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GENERAL HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS



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CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 2026

JANUARY 2026

Thursday	1	New Year's Day (Public Holiday)
Friday	2	DUT Holiday
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	
Monday	5	UNIVERSITY RE-OPENS Administrative staff and those academic staff required for registration preparations return, as determined by Heads of Departments
Tuesday	6	
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	Commencement of registration for all students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate: New Students & Returning Students • Postgraduate: Course Work Master's (New and Returning Students) • Postgraduate: Full Research Master's and Doctorates (New and Returning Students)
Tuesday	13	
Wednesday	14	
Thursday	15	
Friday	16	
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	
Tuesday	20	
Wednesday	21	
Thursday	22	
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	
Tuesday	27	
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	09:00 University Planning and Resources Meeting
Tuesday	3	10:00 Library Committee Meeting
Wednesday	4	10:00 Senate Rules Committee Meeting
Thursday	5	10:00 Information and Communication Technology Committee Meeting
Friday	6	09:00 Programme Evaluation Committee Meeting 13:00 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
		Registration Ends
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate: New Students & Returning Students• Postgraduate: Course Work Master's (New and Returning Students)• Postgraduate: Full Research Master's and Doctorates (Returning Students)
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	
Monday	9	Beginning of the first term 10:00 Senex Meeting Commencement of lectures – annual and first semester students Commencement of late registration
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate: New Students & Returning Students• Postgraduate: Course Work Master's (New and Returning Students)• Postgraduate: Full Research Master's and Doctorates (Returning Students)
Tuesday	10	10:00 Institutional Research and Innovation Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11	SENATE AGENDA CLOSES
Thursday	12	09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	13	09:30 Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Committee Meeting
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	
Tuesday	17	09:00 DUT Foundation Meeting
Wednesday	18	09:00 Higher Degrees Committee Meeting
Thursday	19	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	20	Late Registration Ends
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate: New Students & Returning Students• Postgraduate: Course Work Master's (New and Returning Students)• Postgraduate: Full Research Master's and Doctorates (Returning Students)
		12:00 Student Services Board Meeting
Saturday	21	
Sunday	22	
Monday	23	
Tuesday	24	
Wednesday	25	10:00 Human Capital Committee Meeting
Thursday	26	09:00 Finance Committee Meeting 13:00 Joint Finance and The Infrastructure and ICT Committee Meeting 14:00 Infrastructure and ICT Committee Meeting
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	

MARCH 2026

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	11:00 Senate Meeting
Thursday	5	
Friday	6	Final date for any changes to <u>first semester</u> modules/ programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations) ☐
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	
Monday	9	09:00 Risk Committee Meeting 13:00 Audit Committee Meeting ■ Isaiah Shembe Day
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	09:00 Extended Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	13	12:00 Institutional Forum Meeting
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	
Tuesday	17	14:00 Exco Meeting
Wednesday	18	10:00 Labour Labour Management Consultative Forum Meeting
Thursday	19	
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	Human Rights Day (Public Holiday) *Eid-ul-Fitr
Sunday	22	
Monday	23	
Tuesday	24	09:30 Employment Equity and Skills Development Committee Meeting
Wednesday	25	09:00 Special Higher Degrees Committee Meeting
Thursday	26	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	27	End of first term Last day to cancel first semester modules or to de-register for first semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering after this date will be regarded as having failed that module/programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any modules/ programme prior to or <u>as at</u> this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published.
Saturday	28	09:00 Council Meeting
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	
Tuesday	31	

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APRIL 2026

Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	
Friday	3	Good Friday
Saturday	4	
Sunday	5	
Monday	6	Family Day
Tuesday	7	Beginning of the second term
Wednesday	8	
Thursday	9	
Friday	10	
Saturday	11	
Sunday	12	
Monday	13	16:00 Honorary Awards Committee Meeting Final date for any changes to <u>annual</u> modules/ programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations)
Tuesday	14	10:00 Enrolment Planning and Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday	15	09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Thursday	16	
Friday	17	
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	
Monday	20	
Tuesday	21	
Wednesday	22	10:00 Programme Evaluation Committee Meeting
Thursday	23	10:00 Library Committee Meeting
Friday	24	10:00 Academic Freedom Committee Meeting
Saturday	25	
Sunday	26	
Monday	27	Freedom Day (Public Holiday)
Tuesday	28	
Wednesday	29	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Thursday	30	

MAY 2026

Friday	1	Worker's Day (Public Holiday)
Saturday	2	■ Isaiah Shembe Day
Sunday	3	
Monday	4	09:00 University Planning and Resources Forum Meeting
Tuesday	5	10:00 Institutional Research and Innovation Committee Meeting 14:00 DUT Foundation meeting
Wednesday	6	10:00 Senate Rules Committee Meeting 13:00 Information and Communication Technology Committee Meeting
Thursday	7	09:00 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
Friday	8	10:00 Senex Meeting
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Midlands)
Tuesday	12	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Midlands)
Wednesday	13	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Midlands)
Thursday	14	■ Ascension Day 09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	15	09:00 Higher Degrees Committee Meeting 12:00 Student Services Board Meeting
Saturday	16	
Sunday	17	
Monday	18	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban)
Tuesday	19	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban) Lectures end for all first semester students
Wednesday	20	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban) Examination study period commences for all first semester students
Thursday	21	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban)
Friday	22	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban)
Saturday	23	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban)
Sunday	24	Examination study period ends for all first semester students
Monday	25	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban) First semester main examinations commence for all faculties
Tuesday	26	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban) Last day to cancel first semester modules or to de-register for first semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering <u>after</u> this date will be regarded as having failed that module/programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any modules/ programme <u>prior</u> to or <u>as at</u> this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published.
Wednesday	27	Autumn Graduation Ceremony (Durban)
Thursday	28	■ Eid-ul-Adha 09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	
Sunday	31	

