



# **HANDBOOK**

2015/16

Batch of Dental Students

Faculty of Dental Sciences

University of Peradeniya

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



It is with great pleasure that I welcome all new entrants 2015/16 of the Faculty of Dental Sciences on behalf of the University of Peradeniya. Those who get admission to the University are indeed a privileged group considering the numbers who qualify to enter the Sri Lankan University system. As we all are aware, only about 15 percent of the candidates who sit the GCE (A/L) qualify for university admission annually. Therefore, it is the prime duty of all university students to complete their higher education with merit and make the best use of the opportunity provided to them.

The newcomers will begin their university education with an Intensive Course in English, an important component in order to follow the teaching and training programmes and to succeed in their future career as professionals in the field of Dentistry.

The primary objective of a Dental undergraduate would be to complete the course in Dentistry successfully. However, the Dental Students should be attentive that the University of Peradeniya has much more to offer that complements individuals to succeed in life. The University offers a favorable environment for intellectual pursuits of a diverse nature. It has one of the best libraries in South Asia covering many areas of learning.

University of Peradeniya also has a large number of student societies covering wide interests ranging from nature exploration, conservation and scientific innovation, culture, music, drama and religious and social activities. The students can gainfully engage themselves in the activities of these societies to broaden their perspectives.

The University also offers exceptional facilities for indoor and outdoor games and a swimming pool of international standard. I firmly believe that students should make use of these opportunities to improve their physical and mental fitness, leadership, interpersonal and communication skills to become useful citizens to the society in general.

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I take this opportunity to wish that your stay at University of Peradeniya during your undergraduate programme would be an enjoyable, memorable and rewarding experience that provides you with the necessary courage to face the challenges in the future.

**Professor Upul B. Dissanayake**

**Vice-Chancellor**

**University of Peradeniya**

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



It is with great pleasure that I welcome all the students who are entering the Faculty of Dental Sciences for the 2015/2016 academic year. I am most certain that you all are now looking forward for a fruitful academic life during the next five years, before you step-in to the society as a highly-esteemed dental doctor. Further, this batch of dental students is special and very fortunate, as the Faculty starts its 5-year dental curriculum this year.

This will be considered as a major landmark of dental education in Sri Lanka.

I consider that you as the most privileged and unique among the present-day A/L students for having selected to the largest and the most beautiful university in the country. It becomes even more unique, as yours is the only Faculty for the entire country which offers a course in Dental Sciences. After successful completion of a major milestone, 'A/L' - arguably the most competitive examination for any student in Sri Lanka, I understand how happy and proud you all are now as university students. I am hopeful that you will enjoy your university life in every aspect, and wish that the five years ahead of you would undoubtedly be the best in your life.

You will soon begin to realize that the University of Peradeniya is a complete university with a wide range of facilities including those in sports and recreational. As the Dean of your Faculty I expect every one of you to be involved in some kind of extracurricular activity in addition to your academic activities. However, it remains your responsibility to use the facilities available in the university to become a well-adjusted individual who would be caring towards other human beings. At the same time, it may also be the high time for you to adjust with teaching and learning methods distinctive to the Faculty and the higher education system, which you may realize as different to the way you studied for your A/L examination. I sincerely hope

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that you will begin the university life with these determinations and your motivation to flourish as a high-quality professional.

As a Faculty, our ambition is to produce dental surgeons who can look after both physical and mental wellbeing of patients when they graduate. A dental student is the only student in the university system that gets the opportunity of treating another human being while being a student. In order to facilitate your training, the Faculty has very good facilities especially in comparison with most Dental Faculties in the region. Moreover, I am happy and proud that our Faculty is blessed with highly-qualified staff to teach and guide you to achieve the set-targets.

Finally I wish all the very best for our new entrants who start their university life today and also wish your stay at the Faculty of Dental Sciences to be a memorable one!

**Professor W.M. Tilakaratne**

**Dean**

**Faculty of Dental Sciences**

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### **1. UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA – AN OVERVIEW**

University of Peradeniya (UoP) is the largest University in Sri Lanka in terms of student intake, infrastructure facilities, trained academic staff, number of faculties and institutes etc. At present, UoP has nine faculties, namely the Faculties of Agriculture, Allied Health Sciences, Arts, Dental Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, Science, Management Studies and Veterinary Medicine & Animal Sciences, with 77 departments covering a wide range of study areas. The academic programmes of these nine faculties are strengthened by the well resourced main library, faculty libraries, and the IT centre which cater to the whole university.

The vision of the UoP is to 'be a centre of excellence in higher education with national and international standing'. Its mission is 'to contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society with social sensitivity, ethical rectitude and economic prosperity through education, research and dissemination of knowledge and active participation in national policy formulation and development in an efficiently-managed, intellectually stimulating harmonious university environment. By offering 19 degree programmes with its well qualified and well experienced academic and support staff, UoP has been successful in accomplishing its mission. There are 117 senior professors and professors, 12 associate professors, 417 senior lecturers and 227 lecturers in different fields.

The academic life of students entering the university is further enriched by the well developed recreational facilities provided free of charge. Further, UoP is the largest residential university in Sri Lanka and students entering the UoP enjoy the privilege of in-campus accommodation. However, maintaining standards of the academic programmes have become a great challenge to all state universities with the increase in student intake and limited financial allocations. Therefore, the UoP and individual faculties strive hard to obtain additional funds from external agencies to maintain the standards.

## **2. FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

Dental Education in Sri Lanka commenced with the establishment of the 'Dental School' in 1944, which was then affiliated to the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ceylon in Colombo. The pre-clinical and para-clinical studies were conducted in the Faculty of Medicine and the clinical studies were carried out by the two Departments in the Dental School; Department of Dental Surgery and Department of Prosthetic Dentistry. The annual intake of students in 1950 was 10 in number.

