

Examination By-Laws: Faculty of Dental Sciences

Proposed By-Laws to be cited as the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) By Laws No. 01/2008 Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya.

BY – LAWS

01. These By-Laws shall be cited as the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery By-Laws No. 01/2008.
02. Subject to the By-Laws a student may be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery if he/she has:-
 - 2.1 been registered as a dental student of the University for a period not less than 4 academic years.
 - 2.2 completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor courses of study as prescribed by these By-Laws and Rules and Regulations made there under,
 - 2.3 passed the first examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery
 - 2.4 passed the second examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery
 - 2.5 passed Part I and Part II of the final examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery
 - 2.6 passed the examination for proficiency in English Language conducted by the English Language Teaching Unit of the Faculty.
 - 2.7. paid such fees or other dues as prescribed by the University, and
 - 2.8. fulfilled all other conditions or requirements prescribed by the University.
 - 2.9 completed the Bachelor of Dental Surgery course within eight years from his/her registration as an undergraduate
03. The examinations governed by the By-Laws shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Faculty Board.
04. For the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery there shall be 04 major examinations namely First Examination, Second Examination, Final Part 1 and Final Part 11 Examinations. In addition, the examination for proficiency in English Language conducted by the English language Teaching Unit of the faculty shall be conducted at the end of the intensive English course.

Common regulations for all examinations:

05. The examination held immediately following the completion of the course or at the end of each semester shall be deemed to be the first available examination.
- 5.1 To sit an examination means taking all the components of the examination of a relevant subject in one and the same sitting.
 - 5.1 A student should sit the first available examination held following the completion of the course or at the end of each semester unless a valid excuse has been submitted to the Faculty Board.
 - 5.2 In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit the first available examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.
- 06 In the event of an excuse submitted *is accepted* by the Faculty Board, that examination shall not be considered as an attempt.
- 6.1 A valid excuse shall be:
 - 6.1.1 Illness or injury
In case of an illness or injury the student or his/her parent/guardian should contact the Dean within 7 days by telegram/fax/e-mail followed by a letter within a period of 4 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. Medical certificates should be obtained from the following persons: UMO, DMO, consultant in the particular field, head of a Base Hospital, registered medical practitioner, MS of a provincial ayurvedic hospital or ayurvedic physician registered with the ayurvedic medical council. The UMO shall certify the acceptance of the medical certificate.
 - 6.1.2. Personal problem involving an immediate family member.
In case of a personal problem involving an immediate family member, the student should contact the Dean within 7 days by telegram/fax/e-mail followed by a letter within a period of 4 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 may 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
 - 6.1.3. 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.
7. If a student is unable to sit the first available examination he/she should sit the very next available examination.
8. If a student fails to obtain a minimum of 80% attendance at practicals/tutorials/clinical appointments, meet the minimum requirements for clinicals or complete in-course assessments before the first available examination he/she shall not be eligible to sit that examination. The next attempt following the completion of the requirements shall be considered as his/her second attempt.

- 9 9.1 A student who has failed in one or more courses/subjects at an examination shall be given a maximum of three more consecutive attempts to complete that examination.
- 9.2 A student who has not passed all courses/subjects within the four attempts shall not be permitted to sit that examination again and his/her studentship shall be terminated.
- 10 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.

FIRST EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

- 11 A student shall not be eligible for admission to the course leading to the first examination unless he/she has obtained a minimum of 80% attendance at the intensive English course from the date of his/her registration.
- 12 The duration of the course leading to the first examination shall be of two semesters. Students should attend lectures, practicals and tutorials regularly. A minimum of 80% attendance is compulsory for practicals and tutorials. An examination shall be held at the end of each semester.
- For calculation of the GPA for the first examination composite marks of both 1st and 2nd semester examinations shall be considered.
- 13 A student shall be eligible to sit the end of semester examination if he/she has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor the prescribed courses in the subjects of General Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Bio Chemistry and Physiology as specified for that examination.
14. During the first year the students shall be examined in the subjects of General Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry in 18 courses.
15. 15.1 A student shall be deemed to have successfully completed the first examination if he/she has obtained C passes in all the 18 courses.
- 15.2 A student shall be considered to have been referred in the first examination if he/she has passed at least one course.
- 15.3 A student shall be deemed to have failed the first examination if he/she has failed in all the 18 courses.
16. At the first examination for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery a student shall be awarded:
- 16.1. A First Class pass provided he/she has passed all the courses at the first attempt with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.70.
- 16.2 A Second Class (Upper Division) pass provided he/she has passed all the courses at the first attempt with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 ó 3.69.
- 16.3 A Second Class (Lower Division) pass provided he/she has passed all the courses at the first attempt with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 ó 3.29.
- 16.4 An ordinary pass provided he/she has obtained a cumulative GPA of 2.00 ó