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JUNE 2026

Monday	1	
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	11:00 Senate Meeting
Thursday	4	09:00 Finance Committee Meeting 14:00 Infrastructure and ICT Committee
Friday	5	10:00 Human Capital Committee Meeting
Saturday	6	
Sunday	7	
Monday	8	09:00 Risk Committee Meeting 13:00 Audit Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9	09:00 Joint Audit and Finance Committee Meeting 14:00 Exco Meeting
Wednesday	10	First semester main examinations end for all faculties 09:30 Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Committee Meeting
Thursday	11	12:00 Institutional Forum Meeting
Friday	12	10:00 Labour Management Consultative Forum Meeting
Saturday	13	
Sunday	14	
Monday	15	
Tuesday	16	Youth Day (Public Holiday)
Wednesday	17	
Thursday	18	09:00 Extended Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	19	End of second term 09:00 Council Workshop
Saturday	20	09:00 Council Meeting
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	
Tuesday	23	09:30 Employment Equity and Skills Development Committee Meeting
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	26	Last day for students to produce their original Senior Certificate/ National Senior Certificate (NSC) to the Faculty
Saturday	27	
Sunday	28	
Monday	29	
Tuesday	30	

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JULY 2026

Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	
Friday	3	Publication of first semester main examination results
Saturday	4	
Sunday	5	
Monday	6	First Semester supplementary examinations commence
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	
Thursday	9	
Friday	10	
Saturday	11	
Sunday	12	
Monday	13	Beginning of the third term First Semester supplementary examinations end
Tuesday	14	
Wednesday	15	
Thursday	16	
Friday	17	
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	
Monday	20	
Tuesday	21	Commencement of lectures: second semester students
Wednesday	22	
Thursday	23	
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	
Sunday	26	
Monday	27	Publication of first semester supplementary examination results.
Tuesday	28	
Wednesday	29	
Thursday	30	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	31	Registration Ends for New Postgraduate Students (Full Research Master's and Doctorates) 10:00 Senate Rules Committee Meeting

***No Executive Management Committee Meeting for July due to the short semester**

AUGUST 2026

Saturday	1	
Sunday	2	
Monday	3	09:00 University Planning and Resources Forum Meeting
Tuesday	4	10:00 Library Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5	10:00 Programme Evaluation Committee Meeting 13:00 Information and Communication Technology Committee Meeting
Thursday	6	09:00 Higher Degrees Committee Meeting
Friday	7	Final date for any changes to <u>second semester</u> modules/ programmes already registered for (except cancellations and de-registrations) 09:00 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
Saturday	8	
Sunday	9	National Women's Day (Public Holiday)
Monday	10	*Public Holiday; National Women's Day is observed
Tuesday	11	10:00 Senex Meeting
Wednesday	12	09:30 Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Committee Meeting 10:00 Institutional Research and Innovation Committee Meeting 14:00 DUT Foundation Meeting SENATE AGENDA CLOSSES
Thursday	13	09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	14	
Saturday	15	
Sunday	16	
Monday	17	
Tuesday	18	
Wednesday	19	12:00 Student Services Board Meeting
Thursday	20	
Friday	21	
Saturday	22	
Sunday	23	
Monday	24	
Tuesday	25	Last day to cancel <u>second semester</u> modules or to de-register for second semester programmes. A student cancelling or de-registering <u>after</u> this date will be regarded as having failed that module/programme and officially published results will be reflected accordingly. A student cancelling or de-registering from any modules/ programme <u>prior to or as at</u> this date will be recorded as having withdrawn and no result will be published 09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Wednesday	26	10:00 Human Capital Committee Meeting
Thursday	27	09:00 Finance Committee Meeting 13:00 Joint Finance and The Infrastructure and ICT Committee Meeting 14:00 Infrastructure and ICT Committee Meeting
Friday	28	Publication of first semester special examination results
Saturday	29	
Sunday	30	
Monday	31	

SEPTEMBER 2026

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	11:00 Senate Meeting
Thursday	3	09:30 Employment Equity and Skills Development Committee Meeting
Friday	4	12:00 Institutional Forum Meeting
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	
Monday	7	09:00 Risk Committee Meeting 13:00 Audit Committee Meeting
Tuesday	8	14:00 Exco Meeting
Wednesday	9	10:00 Academic Freedom Committee Meeting
Thursday	10	09:00 Professorial Committee Meeting
Friday	11	▣ Rosh Hashanah 10:00 Labour Management Consultative Forum Meeting
Saturday	12	▣ Rosh Hashanah
Sunday	13	▣ Rosh Hashanah
Monday	14	
Tuesday	15	09:00 Extended Executive Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday	16	Spring Graduation
Thursday	17	Spring Graduation
Friday	18	End of third Term
Saturday	19	09:00 Council Meeting
Sunday	20	▣ Yom Kippur
Monday	21	▣ Yom Kippur
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	
Thursday	24	Heritage Day (Public Holiday)
Friday	25	
Saturday	26	
Sunday	27	
Monday	28	Beginning of the fourth term 16:00 Honorary Awards Committee Meeting
Tuesday	29	Lectures end for all annual students
Wednesday	30	Examination study period commences for all annual students 09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting

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OCTOBER 2026

Thursday	1	
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	
Sunday	4	Examination study period ends for all annual students
Monday	5	Annual main examination commence for all faculties
Tuesday	6	10:00 Institutional Research and Innovation Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7	10:00 Programme Evaluation Committee Meeting 13:00 Information and Communication Technology Committee Meeting 12:00 Student Services Board Meeting
Thursday	8	
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	09:00 University Planning and Resources Forum Meeting
Tuesday	13	Lectures end for all second semester students
Wednesday	14	Examination study period commences for all second semester students 09:00 Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
Thursday	15	09:00 Higher Degrees Committee Meeting
Friday	16	Annual main examinations end for all faculties 10:00 Senate Rules Committee Meeting
Saturday	17	
Sunday	18	Examination study period ends for all second semester students
Monday	19	Second semester main examinations commence for all faculties 10:00 Senex Meeting
Tuesday	20	10:00 Library Committee Meeting 14:00 DUT Foundation meeting
Wednesday	21	SENATE AGENDA CLOSES
Thursday	22	09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	
Sunday	25	
Monday	26	
Tuesday	27	10:00 Enrolment Planning and Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	1	
Monday	2	
Tuesday	3	Second semester main examinations end for all faculties
Wednesday	4	10:00 Human Capital Committee Meeting 09:00 Finance Committee Meeting 14:00 Infrastructure and ICT Committee Meeting
Thursday	5	09:00 Risk Committee Meeting 13:00 Audit Committee Meeting
Friday	6	Publication of annual main examination results
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	■ Deepavali/Diwali
Monday	9	
Tuesday	10	09:30 Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11	11:00 Senate Meeting
Thursday	12	
Friday	13	12:00 Institutional Forum Meeting
Saturday	14	
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	Supplementary examination commence for all annual subjects 11:00 Special Senate Meeting
Tuesday	17	
Wednesday	18	14:00 Exco meeting
Thursday	19	10:00 Labour Management Consultative Forum Meeting
Friday	20	Supplementary examinations end for all annual subjects
Saturday	21	
Sunday	22	
Monday	23	
Tuesday	24	
Wednesday	25	Second semester supplementary examination commence 09:30 Employment Equity and Skills Development Committee Meeting
Thursday	26	09:00 Bid Adjudication Committee Meeting
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	09:00 Council meeting
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	Publication of annual supplementary examination results Publication of second semester main examination results

DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	Second semester supplementary examination end
Thursday	3	
Friday	4	09:00 Executive Management Committee Meeting
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	
Monday	7	
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	
Thursday	10	
Friday	11	
Saturday	12	
Sunday	13	
Monday	14	
Tuesday	15	
Wednesday	16	Day of Reconciliation (Public Holiday)
Thursday	17	
Friday	18	Publication of second semester supplementary examination results End of fourth Term / University Closes
Saturday	19	
Sunday	20	
Monday	21	
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	
Thursday	24	
Friday	25	Christmas Day (Public Holiday)
Saturday	26	Day of Goodwill (Public Holiday)
Sunday	27	
Monday	28	
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The rules in this Handbook must be read in conjunction with the rules in the relevant Departmental Handbook.

In order to assist the reader to familiarize themselves with key terms contained in this document a glossary of terms has been provided on the Durban University of Technology (DUT) website:

[Glossary of Terms.pdf \(dut.ac.za\)](#)

FINANCIAL AID SERVICES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Location

1. Durban - Lower Library Complex, Steve Biko Campus: (031) 3732553(Reception) / 2931/2054/ 2557/ 2726/ 2272
2. Pietermaritzburg - Gate I, Block H, Room H110, Riverside campus, Scottsville. 033 845 8889/90.

2. Core business

To provide a framework and supportive environment in respect of:-

- 21 The administering of NSFAS bursaries by disbursing funds to financially needy and academically deserving students;
- 22 Awarding of DUT Undergraduate Scholarship as per DUT criteria
- 23 Allocate Donor Bursaries based on academic merit as stipulated by Donors / sponsors criteria.

3. Guide for Financial Aid

Financial Aid is granted to full-time registered students only.

Students have to be South African citizens.

Allocation of funds is based on financial need and academic merit.

Financial Aid is granted subject to the conditions stipulated by donors/sponsors and DUT.

Funds allocated to students are credited/paid directly to the student's fee account.

Donors are entitled to a full and detailed account of the administration of their monies.

4. Application Process for Bursaries / NSFAS Loans

Only full-time registered students are allowed to complete and submit the application form for financial aid.

For Financial Aid applications for a DUT programme please apply online to applications@nsfas.org.za or call the NSFAS call centre on toll free 0800 067 327.

For an explanation on how to fill out the application form, please go to www.nsfas.org.za or contact the call centre on the number above.

Please note that completing a form does not guarantee Financial Aid. For further assistance please consult the Department of Financial Aid and Scholarships on (031)373 2931/2557/2054.

5. Opening and Closing Date for NSFAS applications:

As announced by NSFAS Applications opens 1 September to 30 November 2019.

6. Bursaries

A grant allocated to a student for study and related purposes. Internal bursaries are grants made by DUT itself and by donors to DUT and are administered internally. External bursaries are of two types: those where donors and sponsors recruit and fund students based on their own criteria and process and those where sponsors/donors allocate funds to DUT for allocation and expect DUT to make its own decisions in this regard.

7. Advertising of Bursaries

When donors pledge funds to DUT, such funds will be advertised on the DUT website, email, and Notice Boards: -

- Department of Financial Aid
- Targeted Academic Departures
- Faculty Offices
- Department of Finance

I DUT Scholarship Policy (*Administered by the Department of Finance*)

I.1 Undergraduate Scholarship: For New Students (First Academic Period)

This award is made to first year full-time South African students who have obtained excellent results in the National Senior Certificate in the preceding year which takes the form of a tuition fee remission as follows:

- I.1.1 A New student who has obtained a National Senior Certificate with an aggregate of 80% or higher shall qualify for a 100% remission of tuition fees for the first year of registration (subject to 10.1.3 below).
- I.1.2 A New student who has obtained a National Senior Certificate with an aggregate of between 70% - 79% shall qualify for a 50% remission of tuition fees for the first year of registration, (subject to 10.1.3 below).

Important Notes

- I.1.3 The calculation of the aggregate percentage is made by the DUT, and is based on the sum total of the percentages achieved for individual subjects (excluding Life Orientation) divided by the total number of subjects taken. Where a student has taken more than seven subjects, the aggregate percentage of the six highest subjects (excluding Life Orientation) is calculated.
- I.1.4 Only students who have obtained the National Senior Certificate in one sitting qualify for this award. Subjects for whom 'exemptions' are granted towards the National Senior Certificate will not be eligible for this award. Matriculants who took a gap year/s after their final school year will not be considered for this award.
- I.1.5 Should a recipient of the scholarship withdraw from studies in the year for which the scholarship is granted, the full scholarship becomes payable to the University.
- I.1.6 Students who require and obtain exemption/s for admission to a DUT programme will not be eligible for this award.
- I.1.7 The award is made for the first and only undergraduate study.