The Dental School was shifted to Augusta Hill, Peradeniya in 1953. However, the pre-clinical and para-clinical studies continued to be held in Colombo. Dr. S.B. Dissanayake was appointed as the Chairman of the Dental School. In 1967, it formally came under the Faculty of Medicine, UoP with its first Dean late Prof. Senaka Bibile. Revision of departmental structures in 1969 created seven divisions of study under the Head of the Dental School and it was considered as one Department in the Medical Faculty. At the Peradeniya Campus, the Medical, Dental and Veterinary Schools were amalgamated to form one common Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences in 1973. By this time the intake of dental students had risen to 50 per year.

A scheme of departmentalization of the Dental School was implemented in 1981, creating five Departments of study. Finally in 1986, the Dental School became an independent faculty – The Faculty of Dental Sciences, with its first Dean Prof. K. Bambaradeniya.

With Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) Grant Aid in 1998, the Faculty of Dental Sciences was able to build a new teaching dental hospital with modern equipment in its current location. The faculty now has state of the art modern facilities for training of dental graduates which include clinics and laboratories for advanced dental treatment, wards, operating theatre and an intensive care unit.

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Currently, the faculty consists of seven Departments; Basic Sciences, Community Dental Health, Restorative Dentistry, Oral Medicine and Periodontology, Oral Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthetic Dentistry. Within these Departments, there are 17 Divisions of study; General Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Oral Medicine, Periodontology, Pharmacology, General Surgery, Anesthesiology, General Pathology, Microbiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Pathology, Radiology, Paedodontics, Orthodontics and Community Dentistry.

### **3. VISION AND MISSION OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

#### **VISION**

**The vision of the Faculty of Dental Sciences in University of Peradeniya is to be a Centre of Excellence in Dental Education, Research, Scholarship and Oral Health Care.**

#### **MISSION**

**The mission of the Faculty of Dental Sciences is to promote oral health in Sri Lanka. It hopes to do so by being a Centre of high standards of quality in the provision of dental undergraduate and postgraduate training, research in basic and applied sciences in Dentistry and training of Dental Auxiliary Personnel.**

#### **4. FACILITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

##### ***4.1 Library facilities***

Books, Periodicals and Journals are available for the dental students at;

- Dental Library at the Faculty of Dental Sciences
- Library at the Faculty of Medicine
- Main Library at the Senate Building

##### ***4.2 Health Centre***

The University Health Centre (next to Sangamitta Hall of Residence) of the Campus is situated about 2 km away from the Faculty of Dental Sciences. University Medical Officers are in attendance at this centre and provide both indoor and outdoor medical care. On registration as an internal student of the University, students are required to undergo a medical examination at the Health Centre. Health Centre will be open from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm during the day and for emergencies at any time. The students are permitted to contact Dr. P.M.A. Samarakkody the Chief Medical Officer at 081-2388152 (office).

##### ***4.3 Computer facilities***

Computer and internet facilities are provided for students in the Department of Community Dental Health and in the Computer Aided Learning Unit (CAL Unit) of the Faculty of Dental Sciences. Students are encouraged to use them in order to enhance learning.

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### ***4.4 Hostel facilities***

The University provides residential facilities for the new entrants at the commencement of the English course on the basis of the distance to the University. The second year female students and the third year male and female students will be provided with hostel facilities if and when vacancies arise.

### ***4.5 Canteen***

A well equipped canteen is available for students at the Faculty of Dental Sciences next to the students' common room. Meals are provided for students at subsidized rates.

### ***4.6 Recreation***

Sports facilities for soccer, cricket, rugby, athletics etc., are available including a swimming pool and playgrounds with a cinder track for students to participate in outdoor sports.

A well equipped gymnasium is also available in the University where students could participate in indoor games such as table tennis, badminton, basket ball etc.

The Director, Physical Education would provide further details about sports activities and facilities. Physical Education Unit is located adjacent to the gymnasium.

### ***4.7 Music and Drama***

Students' participation in cultural and social activities is sponsored by the Music & Drama Societies as well as Arts Council of the University. An open air theatre is also made available for students.

**5. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

Each new student who joins the Faculty of Dental Sciences would come under the care of a mentor in the staff, to whom the student could request for any assistance. Students are required to find out the relevant mentor from the list displayed in the faculty premises.

“Ragging” is totally banned and is illegal in the University. If a student is harassed by any student the incident should be brought to the notice of the Dean or Deputy Proctor or Student Counsellors or any other academic staff member in the Faculty. New students do not have to obey the senior students or do anything against their wish. Please be informed that ragging is a punishable offence under the penal code and may result in imprisonment.

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### **7. ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

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Director

### **Dental Auxiliary Training School (DATS)**

Prof. K.M. Wijerathne

Director

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### **8. OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA**

<b>Vice Chancellor</b>	<b>Professor Upul B. Dissanayake</b>
<b>Deputy Vice Chancellor</b>	<b>Professor R.L. Wijeyeweera</b>
<b>Acting Registrar</b>	<b>Mr. U.D. Dodanwela</b>
<b>University Proctor</b>	<b>Professor A. Dangolla</b>

### **9. GENERAL RULES FOR STUDENTS**

Students must obtain their identity cards on admission to the University from the Registration Branch, which is housed in the Senate Building. This identity card should be carried by the student at all times and produced when required.

All students must obtain their appointment books from the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences once admitted to the Faculty. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that attendance at classes, clinical work etc., is entered in the book at the end of each term or clinical appointment. The appointment book should be signed by the appropriate authority certifying attendance. The appointment book must be looked after with utmost care, since it has to be produced at the time of registration for examinations.