SECOND EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

17. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the course leading to the second examination unless he/she has passed a minimum of 8 courses of the first examination.
18. The duration of the course leading to the second year shall be of two semesters. Students should attend lectures, practicals, tutorials and clinicals regularly. A minimum of 80% attendance is compulsory for practicals, tutorials and clinicals.
19. A student shall be eligible to sit the second examination if he/she passed all the 18 courses of the first examination and has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor the prescribed course of study in the subjects of General Medicine, General Surgery, Microbiology, General Pathology and Pharmacology as specified for the second examination.
20. 20.1 The second examination shall consist of an examination in the subjects of General Medicine, General Surgery, Microbiology, General Pathology and Pharmacology and shall be held at the end of the second year.
20.2 A repeat examination shall be held 6 weeks after the date of publishing of results of the second examination.
21. 21.1 A student shall be awarded a pass in a subject provided he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate mark of 50% in that subject.
21.2 A student shall be deemed to have successfully completed the second examination if he/she has passed all the five subjects, namely General Medicine, General Surgery, Microbiology, General Pathology and Pharmacology.
21.3. A student shall be considered to have been referred in the second examination if he/she has passed at least one subject at this examination.
21.4. A student shall be deemed to have failed the second examination if he/she has failed in all the five subjects.
22. 22.1 A student shall be awarded a First Class pass at the second examination provided he/she has passed all five subjects at the first attempt with a minimum overall aggregate mark of 70%.
22.2 A student shall be awarded a Second Class (Upper Division) pass at the second examination provided he/she has passed all five subjects at the first attempt with an overall aggregate mark of 65 - 69.9%.
22.3. A student shall be awarded a Second Class (Lower Division) pass at the second examination provided he/she has passed all five subjects at the first attempt with an overall aggregate of 60 - 64.9%.
22.4 A student shall be deemed to have passed the second examination provided he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate of mark 50% in all the subjects.
22.5 A student who has passed the examination at the first attempt is eligible for a distinction in any of the subjects if he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate of 70% in that subject.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

The final examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery shall be conducted in two parts, namely Part I and Part II.

PART I OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

23. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the course leading to Part I of the Final Examination (3rd year) unless he/she has passed the first and the second examinations for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
24. The duration of the course leading to Part I of the final examination shall be of two semesters. Students should attend lectures, clinicals, practicals and tutorials regularly. A minimum of 80 % attendance is compulsory for clinical appointments, practicals and tutorials.
25. A student shall be eligible to sit Part I of the final examination if he/she has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor the prescribed course of study and the 9 clinical appointments as specified for Part 1 of the Final Examination
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 - 26.1 Part I of the Final Examination shall consist of an examination in the subjects of Community Dentistry, Dental Materials, Prosthetic Dentistry I, Restorative Dentistry I and Oral Surgery I and shall be held at the end of the third year
 - 26.2 A repeat examination shall be held 6 weeks after the date of publishing the results of the Part 1 of the Final Examination.
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 - 27.1 A student shall be awarded a pass in a subject provided he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate mark of 50% in that subject.
 - 27.2 A student shall be deemed to have successfully completed Part I of the Final Examination if he/she has passed in all the five subjects namely Community Dentistry, Dental Materials and Prosthetics I, Restorative Dentistry I and Oral Surgery I.
 - 27.3 A student shall be considered to have been referred in Part I of the Final Examination if he/she has passed at least one subject at this examination.
 - 27.4 A student shall be deemed to have failed Part I of the Final Examination if he/she has failed in all the five subjects.

**PART II OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
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28. A student shall not be eligible for admission to the course leading to Part II of the Final Examination unless he/she has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor the prescribed course of study for Part I of the Final Examination.
29. The duration of the course leading to Part II of the Final Examination shall be of two semesters. Students should attend lectures, clinicals, practicals, tutorials regularly. A minimum of 80% attendance is compulsory for clinicals, practicals and tutorials.
30. A student shall be eligible to sit Part II of the Final Examination if he/she has passed all five subjects of the Part I of the Final Examination and has completed to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor the prescribed course of study, which includes 8 clinical appointments specified for Part II of the Final Examination.
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- 31.1 Part II of the Final Examination shall consist of an examination in Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery II, Restorative Dentistry II, Prosthetic Dentistry II, Periodontology, Orthodontics and Paedodontics and shall be held at the end of the final year.
- 31.2 A repeat examination shall be held 6 weeks after the date of publishing of results of Part II of the Final examination.
32. 32.1. A student shall be awarded a pass in a subject provided he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate mark of 50% in that subject.
- 32.2 A student shall be deemed to have successfully completed Part II of the Final Examination if he/she has passed all the eight subjects namely Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery II, Restorative Dentistry II, Prosthetic Dentistry II, Periodontology, Orthodontics and Paedodontics.
- 32.3 A student shall be considered to have been referred in Part II of the Final Examination if he/she at least one subject at this examination.
- 32.4 A student shall be deemed to have failed Part II of the Final examination for if he/she has failed in all eight subjects.
33. Notwithstanding the fact that he/she may be otherwise eligible, a student shall not be permitted to sit Part II of the Final Examination if 8 academic years or more 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 will be sent to the Senate for approval.

- 34.
- 34.1 A student shall be awarded a First Class pass at the Final Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery provided he/she has passed in all subjects of Part I and Part II of the Final Examination at the first attempt with an overall minimum aggregate mark of 70%.
- 34.2 A student shall be awarded a Second Class (Upper Division) pass at the Final Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery provided he/she has passed in all subjects of Part I and Part II of the Final Examination at the first attempt, with an overall aggregate mark of 65.0% to 69.9%

- 34.3 A student shall be awarded a Second Class (Lower Division) pass at the Final Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery provided he/she has passed in all subjects of Part I and Part II of the Final Examination at the first attempt, with an overall aggregate of 60.0% ó 64.9%.
- 34.4 A student who has passed the Part I and Part II of the Final examination at the first attempt is eligible for a distinction in any subject if he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate mark of 70 % in that subject.
- 34.5 A student shall be deemed to have passed the Final Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery provided he/she has obtained a minimum aggregate mark of 50% in all the subjects.