1.2 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHEME - FOR RETURNING STUDENTS (AFTER YEAR 1/SEMESTER 1)

This award is given to full-time, second and later year/semester South African students who obtain excellent results in the various levels of undergraduate study, and takes the form of a tuition fee remission as follows:

- 121 A returning student who achieved distinctions as final results for all subjects for the previous year/level of study on the first attempt, and provided that the full curriculum was taken and passed, shall qualify for a full remission of tuition fees for the subsequent higher level of study.
- 122 A returning student who has achieved an overall pass with distinction (average of 75% and above, incl. rounding off) for the previous year/level of study on the first attempt and provided that the full curriculum was taken and passed, shall qualify for a 50% remission of tuition fees for the subsequent higher levels of study.

NB: Performance in the Experiential Training Component is not considered in the above cases.

Explanatory Notes

1.2.2. .1 The term 'subsequent level of study' as used in this policy, shall mean: the subsequent year of study, if the student is pursuing an annual programme of study.

the first semester following the final examination in which the student obtained the qualifying distinctions/overall pass with distinction for all the subjects, if the student is pursuing a semesterised course of study. (To qualify for the remission of fees for the second semester, the student must achieve the qualifying distinctions/overall pass with distinction for all the subjects in the first semester).

The semester following the co-operative education or experiential training component, in the event that a student is placed in industry for this purpose at the beginning of the year/semester following the final examination in which the student obtained the qualifying distinctions/overall pass with distinction for all University offerings. Should a student achieve the qualifying distinctions/overall pass for the third year or final semester of the undergraduate qualification, such a student is entitled to a remission of fees for the programme for that year/semester provided the student registers for the full curriculum of the programme on a full time and part-time basis.

PLEASE NOTE: A student who registers for part of the programme i.e. part-time over two years is only entitled to the remission of the part-time tuition fees for the first year/semester of study if he/she qualified for the award in his/her third year/semester. For students who receive qualifying distinctions/overall pass with distinction for all subjects in the registered programme, the student is advised to contact the Research Department to enquire about further incentives for the M Tech programme.

- I.222 Should the student register for a combination of semester and annual subjects in the subsequent level of study, the remission shall apply to the annual subjects and to the first semester of the subsequent level of study only.
(To qualify for the remission of fees for the second semester, the student must achieve the qualifying distinctions/overall pass with distinction for all the subjects in the first semester.)
- I.223 The onus is on the student to establish whether he/she qualifies for a remission of fees at the time of student registration.
- I.224 'Exemption' subjects do not qualify for the purposes of determining whether a full curriculum is taken, whether such exemptions are granted from the DUT or any other University.
- I.225 Should a recipient of the scholarship withdraw from studies in the year/semester for which the scholarship is granted, the full scholarship becomes payable to the University.

I.3 Dean's Merit Award

The Executive Dean will issue a Merit Certificate per qualification on condition that the incumbent has received the qualification with *Cum Laude* and the incumbent is the best performing student in that qualification. There will not be any money award but only one monetary award will be given to the best performing student in the Faculty.

I.4 Vice-Chancellor's Award

This scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, not necessarily to top academic achievers, but to new students who have obtained good passes in the NSC examination, despite personal circumstances. This scholarship will be limited each year, and shall usually take the form of a remission of tuition fees for the first year of study only, except that in deserving cases, this may be reviewed.

I.5 Dux Award

This scholarship is awarded to the recipient of the Dux/Top Matriculant at each school. The applicant has to satisfy the entry requirements for the programme applied for:

- This award takes the form of a remission of tuition fees for the first year of study only.
- Further remissions will be subject to the criteria identified for second and later year students (see 2 above)
- Written proof on a school letterhead, of being a Dux recipient, bearing the signature of the school principal and the official stamp of the school must accompany all applications.

NB: The remission of fees for each of the awards detailed above excludes any additional costs eg: breakages, experiential training etc.

I.6 Merit Award for Students Who Receive Other Bursaries or Scholarships

- 10.6.1 The onus is on the student to declare the receipt of any outside bursaries/loans when applying for a DUT scholarship in the first instance. Failure to do this could result in any future scholarship awards payable to the student being forfeited.
- 1.62 The remission of fees as described in the above awards does not apply to students who are in receipt of any scholarship (NRF) or bursary which covers the full amount that the student qualifies for in terms of this policy and which is ear-marked for the payment of tuition fees. A merit award is made however, to such students who otherwise meet the criteria for a DUT scholarship award, and this shall take the form of:
- 1.621 A voucher for the sum of R500 for the purchase of academic textbooks, for:
second and later year /semester students who achieve an overall pass with distinction (average of 75% and above);
first year/semester students who obtain a matriculation endorsement with an aggregate of 70% - 79% in the NSC examination.
- 1.622 A voucher for the sum of R800 for the purchase of academic textbooks for:
second and later year/semester students who achieve a distinction (75% and above) for each of the subjects for the year of study;
first year/semester students who obtain a matriculation endorsement with an aggregate of 80% or higher in the NSC examination.
- 1.623 If the student qualifies for a 100% remission of tuition fees and receives another bursary or scholarship that is less than the amount the student would have qualified for in terms of the student incentive scheme, the DUT shall grant a remission of fees for the difference. If the difference is less than the book voucher, the student will qualify for the book voucher of R800.
- 1.624 If the student qualifies for less than 100% remission of tuition fees, viz 50% and receives another partial bursary, DUT shall grant a remission that is not more than the amount the student would have qualified for. This shall also be limited to the difference between the full tuition fee payable and the bursary received by the student (Top up)

LIBRARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Introduction

The main purpose of the rules and regulations of the library is to safeguard the common interest of all Library users and to enable the library to carry out its functions efficiently and effectively.