Students must attend lectures, practical/clinical sessions regularly. Eighty percent (80%) attendance is compulsory for practical/clinical sessions and for the 'Intensive English Course'.

Students should attend classes on time. Those who come late will not be allowed in and marked absent. Students should not absent themselves without permission. Students who require such permission should apply in writing to the Dean in advance in concurrence with the relevant Head of the Department.

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If absenteeism is due to unforeseen circumstances, it should be informed to the Dean in writing. Please refer to examination by-laws for further information.

In case of absence due to an illness extending for more than three days, a medical certificate issued by the University Medical Officer should be submitted to the Dean.

Students should maintain proper standards of conduct and behavior within the Faculty and outside. A student guilty of misdemeanor, ragging etc., is liable to be suspended for a varying period of time, depending on the degree of offence or be expelled from the University.

Fees where necessary, should be paid on time. The working days of the week in the Faculty are from Monday to Friday, and the Administrative Office and Departments are open from 8.00 am to 12.00 noon and 1.00 pm to 4.15 pm on these days.

### **Dress Code:**

**It is utmost important to wear an appropriate attire as a professional student, since you will be serving the public throughout your student career. Therefore, the Faculty insists that the students be in proper attire as specified by the Faculty, while following the classes and attending the clinics.**

## **10.0 Curriculum of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Programme, Faculty of Dental Sciences**

### 10.1 The Overall Aim of the BDS Programme

The aim of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme of the Faculty of Dental Sciences, is to equip its graduates with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to make a significant contribution to the promotion, restoration, preservation and maintenance of acceptable oral health and function, as an integral part of overall health in individuals as well as the community as a whole.

The knowledge, skills and attitudes required comprise of the following broad competencies.

1. Promote oral health, and prevent oral diseases,
2. Diagnose all common oral and maxillofacial diseases / disorders, including oro-facial manifestations of systemic diseases / conditions,
3. Effectively treat and manage all common oral and dental diseases/conditions, including those in medically-compromised patients,
4. Identify the conditions that are beyond the scope of a General Dental Practitioner, and refer patients for necessary management of the conditions
5. Screen all patients for signs of oral cancers and potentially malignant disorders and other potentially deleterious conditions, and direct them for appropriate management,
6. Deal effectively with medical emergencies that may arise in the dental clinic,
7. Inculcate appropriate attitudes that would motivate the graduates to develop empathy, to be compassionate and caring towards the patients under their care, and adhere to acceptable standards of professional conduct, ethics and radiation safety.
8. Work effectively and harmoniously as a member or leader of a health care team.

### 10.2 Description of the Study Program

- All courses are delivered in 10 semesters (5- academic years)
  - All courses in the curriculum are compulsory. There are no optional courses.
  - The equivalent duration of different teaching/ learning activities for **one (01) credit** is computed as follows.
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- i. 15 hours of lectures
- ii. 30 hours of *In-class assignments* (as no new content is introduced in *In-class assignments*, and a greater degree of independent learning and group work take place)
- iii. 30 hours of practical work
- iv. 45 hours of clinical work (Students treat patients under supervision)
- v. 100 hours of independent work
- vi. 15 hours of discussions / clinical demonstrations
- vii. 60 hours of clinical observation (where students actively do not treat patients)

### 10.3 Grading Student Performances on Completion of the Degree Programme

Assessment of each course will be done based on the guidelines proposed under respective course. A minimum of grade C or above should be achieved to pass each course. The grading and award of classes will be reported according to the University Grants Commission circular number 901 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

#### a) Grades and Grade Point Values

<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>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>

#### (b) Cut-off levels of GPA for Awarding Classes/Passes

<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>

### 10.4 Notation of Courses

The following are two examples denoting course notations.

Example 1: DS1101 = (Dental Sciences, Year 1, Semester 1, Course 1)

Example 2: DS5204 = (Dental Sciences, Year 5, Semester 2, Course 4)

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### 10.5. Structure of the BDS Program

#### The List of Courses in each semester

Semester	Course Code	Course Name	Credits
Sem1	DS1101	Blood and Circulation	4
	DS1102	Cell, Tissues and Molecular Genetics	4
	DS1103	Reproduction and Early Development	2
	DS1104	Respiratory System	2
	DS1105	Thorax and Abdomen	2
	DS1106	Introduction to Dentistry	1 n/c**
	DS1107	English 1	1 n/c**
Sem2	DS1201	Alimentation and Nutrition	2
	DS1202	Endocrinology, Metabolism & Excretion	3
	DS1203	Head and Neck	3
	DS1204	Nervous System	4
	DS1205	Teeth and Supporting Structures	3
	DS1206	English 2	1 n/c**
Sem3	DS2101	Oral Biology	4
	DS2102	Tooth Morphology and Occlusion	3
	DS2103	Human Diseases -1	3
	DS2104	Human Diseases -2	3
	DS2105	Introduction to Clinical Environment	3
Sem4	DS2201	Human Diseases-3	3
	DS2202	Human Diseases-4	3
	DS2203	Human Diseases-5	4
	DS2204	Introduction to Clinical Dentistry and Dental Biomaterials	4
Sem5	DS3101	Human Diseases 6	4
	DS3102	Operative Dental Procedures	4
	DS3103	Dental Public Health 1	2
	DS3104	Introduction to Adult Oral Health	2
	DS3105	Clinical and Diagnostic Oral Sciences 1	2
	DS3106	Child and Adolescent Oral Health Care 1	2
Sem6	DS3201	Dental Public Health 2	2
	DS3202	Management of Adult Dental Diseases	6
	DS3203	Clinical and Diagnostic Oral Sciences 2	4
	DS3204	Child and Adolescent Oral Health Care 2	4
Sem7	DS4101	Adult Oral Health Care 1	6
	DS4102	Clinical and Diagnostic Oral Sciences 3	6
	DS4103	Child and Adolescent Oral Health Care 3	4
	DS4104	Basic Statistics and Research Methodology	2

