile phone.

9. Students are advised to take proper precaution with regards to safeguarding their own mobile phones, as UCSI University will not be held responsible for the loss or stolen mobile phones within the premises.

11. Candidates are NOT allowed to receive/borrow any item or material from another candidate while in the Examination Hall.

12. No passing of any kind of materials is allowed.

13. Candidates are required to raise their hands if they want to communicate with the invigilator.

14. Candidates who misbehave may be asked to leave the Examination Hall.

15. Cheating in any form will not be tolerated.

16. Candidates who leave the Examination Hall for various reasons must register their names if they intend to return to the Hall. They will remain under close supervision throughout their absence. Leaving the Hall is only permitted if they wish to visit the washroom or retrieve forgotten relevant and permitted items from their bags in the foyer. They are not allowed to wander away from the premises and return to the examination.

17. Invigilators reserve the right to restrict the number of times candidates visit the restroom.

18. Candidates who finish their examination ahead of the stipulated time are responsible for handing in their answer scripts to the Invigilators. This can be done by raising their hands to alert the Invigilators or by walking to the front desk of the Hall. They are not allowed to leave the Hall without the knowledge of the Invigilators.

C. After Examination

1. A candidate or lecturer may complain to the RO if he/she feel that an examination has been improperly conducted. The UEB shall then verify whether the allegations are true,
2. Any candidate found to, or attempting to cheat, will be called up by the UEB for questioning.

3. Where the UEB is satisfied that a candidate has committed a breach of any provision of the Examination regulations, he/she will be deemed to have committed an offence and the UEB may:-

   i. authorize to give public notice of the fact that such an offence has been committed candidate, or to give candidate a private notice; and/or
   ii. remove the candidate’s name from any list of examination; or
   iii. suspend the candidate from UCSI University and examination as the UEB may decide; or
   iv. fine the candidate an amount that the UEB may decide; or
   v. act in all or any of these ways.