L1 Membership

- (i) Membership of the DUT Libraries and access to its resources and services are open to all registered DUT students and staff who are in possession of a valid identification card issued by the University. The student or staff card is required at the entrance and for borrowing library materials.
- (ii) Other persons, who are not bone fide DUT or staff may apply for visitor membership to the Director of the library, whose decision is final and binding. Visitor members and Alumni must pay the fee approved annually by the Library Committee which will entitle them to limited access to resources. Visitor members will be issued with a membership card for the current year and must apply for membership each year. Terms and conditions vary for different categories of visitor memberships.

L2 Borrowing

- (i) The member is responsible for all items borrowed in his/her name. The onus is therefore on the member to report lost or stolen card to the library immediately to prevent unauthorized use thereof.
- (ii) All items borrowed are subject to the loan period prescribed for that particular type of material. The onus is on the member to check the due date of the items.
- (iii) Members are advised to ensure that the item they return is given to library staff or deposited in the library book drop facility and the loan record is cancelled. Items should not be left on the counter or any other place in the library, as the library will not accept responsibility for lost items.
- (iv) Items borrowed on interlibrary loans are subject to the rules of the Interlibrary Loan network, including any costs involved.
- (v) Fines are payable on all overdue items.

- (vi) Items that have been lost or not returned will result in the member's examination results being withheld or the member being denied further use of the library until such time as the item has been returned in reasonable condition or the replacement value of the item has been paid in full and all outstanding fines settled.
- (vii) Before exiting the library security system, all library items must be officially issued by the library staff member on duty at the circulation desk or on Self-Check Service. Any person who activates the security system with items that have not been officially issued will have disciplinary proceedings instituted against them, in accordance with DUT disciplinary code.
- (viii) Disciplinary proceedings, in accordance with DUT disciplinary code may be instituted against persons who:

Attempt to leave the library with an unissued item for:

- (i) 1st-time offender will be required to sign the Infringement of Library Rules form and will be given a warning with a message on the library system indicating the offence
- (ii) 2nd-time offender will be fined R100.00 with a message on the library system indicating the offence
- (iii) 3rd-time offender will be referred to the DUT Student Disciplinary Tribunal

Attempt to steal library property (item hidden) for:

- (i) 1st-time offender will sign the Infringement of Library Rules form and will be fined R500.00 with a message on the library system indicating the offence
- (ii) Subsequent offender, will be referred to the DUT Student Disciplinary Tribunal

Cause deliberate damage to library material by attempting to mutilate material by marking, underlining, or removing pages, removing binding or electronic detection devices, maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging, or destroying any furniture, equipment, computer system, network, computer program or data:

- (i) 1st-time offender will sign the Infringement of Library Rules form and will be fined R500.00 with a message on the library system indicating the offense. If the price of the item exceeds R500.00, the offender will pay the replacement cost of the item.
- (ii) a subsequent offender, will be referred to the DUT Student

Disciplinary Tribunal

Any alleged offender who refuses to sign the Infringement of Library Rules form, pay the due fine, and/or pay replacement costs will be referred to the DUT Student Disciplinary Tribunal.

- (i) If a member returns an item that is damaged, i.e., loose cover, loose pages or missing pages, or damaged equipment, the member will either be required to pay repair costs or the replacement cost of the item
- (ii) If a member returns items late three times in succession, she/he will not be allowed to borrow any items from the library for one month
- (iii) No items will be issued to the member until all outstanding fines are paid and the member's name has been cleared from the library system
- (iv) Library users may be asked to show their books, files, bags, etc. to the security guard or a library staff member before leaving the library.
- (vii) Membership of a site library allows access to and borrowing from other site/campus libraries in DUT.

L3 Hours of Operation

The hours of operation differ between the various site libraries and during vacation periods. Use of the respective libraries is restricted to the official hours of opening as displayed outside the entrance to the libraries or on electronic notice boards/library webpage. Any changes will be advertised well in advance. The onus is on members to familiarize themselves with the correct hours of operation.

L4 Copyright

Members must ensure that material printed on library photocopiers is carried out in compliance with the current Copyright Act. Notices to this effect are posted near the photocopy machines.

The use of electronic resources in the library is governed by the Copyright Act and by licenses signed by the library. Users of the DUT library are deemed to have undertaken to abide by the license agreement when they register as members of the university/ library and that any material obtained is solely for educational use.

L5 Library Code of Conduct

To create an environment that is conducive to teaching, learning, and research, users must adhere to the following code of conduct:

The needs of others for a quiet study environment must be respected and noise levels kept to a minimum.

No smoking, eating, and/or drinking in the library (bottled water is allowed)

Cell phones must be switched to silent or off before entering the library.

Bags are allowed in the library except at the Brickfield Library

Personal property should not be left unattended or kept on chairs and tables by students to reserve space for others.

Misuse of library computers/equipment may result in the withdrawal of the privilege to use them.

The library will not accept responsibility for the loss of personal property.

Members must comply with copyright regulations and observe academic integrity.

E-zone/ group rooms or use of library equipment and facilities rules and regulations must be adhered to as stipulated in the library notice boards.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMES

GI Definitions and Legal Force of Rules:

Academic year means January to December of a particular year. (*Inserted w.e.f 2020/01*)

Act means the means the Higher Education Act 1997 (Act 101 of 1997), as amended.

Assessment is the structured process for gathering evidence and making judgments, either formative or summative, about a student's performance. Formative judgments provide the student with guidance on how to improve on their performance prior to final assessment, at which point a summative judgment of pass/fail is made.

A subject which is **complementary** to another is one for which a student must register and write all test and examinations but not necessarily pass, prior to, or simultaneously with, that other subject.

A **co-requisite subject** is one that must be passed prior to, or simultaneously with, another subject before a credit will be given for that latter subject.