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Sem8	DS4201	Adult Oral Health Care 2	6
	DS4202	Clinical and Diagnostic Oral Sciences 4	6
	DS4203	Child and Adolescent Oral Health Care 4	4
Sem9	DS5101	Adult Oral Health Care 3	4
	DS5102	Comprehensive Oral Care 1	6
	DS5103	Advanced Treatment Clinic 1	3
	DS5104	Research Project	4
Sem10	DS5201	Adult Oral Health Care 4	6
	DS5202	Comprehensive Oral Care 2	6
	DS5203	Advanced Treatment Clinic 2	2
	DS5204	Maxillo-Facial Surgical Care	4

*n/c\*= non-credit courses*

## **11. THE ENGLISH PROGRAMME AND ORIENTATION FOR NEW ENTRANTS**

The English Programme conducted by the English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) of the Faculty of Dental Sciences is designed with special emphasis to enable the students to master and use English language skills effectively during the academic programme as well as during their career as dental surgeons. In addition, the four general English language skills will be reinforced to facilitate the students to get qualified in the University Test of English Language (UTEL) – a locally designed and internationally moderated (University of Reading, UK) test similar to IELTS, conducted by the University Grants Commission.

An Intensive English Programme along with the Orientation Programme will be conducted prior to the commencement of the academic programme. Students will continue to learn English through English courses conducted during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters of the academic programme.

Eighty percent (80%) attendance at English classes is compulsory in order to sit for the tests conducted by the Faculty at the end of the Intensive English Programme.

**The degree certificate will be issued only if the required pass mark is obtained at the English Language Tests conducted by the Faculty.**

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**12. REGULATIONS RELATING TO EXAMINATION PROCEDURE, OFFENCES & PUNISHMENTS FOR EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THE SEMESTER-BASED COURSE UNIT SYSTEM**

*Regulations made by the Senate of the University of Peradeniya and approved by the Council 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.*

Examination of a course/course unit may consist of several assessment components (quizzes, within semester and end-semester examinations, term papers, assignments, etc.)

**12.1 Regulations**

These regulations may be cited as the Examination Procedure, Offences & Punishment Regulation NO.1 of 2008.

**12.1.1 Part I- Examination Procedure**

1. A Candidate is expected to be outside the examination hall at least 15 minutes before the commencement of each paper, but shall not enter the hall until he/she is requested to do so by the supervisor.
2. On admission to the hall a candidate shall occupy the seat allotted to him/her and shall not change it except on the specific instruction of the supervisor.
3. For examinations which have duration of one or more hours, a candidate shall not be admitted to the examination hall after the expiry of half an hour from the commencement of the examination. A candidate shall not be allowed to leave the hall until half an hour has elapsed from the commencement of the examination or during the last 15 minutes of the paper.

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4. However, under exceptional circumstances or in cases where the duration of the examination is less than one hour, the supervisor in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty concerned may use his discretion in the enforcement of Rule 3.

\*Regulations relating to examination procedure, offences and punishments for examinations conducted under the old system, please refer section 31 of the University Calendar 2007/08.

5. A candidate shall have his/her student record book/student identity card/admission card with him/her in the examination hall on every occasion he/she presents himself/herself for a paper. His/her candidature is liable to be cancelled if he/she does not produce the student record book/student identity card/admission card when requested to do so. If he/she fails to bring his/her student record book/student identity card /admission card, he/she shall sign a declaration in respect of the paper for which he/ she had not produced the student record book/student identity card/admission card in the form provided for it, and produce the student record book/student identity card/admission card to the Registrar or the relevant Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar within the next three working days. If a candidate loses his/her student record book/student identity card/admission card during the examination period, he/she shall obtain a duplicate of student record book/student identity card/admission card as the case may be from the Registrar or relevant Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar for production at the examination hall.
  6. A candidate shall not have on his/her person or in his/her clothes or on the admission card, time-table, student record book/student identity card, any notes, signs or formulae, etc., except those items that are permitted. All unauthorized items which a candidate has brought with him/her should be kept at a place indicated by the supervisor/invigilator.
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7. A candidate may be required by the supervisor to declare any item in his/her possession or person.
8. No candidate shall copy or attempt to copy from any book or paper or notes or similar material or from the scripts of another candidate. A candidate shall neither help another candidate nor obtain help from another candidate or any other person. A candidate shall not conduct himself/herself so negligently that an opportunity is given to any other candidate to read anything written by him/her or to watch any practical examination performed by him/her. No candidate shall use any other unfair means or obtain or render improper assistance at the examination.
9. If any candidate was found to have copied from another candidate by an examiner at the time of marking, he/she would be treated as having committed a punishable offence.
10. No candidate shall submit a practical book or field book or dissertation/thesis or project study or answer script or assignment which has been prepared wholly or partly by anyone other than the candidate himself/herself. This section, however, does not apply to group projects of students.
11. A candidate shall bring his/her own pens, ink, mathematical instruments, erasers, pencils or any other approved equipment or stationery which he/she has been instructed to bring. The use of a calculator will be permitted only for papers that contain a rubric to that effect.
12. Examination stationery (I e. writing paper, graph paper, drawing paper, ledger paper, précis paper, etc.) will be supplied at the examination hall as and when necessary. No sheet of paper or answer book supplied to a candidate may be torn, crumbled, folded or otherwise mutilated. No papers other than those supplied to him/her by the supervisor/invigilator shall be used by candidates. All material supplied, whether used

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or unused, shall be left behind on the desk and not removed from the examination hall.

