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Progression Regulations and Exit Mechanisms

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A. Progression

1. School of Medicine

- 1.1 Foundation Year: Students will be permitted to sit their examinations on two occasions only (i.e. main sitting & supplemental sitting) and will not be permitted to repeat the year.
- 1.2 Direct Entry Programme: All Students are only allowed one repeat year prior to progressing to Senior Cycle. All students must complete the Senior Cycle in three (3) academic years. Students must achieve the passing standard in each year prior to progression.
- 1.3 Graduate Entry Programme: Students in the Graduate Entry Programme must complete their studies and graduate in six (6) academic years at most; they must successfully complete the Junior and Intermediate Cycles combined in a total of three (3) academic years and the Senior Cycle in three (3) academic years.
- 1.4 Supplementary regulations governing progression between years/cycles are given in the Marks & Standards documents.

2. School of Pharmacy

- 2.1 The following academic progression regulations will apply to students who entered the BSc Pharmacy programme:
- 2.1.1 Students in the undergraduate programme must complete their studies and graduate in five (5) academic years at most. Supplementary regulations governing progression between years are given in the Marks & Standards document.
- 2.2 The following progression regulations will apply to students who entered the 5 year integrated MPharm programme:
- 2.2.1 Student in the Undergraduate Programme must complete their studies and graduate in seven academic years at most. Students may only repeat two academic years in total during the programme subject to the following conditions:
- i. Students may not repeat any year more than once
 - ii. Students are only allowed one repeat year within academic years 1 – 4 (inclusive)
 - iii. Students are only allowed to repeat Year 5 once.



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2.2.2 Supplementary regulations governing progression between years, and in particular between the BSc and the MPharm are given in the relevant Marks & Standards document which is revised annually.

2.3 The following progression regulations will apply to students who entered the BSc Advanced Therapeutic Technologies programme:

2.3.1 Students must complete their studies and graduate within a maximum of five academic years. Students may repeat only one academic year in total during the four year programme.

3. School of Physiotherapy

3.1 Foundation Year Physiotherapy: Please refer to the Marks & Standards for the current academic year.

3.2 First, Second and Final Physiotherapy Years: Students must complete these three physiotherapy years in four (4) academic years at most.

3.3 Supplementary regulations governing progression between years are given in the Marks & Standards document which is revised annually.

3.4 Any student who does not succeed in passing their examinations within the above time limits is time-expired and discontinued automatically.



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B. Exit Mechanisms

On condition that a student is in good standing and is unable to progress further, or otherwise chooses to exit, they may be eligible for one of the following relevant awards:

1. Medicine

- 1.1 Diploma in Medical Sciences, awarded on successful completion of 120 credits of the new 2022/23 MB.BCh.BAO curriculum.
- 1.2 Degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences, awarded on successful completion of 180 credits of the new 2022/23 MB.BCh.BAO curriculum.
 - 1.2.1 Students can also be considered for this award if they have completed and passed all modules up to the clinical programme (minimum 150 credits) and then undertake a supervised research project. If a student wishes to complete their degree by research they must contact the Associate Director of Academic Affairs in advance of completing the clinical programme outlining their wish to withdraw from the programme. This option will be available only to students who have attained an aggregate grade of upper second class honours.

2. 5 Year Integrated MPharm

- 2.1 Certificate in Pharmaceutical Studies, awarded on successful completion of relevant Year 1 modules and 40 credits
- 2.2 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Studies, awarded on successful completion of Year 2 and 120 credits
- 2.3 Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Healthcare, awarded on successful completion of Year 3 and 180 credits

3. BSc Advanced Therapeutics Technology

- 1.1 Certificate in Therapeutic Technologies, awarded on successful completion of relevant Year 1 modules and 40 credits
- 1.2 Diploma in Therapeutic Technologies, awarded on successful completion Year 2 and 120 credits
- 1.3 Degree of Bachelor of Science (Ordinary) in Therapeutic Technologies, awarded on successful completion of Year 3 and 210 credits



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4. Undergraduate Physiotherapy

4.1 Diploma in Health Sciences, awarded on successful completion of all modules up to and including First Physiotherapy to a minimum of 120 credits.

4.2 Degree of BSc Health Sciences, awarded on successful completion of all modules up to and including Second Physiotherapy to a minimum of 180 credits.

5. Postgraduate Programmes

Students should consult individual programme specifications for information on exit awards offered.