Council means the Council of the University.

A **credit** is given for every subject in accordance with its importance, its scope and the time to be spent on it. The credit value of each subject is therefore in direct proportion to its scope and is expressed to the third decimal place, e.g. 0,025 credits. A complete full time instructional programme involving a full year's academic study represents one credit.

Equivalent - insofar as it refers within the G- Rules to the admission requirements of the National Higher Diploma, Bachelor in Technology Degree, Master's Diploma in Technology, Master's Degree in Technology and Doctor's Degree in Technology - means a complete or incomplete qualification equal in academic value or academic importance.

An **exposure module (or subject)** is one that the student must have been enrolled for previously, before being allowed to commence with another module that the exposure is deemed necessary for. The individual programme rules will specify a sub minimum final mark that must be achieved before the student may progress to the latter. *(Inserted w.e.f 2019/01)*

A **final level** subject (in respect of pre-HEQSF qualifications) is one with a SAPSE code ending with 03 for National Diploma, 06 for National Higher Diploma and B. Tech Degree and 07 for M. Tech Degree. (In respect of HEQSF) A module at the exit level of the programme/qualification AND A module contributes to the highest level of achievement of the exit level outcomes of the programme/qualification

Formal Courses/Instructional Programmes:

Senate approved courses/instructional programmes of at least one semester/six months full-time equivalent duration can either be state approved subsidy generating courses/instructional programmes or self-funding approved courses/instructional programmes registered with the national qualifications authority.

GI (cont)

The **Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework (HEQSF)**, effective from December 2012, is a policy which specifies the minimum legal aspects of higher education formal qualifications in South Africa and how these qualifications fit within South Africa's overall National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

The formal qualifications offered by the Durban University of Technology (DUT) comply with all legal requirements stipulated by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). These include their accreditation by the Higher Education Qualifications Council (HEQC) and registration on the NQF by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

The DUT is in the process of aligning existing formal qualifications with the HEQSF. This process is being followed by all South African higher education Universities as a legal requirement and will take these Universities a number of years to complete. DUT gives the assurance that the status and value of DUT qualifications will in no way be adversely affected during this transitional period and beyond.

The **University** refers to the Durban University of Technology.

University Rules means the Rules of the University as approved by Senate and/or Council.

Linked modules may be specified with respect to two consecutive semester modules that show continuity in terms of content. (*Inserted w.e.f 2019/01*)

A **module** is a unit of study which:

- (i) is evaluated in a manner determined by the University;
- (ii) contributes a certain value to the total credit requirements for the given year/semester of an instructional programme;
- (iii) is started, completed and evaluated in its entirety within part of a year/semester;
- (iv) may have prerequisites; and
- (v) has a credit value which determines when a student has complied with all the requirements of an instructional programme.

Non-subsidised programmes are:

Self-supporting programmes which are offered by the University that are not subsidised by the State and have been approved as follows:

- 120 contact hours or less, by Faculty Board;
- greater than 120 contact hours and less than or equal to 360 contact hours, by Senex (via Faculty Board);
- more than 360 contact hours, by Senate (via Faculty Board)

A **prerequisite** subject is one that must be passed before a student may register for one or more further subjects as specified in any departmental handbook. This includes a subject which continues from one level to the next higher level.

GI (cont)

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) means the assessment of an applicant's previous non-formal and informal learning and experience to determine the extent to which this meets the required learning outcomes, competency outcomes, or standards for entry or access into a specified level of study at the University. A variety of assessment methods is used to determine the relevance, depth and extent of an applicant's prior learning.

Report 150 means the General Policy for Instructional Programmes of the Department of Higher Education and Training.

Senex means the Executive Committee of Senate.

Statute means the DUT Statute.

A **subject** is an identifiable unit of study which:

- (i) is evaluated in a manner determined by the University;
- (ii) contributes a certain value to the total credit requirements for the given year/semester of an instructional programme;
- (iii) may have prerequisites;
- (iv) has a credit value which is used to determine when a student has complied with all the requirements of an instructional programme; and
- (v) extends over a whole year/semester with a minimum of one contact period per week over the whole year/semester and an examination conducted during a specific examination period at the end of the year/semester (except in the case of continuous assessment). Rule G28 is the only G-Rule applicable to subjects categorized as experiential learning. Refer also to departmental handbooks.

Subsidised instructional programme/subjects are those funded by the State.

A **substitute module** is a module (or subject) that is equivalent to another module as far as a pre-requisite is concerned.

(Inserted w.e.f 2017/01)

GI (cont)

- (1) The rules and syllabi which appear in this General Handbook and the Departmental Handbooks are based inter alia on:
 - resolutions of the Senate by virtue of authority given under the Act;
 - the Statute;
 - the University Rulesand except where otherwise stated or prescribed by the Senate, shall be applicable to every student of the University.
- (2) Except where otherwise laid down expressly by the rules for an instructional programme or by necessary implication, the General Rules, where applicable, hold good for individual instructional programmes as well. Where a General Rule and a Department Rule deal with the same matter, the more limiting rule shall apply.
- (3) The Council may enter into agreements with other bodies to offer qualifications and/or the tuition leading to qualifications. Any special rule which is a requirement of such an agreement is specified in the rules of the instructional programmes of the Faculty/ies concerned. (Faculty is interpreted as an aggregation of departments.)
- (4) The Senate may revise or add to its rules from time to time and any such alteration or addition shall become binding upon publication of the University's General Handbook for Students or upon such date as may be specified by the Senate, provided that no change in rules shall be interpreted to operate retrospectively to the prejudice of any currently registered student.
- (5) All rules applying to an instructional programme when a student registers for that instructional programme shall remain in force and effect for as long as the student remains registered for every consecutive year/semester thereafter for that instructional programme. For the purposes of this rule, consecutive registration shall be regarded as including periods of experiential learning.
- (6) Notwithstanding Rule GI (5) a student must comply with those rules applicable to a subject at the time the student registers for that subject.
- (7) If for any reason the University has omitted to enforce a rule, this shall not be interpreted as a condonation of a breach of these rules and the new University shall at all times retain the right to enforce the rule.
- (8) Any student wishing to appeal against:
 - (a) the implementation of any rule must do so in the first instance to the relevant Head of Department;
 - (b) the decision of a Head of Department must do so via the relevant Executive Dean who will make a final decision, in terms of national legislation as well as policies and procedures of the University
(Amended w.e.f. 2016/01)All appeals must be in writing and include a clear motivation as to why the rule/s and/or decision in issue should not be enforced in the particular circumstances.
- (9) Any student wishing to appeal against a decision which is not rule related must follow the steps set out in the "Process for dealing with student issues" included at the end of these rules.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