13. Every candidate shall enter his/her Index Number/Registration Number on each answer book and on every continuation paper. He/She shall also enter all necessary particulars as required. A candidate who inserts on script an Index Number/Registration Number other than his/her own is liable to be considered as having attempted to cheat.

A script that bears no Index Number/Registration Number, or has an Index Number/Registration Number which cannot be identified, is liable to be rejected. No candidate shall write his/her name or any other identifying mark on the answer script unless otherwise authorized.

14. All calculations and rough work shall be done only on paper supplied for the examination, and shall be cancelled and attached to the answer script. Such work should not be done on any other material. Any candidate who disregards these instructions runs the risk of being considered as having written notes or outline of answers with the intention of copying.
  15. Any answer or part of an answer, which is not to be considered for the purpose of assessment, shall be neatly crossed out. If the same question has been attempted in more than one place the answer or answers that are not to be considered shall be neatly crossed out.
  16. Candidates are under the authority of the supervisor and shall assist him/her by carrying out his/her instructions and those of the Invigilator during the examination and immediately before and after it.
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17. Every candidate shall conduct himself/herself in the examination hall and its precincts as not to cause disturbance or inconvenience to the supervisor or his staff or to other candidates. In entering and leaving the hall, he/she shall conduct himself/herself as quietly as possible. A candidate is liable to be excluded from the examination hall for disorderly conduct.
18. Candidates shall stop work promptly when ordered by the Supervisor/ invigilator to do so.
19. Absolute silence shall be maintained in the examination hall and its precincts. A candidate is not permitted for any reason whatsoever to communicate or to have any dealings with any person other than the Supervisor/invigilator. The attention of the Supervisor/invigilator shall be drawn by the candidate by raising his/her hand from where he/she is seated.
20. During the course of answering a question paper no candidate shall be permitted to leave the examination hall temporarily. In case of an emergency, the Supervisor/invigilator may grant him/her permission to do so but the candidate will be under his/her surveillance.
21. No person shall impersonate a candidate at the examination, nor shall any candidate allow himself/herself to be impersonated by another person.
22. Any candidate receiving unauthorized assistance from any person shall be deemed to have committed an examination offence.
23. If circumstances arise which in the opinion of the supervisor render the cancellation or postponement of the examination necessary, he/she shall stop the examination,

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collect the scripts already written and then report the matter as soon as possible to the Dean of the relevant Faculty.

24. The Supervisor/invigilator is empowered to require any candidate to make a statement in writing on any matter which may have arisen during the course of the examination and such statement shall be signed by the candidate. No candidate shall refuse to make such a statement or to sign it. If such a candidate refuses to make such a statement or refuses to sign it, the Supervisor/invigilator shall make his own statement and report the matter to the Dean of the relevant Faculty,
  25. No candidate shall contact any person other than the Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Head of the Department, the Registrar or the Relevant Senior Assistant Registrar regarding any matter concerning the examination. ,
  26. Every candidate shall hand over the answer script personally to the Supervisor/invigilator or remain in his/her seat until it is collected. On no account shall a candidate hand over his/her answer script to an attendant, a minor employee, or another candidate.
  27. Every candidate who registers for a course/course unit shall be deemed to have sat the examination of that course/course unit unless he/she withdraws from the course/course unit within the prescribed period for dropping courses/course units. He/She should submit a medical certificate in support of his/her absence, prior to the commencement of the examination. If such a document cannot be submitted before the commencement of the examination, a candidate shall inform of his/her inability to attend the examination to the Dean of the Faculty within a week after the commencement of the examination. The medical certificate shall conform to the Senate Regulations. (See Appendix I.)
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28. When a candidate is unable to be present for any part/section of an examination of a course/course unit, he/she shall notify or cause to be notified this fact to the Dean of the Faculty and relevant Senior Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrar immediately. This should be confirmed in writing with supporting documents by registered post within two weeks.
  
29. A student will be eligible for honours if all requirements for the award of honours are met within the prescribed period for the degree. However, candidates found guilty of an examination offence shall not be eligible for honours.
  
30. No student shall sit an examination of a course/course unit, if he/she has exhausted the number of attempts that he/she is allowed to sit that particular examination, unless he/she has been granted special permission to do so by the Dean of the relevant Faculty.

### **12.1.2 Part II- Examination Offences and Punishments**

#### **1. Offences**

- 1.1 Any candidate who violates Examination Rule 6 shall be deemed guilty of the offence of possession of unauthorized documents/items and his/her candidature for the examinations of that semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university for a period varying from 1 - 5 semesters.
  
- 1.2 Any candidate who violates Examination Rule 8 or 9 shall be deemed guilty of the offence of copying and therefore his/her candidature shall be cancelled from the examinations of that semester and he/she, shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university for a period of five semesters.
  
- 1.3 Any candidate who violates Examination Rule 10 shall be deemed guilty of the offence of having cheated at the examination and his/her candidature for the examinations of that

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semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university for period varying from 1- 9 semesters.

1.4 Any candidate who is detected removing examination stationery and other material provided for the examination (Rule 12) shall be deemed guilty of an examination offence and his/her candidature for the examinations of that semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be liable to be prohibited from sitting any examination of the university for a period of three semesters.

1.5 Any candidate who violates anyone or more of the rules in 7,16,17,18,19 and 20 shall be deemed guilty of the offence of disorderly conduct and his/her candidature shall be cancelled from the examinations of that semester and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university for a period of three semesters.

