

General Regulations for Diplomas

(Version effective from 23 June 1999 until 31 July 2011)

1. For every course/programme of study leading to a Diploma, other than a Diploma specified in para. 1 of Ordinance XXXIII, there shall be a Scheme of Study (for Style A Diplomas) or Programme Regulations (for Style B Diplomas) to be read in conjunction with these Regulations.
2. Faculty Boards may admit to Diploma courses/programmes students whose experience and qualifications are considered appropriate having regard to the nature and academic standard of the course/programme to be pursued.

Style A - for Diploma Courses first offered before 1 July 1999

3. Each Diploma shall include a resume of the content of the course expressed in terms of Credits, or some other description of the content as specified in the Scheme of Study. (A Credit shall be taken to mean lectures and other forms of instruction which, together with private study, amount to about 30 hours). Each Diploma shall also include an indication of the academic level of each part of the course in a form specified in the Scheme of Study.
4. Diplomas conducted under the provisions of these Regulations will be awarded by Boards of Examiners acting in accordance with the provisions of Regulation XXII.

Style B - for Diploma Programmes first offered after 1 July 1999

5. The Programme Regulations for each Diploma programme shall include a listing of the constituent modules of the programme. Module Specifications shall be published which for each module shall include information on its aims and objectives, its content, its level, when it is offered, its modular weighting, and the methods of teaching and learning and assessment. Where Programme Regulations permit a choice of modular options, a candidate's selection of modules will normally be subject to approval by the Programme Director or other academic staff member of the Department responsible for the programme. It is not possible to guarantee that all optional modules will be offered every year. Module Specifications will also indicate availability.
6. In order to qualify for the award of a Diploma, a student must have satisfied the examiners by accumulating credit in the assessment of modules in the manner specified in the relevant Programme Regulations.

7. The assessment of each module shall be conducted by a Review Board constituted in accordance with the provisions of Regulation XXII and acting in a manner analogous to the procedure set out in Regulation XXI.
8. Diplomas will be awarded by Programme Boards constituted in accordance with Regulation XXII and acting in a manner analogous to the procedure set out in Regulation XXI.

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