



## 1. Principles

Admission of a student to a taught programme of study is subject to the following:

- (i) That the student admitted is not under the age of seventeen, unless under guardianship.
- (ii) That the student either meets the general and specific admission requirements for the programme or is granted special permission by the Academic Council.
- (iii) The admission requirements specified in this Regulations will not necessarily apply to tailor made programmes mounted at the request of specific institutions/organizations.

## 2. Admission to Certificate and Diploma Programmes

2 (a) Candidates must have:

Either

- (i) A minimum of five (5) credits at School Certificate (S.C), or General Certificate of Education (G.C.E) 'O' Level or International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE), inclusive of a credit in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note iv below).

Or

- (ii) Five (5) 'O' level passes awarded by any other approved examination body deemed to be equivalent to (i) above, inclusive or a pass in English Language or acceptable evidence of proficiency in English Language (as per note iv below).

Or

- (iii) Qualification equivalent to (i) above.

**2 (b)** Qualifications awarded by other recognised institutions and approved by the Academic Council as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.

### Note:

- i A pass in General Paper of the Higher School Certificate will be acceptable in lieu of English Language at 'O' Level.
- ii A pass at subsidiary level and/or 'A' Level of the Higher School Certificate or equivalent will be acceptable in lieu of a pass at 'O' Level as per 2(a) above.
- iii Relevant subjects/combinations of related subjects included in any Certificate/Diploma from a Higher Education institution or any technical qualification, as may be approved by the Academic Council as being equivalent or comparable to an 'O' Level, may be accepted.
- iv Students not fulfilling the above English Language requirement must have either the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum test score of seven (7) for admission or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum test score of 550 for the paper-based test or a minimum test score of 79 for the internet-based test for admission.

### 3. Admission to First Degree Programmes

The entry requirement for admission to a first-degree programme should not be less than either of the following:

**3(a) (i) EITHER Pass in:**

Three subjects at A-level and 1 subject at subsidiary level at Higher School Certificate Examination;

**(ii) OR Pass in:**

Two subjects at A-level and 2 subjects at subsidiary level at the Higher School Certificate Examination;

**(iii) OR Pass in:**

Three subjects at A-level at the London General Certificate Examination.

3 (b) The following alternative qualifications are acceptable in lieu of above-mentioned qualifications:

**(i) The French Baccalaureate**

**(ii) The International Baccalaureate**

**(iii) Certificate of Secondary Education/Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE/ACSE)**

- Applicant with a pass at Certificate of Secondary Education followed by a pass in Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education.

**(iv) West African Senior School Certificate (WASSC)**

- Applicant with grade 6 or better in at least five (5) subjects including English Language.

**(v) South African National Senior Certificate (NSC)**

- Applicant holding a South African National Senior Certificate (NSC) with grade 4 or better in at least four (4) subjects.

**(vi) Senior School Certificate (SSC)**

- Applicant with a pass at Senior School Certificate.

**(vii) Qualifications awarded by other recognised institutions and approved by the Academic Council as satisfying the minimum requirements for admission.**

**3 (c) An applicant holding a Diploma or National Diploma pitched at Level 6 of the National Qualification Framework of the Mauritius Qualifications Authority and with no HSC/'A'-Level can be admitted to a first-degree programme at the University.**

**Note:**

- (i) The General Entry Requirements should be applied to all programmes in addition to Entry Requirements governed by Professional Bodies and Accreditation Bodies.
- (ii) The Programme Entry Requirements should be applied where the Schools deem it appropriate in addition to General Entry Requirements.
- (iii) The Head of School may require an applicant for admission to sit for a special entrance examination.

**4. Admission to Top Up Degree Programmes**

- (a)** Applicant holding a Diploma or National Diploma pitched at Level 5 of the National Qualification Framework of the Mauritius Qualifications Authority, is eligible for entry into a 2-year top up degree programme without exemption, unless otherwise specified in the programme document.
- (b)** Applicant holding a Diploma or National Diploma in the relevant field pitched at Level 6 of the National Qualification Framework of the Mauritius Qualifications Authority, is eligible for entry into a 1-year top up degree programme without exemption, unless otherwise specified in the programme document.

**5. Admission to Masters Programmes**

5 (a) The general minimum entry requirement for a Masters programme is:

**Either**

- (i) an Honours degree from a recognized University

**Or**

- (ii) an approved professional qualification recognised as being equivalent to an honour's degree by the Academic Council.

**Or**

- (iii) an Ordinary Degree or a non-honours degree from a recognized University with at least 3 years of work experience in the relevant field which demonstrate that a candidate possesses appropriate knowledge and skills at a standard acceptable by the Academic Council.

**Note:**

Specific requirements for admission to individual programmes leading to the award of a Masters degree are provided under programme requirements (see under Programme Entry Requirements for individual programmes).

## **6. Admission based on the APL/APEL Policy**

### **(a) Assessment of Prior Learning (APL)**

Applicants having alternative qualifications other than qualification requirements specified at paragraph 3 may be assessed for entry to programmes through the Assessment of Prior Learning (APL Scheme). The final decision will rest with the Academic Council.

### **(b) Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)**

**Mature\*** applicants having a strong background of work experience and prior certificated and/or uncertificated learning may be assessed for entry to programmes through the Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL Scheme). Responsibility rests with the applicants for making a claim to have acquired knowledge and skills assessed and for supporting the claim with appropriate evidence. The final decision will rest with the Academic Council.

#### **\*Mature applicant must:**

- i) Be at least 23 years old;
- ii) Show proof of age with birth certificate or National Identity Card (NIC)

## **7. Admission with Module Exemption**

Exemption is given where the Academic Council is satisfied that a student has suitable prior learning that allows him/her to achieve the aims and objectives of the programme.

- (i) Requests for Module Exemptions are considered by the Exemption Committee for Level 1 and 2 only on any Undergraduate programme, and have to be submitted within 10 working days of start of a programme. No module exemption shall be entertained at the final level of an Undergraduate Programme and at Master's level. Exemption shall not be granted on Project / Dissertation. Applicants granted exemptions on module(s) will have their overall percentage mark for each Level of study determined only from the number of modules in which they are examined.
- (ii) UTM students who have been withdrawn on failures and who are being re-admitted on UTM programmes will be eligible for module exemptions at the final level of an Undergraduate Programme and at Master's level including project/dissertation. Such students will have their overall percentage mark for each Level of study determined both from the modules in which they are examined and the modules and dissertation/project for which they have been exempted.

## **8. Admission to other Programmes**

Candidates for admission to any other programmes of study whether or not leading to an award shall be required to satisfy such conditions as may be prescribed by the Academic Council.