1.6 Any candidate who violates Examination Rule 21 shall be guilty of the offence of impersonation and his/her candidature for the examinations of that semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university.

Impersonator/s may also be liable to any punishment under the Penal Code/Criminal Law. In the event the impersonator is found to be a graduate of this university, his/her degree shall be withdrawn.

1.7 Any candidate who violates Examination Rule 22 shall be guilty of an examination offence and his/her candidature for the examinations of that semester shall be cancelled and he/she shall be prohibited from sitting any examination of this university for a period of 1- 5 semesters.

1.8 Any candidate found aiding and abetting in the commission of any of the above examination offences shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be punished in respect of the offence in accordance with the provisions of the relevant section.

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1.9 Any other offence which is not covered in the above sections alleged to have been committed by a candidate and reported to the relevant authority by a supervisor or examiner shall be inquired into and appropriate action taken.

**12.1.3 Part III - Procedure Regarding Examination Offences Committed by candidates**

1. There shall be an Examination Disciplinary Committee of not less than 3 members of whom at least one member is from outside the Faculty, appointed for each case by the Dean of the relevant Faculty to inquire into and make recommendations (including punishments) on examination offences referred to it. Member(s) outside the Faculty shall be selected from a panel of members appointed for this purpose by the Vice-Chancellor.

**2. Classification of Offences**

Examination offences may be broadly classified as follows:

- 2.1 Possession of unauthorized documents/items
- 2.2 Copying
- 2.3 Cheating
- 2.4 Removal of stationery
- 2.5 Disorderly conduct
- 2.6 Impersonation
- 2.7 Unauthorized assistance
- 2.8 Aiding and abetting in the commission of above offences
- 2.9 Other offences.

**3. Punishments**

(As specified in Part 11-1.1-1.9)

**4. Procedure**

**4.1** In all cases of violation of examination rules detected, the supervisor shall take action as outlined below and forward his/her report to the relevant Dean/Senior Assistant Registrar Assistant Registrar

**4.2** In cases of disorderly conduct the supervisor shall in the first instance warn the candidate to be of good behaviour. Disorderly conduct shall be considered grave, only if

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such conduct in the opinion of the supervisor is considered as causing a disturbance in the conduct of the examination. Where the candidate persists in unruly or disorderly conduct, the supervisor may exclude the candidate from the examination hall and issue him a letter with a copy to the relevant Dean/Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar, cancelling his/her candidature from the examination.

**4.3** In all cases of examination offences detected, the supervisor shall send a report to the relevant Dean along with any material taken into custody. Material taken into custody should be authenticated by placing the signatures of the candidate and the Supervisor/Invigilator and the date, time and place of detection. A supervisor should give particulars of any incriminating material of which he/she cannot take possession. The Supervisor's report should be countersigned by one of the Invigilators.

**4.4** The Dean after preliminary inquiry shall place all reports of examination offences submitted by supervisors for action of the relevant Examination Disciplinary Committee for further action.

**4.5** Supervisor, Examiner, Head of Department or any other official of the University who detects an examination offence shall report the matter in writing to the relevant Dean, who shall after preliminary inquiry submit his findings to the relevant Examination Disciplinary Committee for further action.

**4.6** Any allegations regarding the commission of examination offences from whosoever received shall be submitted by the Dean after preliminary inquiry to the relevant Examination Disciplinary Committee for further action.

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### **5. The Decision**

**5.1** The punishment recommended by the Examination Disciplinary Committee shall be submitted to the relevant Faculty Board for a decision and the decision shall be reported to the Senate for ratification.

Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar of the relevant Faculty shall be the convener/Secretary of the inquiring committee on examination offences.

### **6. Appeals Board**

**6.1** There shall be an Appeals Board, consisting of three members, appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to consider appeals regarding the decision referred to in 5.1 above. Any student on whom a punishment has been imposed may, within a period of two weeks from the date of communication to him/her of such punishment, appeal against such punishment to the Vice-Chancellor.

**6.2** The Appeals Committee shall have the power to review the decision referred to in 5.1 regarding the punishment imposed and may either affirm, vary as deemed necessary or set aside the decision regarding the punishment.

### **7. Postgraduate Institutes**

**7.1** In the case of Postgraduate Institutes, the functions of the Dean and the Faculty Board with regard to these regulations shall be performed respectively by the Director and the Coordinating Committee of the relevant Institute.

#### **31.1.4 Appendix I - Procedure Approved by the University of Peradeniya for the Acceptance of Medical Certificates Submitted by Students for Work and Examinations**

**1.** Students are requested to support the absence from course work or examination due to illness by a valid medical certificate conforming to the format of a medical certificate

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issued by a government hospital. Such medical certificate should be obtained from the following persons:

- University Medical Officer (UMO)
- District Medical Officer
- Consultant Specialist in the particular field
- Head of a Government Base Hospital
- Medical Superintendent of a Provincial Ayurvedic Government Hospital
- Ayurvedic Physician registered in the Council

Under exceptional circumstances, medical certificates issued by private hospitals or registered private practitioners could be considered by the University Medical Board.

**2.** Students who fall ill during sessions or examination time should contact the University Medical Officer at the University Health Centre immediately.

If a student falls sick at home or elsewhere during sessions or examination time he/she or his/her guardian should inform the Dean of the respective Faculty within seven (7) days by telegram/fax/e-mail followed by a letter indicating the nature of the illness and the name of the attending doctor, etc. A medical certificate supporting the illness of the student also should be sent to the Dean.

Under exceptional circumstances if a student was not able to meet the deadline mentioned above, he/she could send his/her appeal to the relevant Faculty Board.

