

7. Assessment Criteria

7.1 Assessment Procedure

Student performance at a course unit is generally assessed through assignments, reports, presentations, practical examinations, and end of course examinations. The method of assessment will be announced by the relevant Department at the commencement of a course unit.

7.2 Grading System

Marks obtained in respect of a course unit will be graded according to the following grading system. A grade point value as indicated below is assigned to each grade.

Marks	Grade	Grade Point Value
85-100	A+	4.00
70-84	A	4.00
65-69	A-	3.70
60-64	B+	3.30
55-59	B	3.00
50-54	B-	2.70
45-49	C+	2.30
40-44	C	2.00
35-39	C-	1.70
30-34	D+	1.30
25-29	D	1.00
00-24	E	0.00

Students should complete all course units that they are registered for and if they fail to complete a particular course unit, it will be indicated in the transcript as “absent” and a zero (0.0) grade point value will be assigned to it.

7.3 Repeating a Course Unit Examination

A student who does not obtain a grade C or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year for the purpose of improving the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be C. In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

7.4 Grade Point Average

Grade Point Average (GPA) is the credit-weighted arithmetic mean of the Grade Point Values, which is determined by dividing the total credit-weighted Grade Point Value by the total number of credits. GPA shall be computed to the second decimal place.

Example: A student who has completed one course unit with two credits, three course units each of three credits and two course units each of 1 credit with grades A, C, B, D, C+ and A+ respectively would have the GPA of 2.48 as calculated below.

$$\frac{(2 \times 4.0) + (3 \times 2.0) + (3 \times 3.0) + (3 \times 1.0) + (1 \times 2.3) + (1 \times 4.0)}{2 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1} = \frac{32.3}{13} = 2.4846$$

$$\text{Grade Point Average} = 2.48$$

Grade point values and credit values of all registered course units in a study programme of a student shall be taken into account in calculating the final GPA, unless stated otherwise.

7.5 Award of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree

7.5.1 Eligibility for the Award of the Bachelor of Science (External) Degree

To be eligible for the BSc (External) Degree a student must

- i. accumulate grades of D or better in course units, aggregating to at least 60 credits during the first two academic years, and aggregating to at least 90 credits during the entire three academic year period, of which at least 30 credits must be from each academic year separately,
- ii. obtain grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 72 credits, of which at least 48 must be from two subjects with at least 24 credits from each of them, and grades of D or better in course units aggregating to at least further 18 credits, considered under above
- iii. obtain a GPA of 2.00 or greater, and
- iv. complete the relevant requirements within a period of five consecutive academic years.

7.5.2 Award of Classes

7.5.2.1 First Class

A student who is eligible for the BSc (External) Degree may be awarded First Class provided he/she

- (i) obtains grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 90 credits, considered under 7.5.1 (ii),
- (ii) obtains grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least half the number of total credits for the course units considered under 7.5.1 (ii),
- (iii) obtains a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three consecutive academic years.

7.5.2.2 Second Class (Upper Division)

A student who is eligible for the BSc (External) Degree may be awarded Second Class (Upper Division) provided he/she

- (i) obtains grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 80 credits and grades of D or better in the remaining course units, considered under 7.5.1 (ii),
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least half the number of total credits for the course units considered under 7.5.1(ii),
- (iii) obtains a GPA of 3.30 or greater, and
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three consecutive academic years.

7.5.2.3 Second Class (Lower Division)

A student who is eligible for the BSc (External) Degree may be awarded Second Class (Lower Division) provided he/she

- (i) obtains grades of C or better in course units aggregating to at least 80 credits and grades of D or better in the remaining course units, considered under 7.5.1(ii),
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in course units aggregating to at least half the number of total credits for the course units considered under 7.5.1(ii),
- (iii) obtains a GPA of 3.00 or greater, and
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three consecutive academic years