

# **Examination Rules and Regulations of the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Faculty of Dental Sciences**

Regulation relating to examination procedure, offences and punishments for examinations conducted under the semester based study programs, made by the Senate of the University of Peradeniya and approved by the Council (No. 1 of 2008 effective from 23.01.2008) under Section 136 read with Sections 29, 45 and 46 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended by the Universities (Amendment) Act No. 7 of 1985 shall apply for examination procedures, offences and punishments.

Examination Rules and Regulations of the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Faculty of Dental Sciences are governed by the regulations mentioned above and shall be cited as the ***Examination Rules and Regulations of the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) No.01/2016 of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya.***

## **Rules and Regulations**

1. The BDS programme shall be conducted over 10 semesters and consists of 47 courses totalling 160 credits, of which 3 courses; Introduction to Dentistry (DS1106), English 1 (DS1107), English 2 (DS1206) are non-GPA courses.
2. Each course has a credit value which is proportionate to the course content. The credit value is computed as follows.
  - 1 credit = 15 hours of lectures or  
30 hours of *In-class assignments* (as no new content is taught in *In-class assignments*, and also a greater degree of independent learning and group work take place during this time) or  
30 hours of practical work or  
45 hours of clinical work (Students treat patients under supervision) or  
100 hours of independent work or  
15 hours of discussions/ clinical demonstrations or  
60 hours of clinical observation (where students actively do not treat patients)
3. A student shall be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery if he/she has:-
  - 3.1. been registered as a dental student of the University for a period not less than 5 academic years (10 semesters),

- 3.2. completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor courses of study as prescribed in the curriculum governed by the rules and regulations made thereunder,
  - 3.3. passed all courses of the study programme,
  - 3.4. paid such fees or other dues as prescribed by the University,
  - 3.5. fulfilled all other conditions or requirements as prescribed by the University, and
  - 3.6. completed the Bachelor of Dental Surgery course within ten years from the date of registration as an undergraduate.
4. The examinations governed by these rules and regulations shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Senate.
  5. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the study programme unless he/she has obtained a minimum of 80% attendance at the intensive English course from the date of his/her registration.
  6. There shall be in-course and/or end semester examinations for all courses as stipulated in the curriculum.

**Regulations applicable for all examinations:**

7. A student shall be eligible to sit for the end of semester examination if he/she has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor all components of courses as prescribed in the curriculum.
8. With respect to any end-semester examination, a student shall sit for the first available examination unless a valid excuse has been submitted to the Faculty Board and accepted by the Senate.
  - 8.1. The examination held immediately following the completion of the course at the end of each semester shall be deemed to be the first available examination.
  - 8.2. To 'sit an examination' means taking all the components of the examination of a relevant course in one and the same sitting.
  - 8.3. In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit the first available examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination.

9. In the event of an excuse submitted *is accepted by* the Faculty Board, that examination shall not be considered as an attempt.

9.1 A valid excuse shall be:

9.1.1 Illness or injury

In case of an illness or injury the student or his/her parent/guardian should contact the Dean of the Faculty within 7 days by telemail/fax/e-mail/text message followed by a letter within a period of 2 weeks indicating the nature of illness and the name of the attending doctor. A medical certificate supporting the illness of the student should also be sent to the Dean of the Faculty. Medical certificates should be obtained from the following persons: University Medical Officer, District Medical Officer, Consultant in the particular specialty, Head of a Government Base Hospital, Medical Superintendent of a Provincial Ayurvedic Government Hospital, Ayurvedic Physician registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council. Under exceptional circumstances, a medical certificate issued by a private hospital or a registered private practitioner could be considered by the University Medical Board. The University Chief Medical Officer shall certify the acceptance of the medical certificate. Procedures approved by the University of Peradeniya governing the acceptance of medical certificates submitted by students for work and examinations shall apply in all such events.

9.1.2. Personal problem involving an immediate family member.

In case of a personal problem involving an immediate family member, the student should contact the Dean of the Faculty within 7 days by telemail/fax/e-mail/text message followed by a letter within a period of 2 weeks indicating the circumstances leading to his/her absence from the examination. His/her excuse shall be considered by the Faculty Board. Grounds for favourable consideration shall be: -

- a. death of an immediate family member.
- b. serious illness of an immediate family member requiring personal attention by the student, and certified by a medical practitioner specified in the university rules governing medical certificates

- 9.1.3. A student participating in a university or national level event or for any other legitimate cause for which prior permission has been obtained from the Faculty Board.
- 9.1.4. A student affected by a serious natural disaster where evidence is available about such a disaster.

10. If a student is unable to sit the first available examination he/she should sit the very next available examination.

11. If a student fails to meet the minimum requirements for clinical training, complete in-course assessments or obtain a minimum of 80% attendance at practicals, tutorials and clinical appointments before the first available end-semester examination, he/she shall not be eligible to sit that end-semester examination of the respective course. If a valid excuse, as stipulated in the regulation 9.1, has not been provided, the next attempt following the completion of the requirements shall be considered as his/her second attempt.

12. A student who has failed a course at the first attempt shall be given a maximum of three more consecutive attempts to complete the examinations of that course.

12.1. A student who has not passed a course within the four attempts shall not be permitted to sit that examination again and his/her studentship shall be terminated.

12.2. However, under exceptional circumstances an appeal for a fifth attempt may be entertained by the Faculty Board. Recommendations of the Faculty Board in this regard will be sent to the Senate for approval.

13. Assessment of each course shall be conducted according to the guidelines proposed for that course. A student shall be deemed to have successfully completed a course if he/she has obtained a minimum of C grade.

14. The Grades and the Grade Point Values (GPV) shall be based on the University Grants Commission circular number 901 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and are given below.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>GPV</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

15. A grade higher than C shall not be awarded at the second or subsequent attempts.
16. The Grade Point Average (GPA) shall be calculated based on the grades obtained for all courses using the formula:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum C_i g_i}{\sum C_i}$$

Where

$C_i$  = the number of credits for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course

$g_i$  = the grade point earned for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  course

17. The award of classes shall be determined according to the cumulative GPA, which shall be based on the cut-off values prescribed by the University Grants Commission circular number 901 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and given below. And a student shall be eligible for a class if he/she completes the degree in 05 academic years.

<b>First</b>	<b>Second Upper</b>	<b>Second Lower</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

18. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the courses of semester six unless he/she has passed DS1101 (Blood and Circulation), DS1203 (Head and Neck), DS1204 (Nervous system), DS1205 (Teeth and Supporting Structures), DS2101 (Oral Biology) and DS2102 (Tooth morphology and Occlusion).
19. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the courses of semester eight unless he/she has obtained a minimum grade of C minus (C-) for courses DS2103 (Human Diseases -1), DS2104 (Human Diseases -2), DS2201 (Human Diseases -3), DS2202 (Human Diseases -4), DS2203 (Human Diseases -5), and DS3101 (Human Diseases -6).
20. Notwithstanding the fact that he/she may be otherwise eligible, a student shall not be permitted to sit any further examinations if ten academic years have elapsed since his/her registration as a dental student.  
However, under exceptional circumstances an appeal for extension of this period may be entertained by the Faculty Board. Recommendations of the Faculty Board in this regard shall be sent to the Senate for approval.