The Dean on receipt of such medical certificate/s should follow the following procedure:

- i In case of Western Medical Certificates submitted by students to cover absence from course work or examination:
  - a. The medical certificate should be referred to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the University for his/her Observations and recommendations.

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- b. The CMO in turn examines the certificate and if he/she wishes could summon the student for examination and thereafter send his/her observations and recommendations to the Dean.
- c. In cases where the CMO wishes to convene the Western Medical Board he/she may make arrangements to convene the Western Medical Board and refer the recommendations of the Board to the Dean.
- d. The Dean on receipt of such recommendations for~ the CMO or Western Medical Board should send it to the Faculty Board for ratification.

ii In the case of Ayurvedic Medical Certificates submitted by students to cover absence from course work or examinations, the following procedure should be followed:

- a. Ayurvedic medical certificates submitted by student in respect of absence from examinations or course work should be circulated among the members of the Ayurvedic Medical Board for their observations by the Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar in charge of student registration of each Faculty in consultation with the Deans of the respective Faculties.
  - b. Each member of the Ayurvedic Medical Board may send his/her observations and recommendations on the face of the medical certificate to the Dean 'of the respective Faculty through the Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar of the Faculty;
  - c. In cases where the opinions of the members of the Ayurvedic Medical Board vary, the Senior Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrar of the Faculty in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty may take steps to convene a meeting of the Ayurvedic Medical Board.
  - d. If the members of the Ayurvedic Medical Board think that the medical certificates should be examined at a meeting of the Board, the Dean of the Faculty should be informed accordingly.
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- e. If the members wish to examine the students concerned, they could be summoned before the Medical Board through the Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar of the Faculty.
- f. The recommendation of the Ayurvedic Medical Board should be sent to the Faculty Board through the Dean of the Faculty for ratification.
- g. The original copies of the Ayurvedic Medical Certificate submitted by students should be kept in the files of the students concerned and copies of such certificates should be sent to the Chief Medical Officer for purposes of record.

**3.** There shall be two Medical Boards in the University, viz., Western Medical Board and Ayurvedic Medical Board.

### **i. Western Medical Board**

#### ***Terms of Reference***

- a. The Western Medical Board shall consider cases where the Chief Medical Officer of the University has doubt about the validity of the grounds (including medical certificate) upon which the request of students to be excused for absence from course work of examinations.
- b. The Chief Medical Officer of the University shall convene the Western Medical Board if and when necessary.
- c. The Board has the right to call students before the Board when necessary for purposes of interview, examination and investigations.
- d. Recommendations of the Medical Board should be sent to the Faculty Board through the Dean of the respective Faculty.

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- e. The Western Medical Board should consist of the Heads of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry of the Faculty of Medicine or their nominees and the CMO of the University.

### **ii. Ayurvedic Medical Board**

#### **Composition**

The Ayurvedic Medical Board shall consist of three (3) persons appointed by the Senate of the University.

#### ***Terms of Reference***

- a. The Ayurvedic Medical Board shall consider Ayurvedic Medical Certificates submitted by students requesting exemption from examinations or course work and make recommendations to the Senate through the Deans of the respective Faculties.
- b. The Board shall meet at least once within a semester. The Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar in charge of student registration in consultation with the Dean of the respective Faculty shall convene meetings of the Ayurvedic Medical Board whenever necessary and co-ordinate the work between the Faculty and the Ayurvedic Medical Board.
- c. The Board has the right to call students before the Board when necessary for purposes of interviews, examination and investigations. Such requests should be sent to the students through the Senior Assistant Registrar/Assistant Registrar in charge of student registration of each Faculty.

#### **Guidelines for the Functioning of the Ayurvedic Medical Board**

- a. When accepting Ayurvedic Medical Certificates, caution is to be exercised by accepting from only those who are registered in the Ayurvedic Medical Council.
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- b. General or special registered Ayurvedic Medical Practitioners could recommend, on any one occasion, leave up to 14 days at a stretch. Those with more than the above amount should get an endorsement from the Medical Officer in charge of the closest Government Ayurvedic Hospital or Government Ayurvedic Dispensary.
  - c. The decision on leave stipulated in Medical Certificates from Ayurvedic Hospitals, Government Dispensaries or Local Government Ayurvedic Dispensaries rests with the Board.
  - d. This Board possesses the right to question the validity of any Ayurvedic Medical Certificate.
  - e. The Board possesses the right to summon before them any student submitting an Ayurvedic Medical Certificate, if necessary.
4. When students request exemption from examinations or course work upon the basis of illness, the ultimate decision on the question of exemption, repetition of course and of eligibility for honours, shall be the functions of the relevant Faculty Board upon the recommendation of the Medical Board or the Chief Medical Officer.

**13. EXAMINATION BY- LAWS OF FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

**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 creditvalue is computed as follows.
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**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 there under,
  - 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.

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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.

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

A valid excuse shall be:

#### 8.4.1 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 tele-mail/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

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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.

### **8.4.2. 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 tele-mail/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

### **8.4.3. 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.**

### **8.4.4. A student affected by a serious natural disaster where evidence is available about such a disaster.**

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9. If a student is unable to sit the first available examination he/she should sit the very next available examination.
10. 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 8.4 has not been provided, the next attempt following the completion of the requirements shall be considered as his/her second attempt.
11. 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.
- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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>

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14. A grade higher than C shall not be awarded at the second or subsequent attempts.
15. 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

16. 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>

17. 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).
18. 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).

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19. 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.

### **14. FEES**

Fees payable by students will be in accordance with the decisions made by the university authorities and are subject to revision from time to time.