GI (cont)

Rules for communication with students

The University may communicate with students using any of the following means:

- i) The University-generated email (Studentnumber@dut4life.ac.za) assigned to a student at registration will be deemed the official email for all University communication. Information and communication on this email will be deemed to have been received and read by him/her.
- ii) Each student must provide the University with a residential and a postal address and a valid cellphone number during registration. Students must inform the relevant Faculty Office of any change in such addresses or cellphone number without delay or update such changes on the student portal. Official correspondence sent to the DUT official e-mail (Studentnumber@dut4life.ac.za) and a postal address or cellphone number thus provided by the student will be deemed as having been received by him/her.
- iii) Each student must also provide the University with an address for the receipt of University accounts. Any change in this address must be submitted to the relevant Faculty Office without delay or update such changes on the student portal. Accounts sent to the address provided by the student and to the official student email (Studentnumber@dut4life.ac.za) will be deemed as having been received and read by him/her.
- iv) Where appropriate, official communications with students may also be done via the University's online learning platforms.
- v) Official letters bearing an authorised University logo and signed and stamped by an authorised representative of the University.
- vi) Printed documents may be delivered to the student's Domicilium citandi et executandi.
- vii) The DUT website is also an official communication channel for all DUT-related student matters.

Updating of student information

A registered student must ensure that all relevant changes to personal details are updated on the student portal for the purposes of official communication by the University with the student. Official correspondence with students will be addressed to the postal addresses, email addresses and/or cell phone numbers supplied during registration, or as updated on the student portal.

(Inserted w.e.f 2024/01)

G2 ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Subject to the provisions of the Act, and the rules contained herein, the Senate shall make rules for each instructional programme, relating to:

- (1) the eligibility of a person to register as a student at the University for each certificate, diploma or degree as approved by Senate;
- (2) the period of attendance; and
- (3) instructional programme, work and other requirements which shall be complied with in order to qualify for each certificate, diploma or degree

G3 REGISTRATION

(1) Persons who wish to register as a student of the University must comply with all of the following:

- (a) meet the University's admission requirements as stated in the General Rules and relevant Departmental Rules. While the University takes all reasonable precautions to ensure that students who are admitted for study to an academic programme meet the University's rules and the programme admission requirements and rules, any student admitted in error shall be deregistered from the programme;
(Amended w.e.f. 2021/01)
- (b) agree to any measure taken by the University to check and authenticate any documentation submitted for admission. Any incorrect and false information submitted may render a registered student to be charged with misconduct which could lead to the termination of a student's registration with the University. Applicants submitting incorrect and false information will be disqualified from admission to the University;
(Amended w.e.f. 2019/01)
- (c) undergo (where applicable) any selection procedures, which may be unique to the instructional programme the student has chosen;
- (d) be academically accepted for registration by the department offering the relevant instructional programme.
- (e) pay (where applicable) the prescribed non-refundable acceptance deposit, before due date;
- (f) complete, sign and have the official registration forms accepted by the relevant Office, whereby they bind themselves to all rules of the University;
- (g) register with the University on the prescribed registration date or, with the permission of the relevant Head of Department, not later than the final date for registration as determined by Senate, and then subject to any penalty fees;
- (h) pay all fees by due dates;
- (i) register for subjects only where there are no examination timetable clashes;
- (j) in the case of clashes in the lecture timetable, refer to the rules of the programme, and register only at the discretion of the Head of Department of the relevant instructional programme, and then by mutual written agreement; and
- (k) submit acceptable documented proof, when registering, of compliance with the relevant entrance requirements. Notwithstanding full compliance with all necessary requirements as stipulated in Rule G3, a person's unconditional registration will only occur when the person's relevant original certificate, diploma or degree, as well as all other relevant information / documentation has been vetted by and to the satisfaction of the University. (Rule G3(5)(a)(iv) refers.)

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- l) Fulfil any health, safety and capacity requirement, including vaccinations and/or medical tests that may be a specific professional board requirement for the instructional programme that the student has chosen. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the termination of the student's registration for the programme.
(Inserted wef from 2019/01)
 - m) Immediately report to the Head of Department any notifiable medical condition that the student may have contracted, in accordance with National Health Act (Act 61 of 2003).
(Inserted wef from 2019/01)
- (2) Failure to pay any prescribed deposits by the due date may lead to the forfeiture of the acceptance for an instructional programme. Failure to register on the due date may lead to forfeiture of acceptance and any deposit paid.
- (3) No person shall attend any instructional programme offered by the University, submit any work for assessment or use the Library or other facilities or property of the University, unless the person has registered as a student.
- (4) (a) Except with the prior permission of the Senex, no student shall be registered simultaneously for more than one instructional programme and/or at another University.
(b) If a student is granted such permission, it should in no way be implied that exemption, as envisaged in Rules G8 and G9 respectively, will automatically be granted by the University. Furthermore, should a clash in examination dates and times occur between the University's examination timetable and that of the other University, the University's timetable must take precedence.
- (5) (a) The registration of a student shall be considered to be provisional if the student's admission requirements are:
 - (i) subject to compliance with Rules G8, G9 and/or G10.
 - (ii) subject to delay in the publication of the results of the immediately preceding examination; such delay not to exceed one calendar month after the student's registration;
 - (iii) (Deleted w.e.f. 2021/01)
 - (iv) still to be verified by checking of the relevant original certificate, diploma or degree, by and to the satisfaction of the University.
- (6) Provisional registration shall become unconditional registration when the student has complied with all the outstanding requirements as dealt with in Rule G3(5)(a) within the period stipulated by the University.
- (7) Provisional registration shall be cancelled if the student fails to comply with the outstanding requirements as dealt with in Rule G3(5)(a), within the period stipulated by the University.
- (8) A provisionally registered student shall be permitted to write the examinations provided the stipulated period for such provisional registration has not expired (Rule G3(5)(c) refers). No credit for any subject passed will be given until such time as the outstanding requirements have been complied with.
- (6) A registered student is entitled to further register at the University for a subject(s) which is/are additional to the requisite number of subjects for the student's current year/semester of study as determined by the University provided that:
 - (a) in the case of clashes in the lecture timetable, the student registers only at the discretion of the Head of Department of the relevant instructional programme, and then by mutual written agreement;

