

Revisions to the Criteria for the Award of Degrees and Honours

Faculty of Applied Sciences

The sections 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 of the Prospectus of the Faculty have been revised as follows.

8.3 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A DEGREE

(a) 3-Year B.Sc. (General) Degree:

A student who has completed the first three academic years at Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 as a full-time student can apply for the B.Sc. (General) Degree upon fulfilling the following credit requirements and the other partial requirements as prescribed in this Prospectus.

Obtain grades of “D” or better in modules aggregating to a minimum of 90 credits with at least 30 credits at each level.

Furthermore, a student should

- (i) obtain grades of “C” or better for modules worth of 72 credits from any subject area, with a minimum of 24 credits at each Level.**
- (ii) have a minimum overall GPA of 2.00,**
- (iii) obtain minimum ordinary passes at both English Language Proficiency Test I and II, and**
- (iv) complete the relevant requirements within a period of five (05) academic years.**

(b) 4-Year B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree in *Major 1* and *Major 2*:

A student who has completed all four academic years at Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4, as a full-time student can apply for the B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree upon fulfilling the following credit requirements and the other partial requirements as prescribed in this Prospectus.

Obtain grades of “D” or better in modules aggregating to a minimum of 120 credits with at least 30 credits at each level.

Furthermore, a student should

- (i) obtain grades of “C” or better for modules worth of 102 credits from any subject area, with a minimum of 24 credits at each Level,**
- (ii) have a minimum overall GPA of 2.00,**
- (iii) obtain minimum ordinary passes at both English Language Proficiency Test I and II, and**
- (iv) complete the relevant requirements within a period of six (6) academic years.**

(c) 4-Year B.Sc. (Special/ Honours) Degree in [*Subject Area*]:

A student who has completed all four academic years at Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4, as a full-time student can apply for the B.Sc. (Special/Honours) Degree upon fulfilling the following credit requirements and the other partial requirements as prescribed in this Prospectus.

Obtain grades of “D” or better in modules aggregating to a minimum of 120 credits with at least 30 credits at each level.

Furthermore, a student should

- (i) obtain grades of “C” or better for at least 72 credits worth of modules from the subject of specialization aggregating to 110 credits from any subject area,**
- (ii) have a minimum overall GPA of 2.00,**
- (iii) obtain minimum ordinary passes at both English Language Proficiency Test I and II, and**
- (iv) complete the relevant requirements within a period of six (6) academic years.**

8.5 AWARD OF HONOURS

The students should apply for the award of the degree on satisfying the necessary requirements. On completion of the B.Sc. (General/Joint Major/ Special/Honours) Degree, a student is entitled to a transcript giving the grades obtained for the respective modules.

The students who have fulfilled the minimum requirements for obtaining a degree may be awarded honours (classes) if they further satisfy the following requirements.

(a) B.Sc. (General) Degree:

First Class Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (General) Degree under 8.3(a) may be awarded First Class Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for all the modules registered except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of A or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. A grades for at least 45 credits from any subject area),**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.70, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three academic years.**

Second Class (Upper Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (General) Degree under 8.3(a) may be awarded Second Class (Upper Division) Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for at least 84 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B grades for at least 45 credits from any subject area),**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.30, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three academic years.**

Second Class (Lower Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (General) Degree under 8.3(a) may be awarded Second Class (Lower Division) Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for at least 80 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B grades for at least 45 credits from any subject area,**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.00, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within three academic years.**

(b) B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree in *Major 1 & Major 2*:

First Class Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree under 8.3(b) may be awarded First Class Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for all the modules registered except Auxiliary Courses.**
- (ii) obtains grades of A or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. A grades for at least 60 credits from any subject area)**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.70, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**

Second Class (Upper Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree under 8.3(b) may be awarded Second Class (Upper Division) Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for at least 112 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B grades for at least 60 credits from any subject area)**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.30, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**

Second Class (Lower Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degree under 8.3(b) may be awarded Second Class (Lower Division) Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for at least 104 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B grades for at least 60 credits from any subject area)**
- (iii) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.00, and**
- (iv) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**

(c) B.Sc. (Special/Honours) Degree in *Subject Area*:

First Class Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Special/Honours) Degree under 8.3(c) may be awarded First Class Honours if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of “C” or better for all the modules registered except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of A or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. A or better grades for at least 60 credits),**
- (iii) obtains grades of A or better in modules aggregating to at least half the number of credits accumulated at Level 3 and Level 4 from the subject of specialization,**
- (iv) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.70, and**
- (v) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**

Second Class (Upper Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Special/ Honours) Degree under 8.3(c) may be awarded Second Class (Upper Division) if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of “C” or better for at least 112 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
- (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B or better grades for at least 60 credits),**
- (iii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the number of credits accumulated at Level 3 and Level 4 from the subject of specialization,**
- (iv) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.30, and**
- (v) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**

Second Class (Lower Division) Honours

A student who is eligible for the B.Sc. (Special/ Honours) Degree under 8.3(c) may be awarded Second Class (Lower Division) if he/she

- (i) obtains grades of "C" or better for at least 110 credits except Auxiliary Courses,**
 - (ii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the minimum overall credit requirement (i.e. B or better grades for at least 60 credits),**
 - (iii) obtains grades of B or better in modules aggregating to at least half the number of credits accumulated at Level 3 and Level 4 from the subject of specialization,**
 - (iv) obtains a minimum GPA of 3.00, and**
 - (v) completes the relevant requirements within four academic years.**
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8.4 REVERTING TO THE B.Sc. (GENERAL) DEGREE

The students reading for the 4-year B.Sc. (Joint Major) Degrees or the 4-Year B.Sc. (Special/Honours) Degrees at Level 4 may request the award of the B.Sc. (General) Degree foregoing the B.Sc. (Joint Major/Special/Honours) Degrees upon satisfying the requirements for the B.Sc. (General) Degree. This request should be made within two (02) weeks after the release of results of Semester II modules of Level 3 of the degree programme. In these cases, the results of the B.Sc. (General) Degree shall be determined solely on the basis of modules offered at the first three Levels of the degree programme.

The clauses under Section 8.3(a) for minimum requirements for obtaining 3-Year B.Sc. (General) Degree and the clauses under Section 8.5(a) for award of Honours will be applicable as they are.

N.B.

1. A particular subject area shall be prescribed as a main subject for the B.Sc. (General) Degree in the academic transcript only if the student has completed course modules worth of a minimum of 24 credits from that area. To complete a course module, a student should complete all the assessment components of the course module and earn a Grade of E or better.

Therefore, the students following the 4-year degrees from Level 3 onwards are strongly advised to offer a minimum of 4 more credits from the subject area to be dropped at Level 3.

2. The students who opt for the 3-year B.Sc. (General) Degree while being registered for Level 4, will be required to pay back all Mahapola or Bursary payments received from the University during Level 4 of the degree programme.
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The above revisions will be effective from the Academic Year 2022/2023, i.e., will be effective for the B.Sc. (General) Degree students of intake 2020/2021 and onwards, and for B.Sc. (Joint Major) and B.Sc. (Special/Honours) Degree students of intake 2019/2020 and onwards.

The revisions are subject to approval of the Council.

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