Fees payable by Dental Students are as follows:

Registration fees / Library fees (annual renewal fee) Rs. 500.00

Examination fee for students repeating examination:

Whole Semester Examination: Rs. 180.00

Single course: Rs. 60.00

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## **15. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DENTAL STUDENTS**

A dental student is a unique undergraduate in the entire university system for the reason that they treat patients whilst being an undergraduate. Therefore a dental student would need to be well prepared to be committed towards their training and be ready to take due responsibilities towards the society and general public prior to the beginning of their professional career as a dental surgeon. The investments made by the 'tax-payer' of this country on your entire education cannot be forgotten or underestimated for your entire life. More over the patients that you will receive training on, further help you learn on them by consenting to be treated by an apprentice. Therefore, a dental student is very much obligated to serve back to the society as they take up to dental practice. A dental student should also constantly recall that you become the 'most expensive graduate' among other graduates produced in Sri Lankan universities; since the highest amount of public money is being spent on the training of a dental undergraduate. The following aspects are of paramount importance during your training as an undergraduate.

**i).Attitude:** A Dental Student should not only focus on knowledge and skills related to the practice of Dentistry, but are expected to cultivate positive attitudes suited for a dental professional.

**ii). Relationship with teachers, other students, health care team members and patients:** The interaction and communication with your teachers, other students and staff will be of paramount importance during your early student days. As you move up to your clinical part in training, it will be essential that you develop honest and considerate relationships with patients, and other members in the health care team for the common target of delivery of health care to the society while appreciating the opportunity for skills-training carried out on patients. As equal to all health care professionals, you would need to extend unreserved respect and care for patients regardless of their social status, attitudes or racial/religious/cultural differences.

**iii). Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** CPD is an essential element in the growth and maturity of your professional career. It also is an ethical obligation for all health care professionals.

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Although you start the professional career as a dental student, later as a dental practitioner you will need to embark on life-long learning and academic updating as you take up to clinical practice.

**iv). Responsibilities towards the society:** As stipulated in the Sri Lanka Medical Council, an ethical behavior is mandatory for a doctor or a dental surgeon. Therefore the students are expected to be well-informed of ethical behavior by referring to the details provided therein. When conducting research, they should always be in accordance with the ethical guidelines laid down in the Faculty of Dental Sciences or the relevant institutions where the research is to be conducted. At the same time, you as a responsible adult in the society should share the responsibility to report on unethical or unlawful events in a professional manner.

**v). Rules and Regulations applicable to the University and the Society:**

A dental student or a dental surgeon is no exception in terms of general rules and the law applicable for the citizens in the country. Students are expected to go through the 'Rules of the Faculty' and 'Rules of the University' on the web sites.

**vi). Attire and Self-Care:** All students are expected to abide by the Faculty Dress Code. A dental student should dress appropriately to fulfill the high expectations of the society. The dress you wear should give you confidence and a professional appearance. Therefore, follow the basic rules of being simple and modest while maintaining personal hygiene to the highest level. Please note shorts, short/tight-fitting garments, denims, T-shirts, slippers & running shoes are not allowed in the Faculty. All clinical students must abide by the standard clinical attire prescribed by the Faculty.

**vii). Alcohol and smoking:** Alcohol and smoking are prohibited in Health Care Institutions and the Faculty.

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**16. DENTAL STUDENTS' OATH**

*I hereby vouch that,*

- i). I will obey the rules and regulations of the Faculty, University and the Hospital where I will be gaining my training.
- ii). I take responsibility in learning, searching & re-searching for knowledge and skills required to be a dental surgeon.
- iii). I will make best of my efforts to develop favorable attitudes required to serve the society in the future.
- iv). I will sternly follow the expected ethical behavior laid down by the Sri Lanka Medical Council.
- v). I will extend unreserved respect and care for all patients regardless of their social status, attitudes and racial/religious/cultural differences.
- vi). I will never exploit relationships with my patients for any personal interests or my own advantages.
- vii). I will respect the principle of sharing information while maintaining professional secrecy, and limitations in divulging confidential information.

## **17. BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### ***Mahapola Scholarships***

Dental Students can apply for Mahapola Scholarships awarded by the Mahapola Scholarship Trust Fund. The Mahapola Trust Fund offers two categories of scholarships.

Mahapola Higher Education Merit Scholarships awarded on the basis of merit. The selection for the scholarship is based on the GCE Advanced Level Examination.

Mahapola Higher Education Scholarships are awarded to needy students with financial difficulties in the form of bursaries.

### ***University Bursaries***

Dental students who need financial assistance can apply for these bursaries of Rs. 10,000/- or Rs. 9,000/- per year. This will be granted in ten installments depending on the degree of financial need.

### ***University Grants Commission Bursaries for Needy Students***

Students can also apply to the UGC for these bursaries.

### ***Dental Faculty Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Dental Students Union***

This fund grants scholarships to students of the Faculty of Dental Sciences who are in financial difficulties.

The bursary consists of forty installments and is limited to ten installments per year.

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### ***Sri Lanka Medical Doctors' Association in the UK – Bursary***

The bursary is awarded by the Sri Lanka Doctors Association in the UK to a first year dental student purely on the basis of financial needs, depending on the parents' or guardians' income.

The bursary is of the value of £ 120.00 per year and is granted each year until the student completes the undergraduate dental education.

### ***Sri Lanka Doctors' Association***

Dental students who need financial assistance can apply for this scholarship.

### ***Dilanka Dias Bursary***

This bursary is endowed by the family of Dr. Lakshmen Dias to student/s who is/are facing serious financial difficulties from the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BDS course.

### ***Dr. Niel Gunawardhana Bursary***

This bursary is endowed by the family of late Dr. Niel Gunawardhana for the Final year (Part I) students who have serious financial difficulties.

# Organization Chart