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- (b) there is no examination timetable clash;
 - (c) the student, before enrolling for such subject(s), obtains the written approval of all relevant heads of academic departments, including the Head of Department for the student's current instructional programme;
 - (d) the relevant subject fee(s) is/are paid by the due date;
 - (e) such subject(s) will be deemed subject(s) taken for non-certificate/diploma/degree purposes and may become part of an instructional programme with the approval of the relevant Faculty Board (Rule G7(6) refers). *(Amended w.e.f. 2020/01)*
- (7) The Senate reserves the right to cancel an advertised class, to discontinue an instructional programme and, in the event of insufficient enrolment for an instructional programme, to de-register those students who have registered for it for the first time in the current academic year/semester.
- (8) A student who was formerly, or is currently, registered for a qualification at any other educational University and, before completing the requirements towards such qualification, wishes to register for an instructional programme towards a qualification at the University, must produce, to the satisfaction of the University, a "certificate of conduct" from that other educational University before being permitted to register.
- (9) Only registered students may nominate, be nominated, vote or hold office for/on the SRC.
For the purposes of nominating or being nominated, voting and holding office on the Students Representative Council (SRC), a registered student is any student who has been registered for at least one semester in terms of the provision of Rule G3(1) for a formal instructional programme recognised by the Senate as of a standard at least equal to that of a programme in respect of which any State subsidy is granted or may be granted.
If a student's registration ceases for whatever reason after the student's election to the SRC, such holding of office shall correspondingly terminate.
- (10) A student is not permitted to re-register for a subject that he/she has already passed at the University.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2011/01)

G4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NOTE: The University regards International Students as those who require study visas.

An international student who wishes to follow an instructional programme at the University must, after being accepted by the Head of Department for a particular instructional programme, obtain the required study visa before registration. Acceptance by the Head of Department as a potential student will not place any obligation on the South African Government to issue a study visa or to renew a study visa for a subsequent year of study.

- (1) When selecting students the University reserves the right to give preference to South African citizens and permanent residents.
- (2) No international person shall be registered, even provisionally, for any instructional programme, without inter alia:
 - (a) a valid study visa issued by the Department of Home Affairs;
 - (b) payment of a prescribed levy;

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- (c) complying in full with all academic admission requirements; and
 - (d) proof of medical aid cover to the satisfaction of the University.
(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)
- (3) When registered, an international student will be required to comply fully with all requirements of the relevant instructional programme including any subject which involves any official South African language.

G5 LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED

The Senate shall determine the maximum and minimum number of students that may be accepted for registration for an instructional programme in any year.

G6A DATES OF REGISTRATION / DE-REGISTRATION

- (1) The dates for registration for any instructional programme will be determined by the Senate annually.
- (2) The Senate may stipulate dates after which a student shall neither be registered nor de-registered in any academic year, nor shall make any change to the student's approved instructional programme.

G6B INTERRUPTION OF STUDIES

- (1) If, for whatever reason, a student does not register consecutively for every year/ semester of the programme, his/ her existing registration contract with the University shall cease unless the student has applied to the Department for permission to interrupt studies.
- (2) Where such permission has not been given, re-registration will be at the discretion of the University and, if permitted, will be in accordance with the rules applicable at that time.
- (3) A student may appeal against the application of Rule G6B in accordance with Rule G1(8).
(Inserted wef 2019/01)

G7 MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

G7(1) GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A person will only be considered for registration for an instructional programme approved by the University's Senate if the person complies with:

- (a) the minimum admission requirements stated in Rule G7 and Rules G19 to G25 inclusive, as applicable;
- (b) University faculty, departmental and/or instructional programme specific rules; and
- (c) Rules G3 and G4.

G7(2) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON SCHOOL LEAVING OR TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS

- (a) Pre 2009:
PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION
QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):
For National Certificate, National Higher Certificate and National Diploma:

a Senior Certificate certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), provided:

- (i) that the subjects passed in obtaining such a certificate include a minimum of four subjects (which may not include more than two of the official languages) passed on the Higher Grade and/or the Standard Grade, one of which must be English at least on Second Language Standard Grade level; and
- (ii) any Functional Grade subject(s) and/or Lower Grade subject(s) offered is/are not a prerequisite for the proposed instructional programme;

OR

(b) With effect from 1 January 2009:

- (i) **PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):**

For National Certificate, National Higher Certificate and National Diploma: a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi) provided that a minimum of 4 recognised NSC 20-credit subjects must be passed. These 4 subjects must:

- (.i) include English with a minimum achievement rating of 3;
- (.ii) not exceed 2 official languages; and
- (.iii) have a minimum achievement rating of 3, in accordance with the following NSC levels of achievement:

Rating Code	Rating	Marks %
7	Outstanding Achievement	80 - 100
6	Meritorious Achievement	70 - 79
5	Substantial Achievement	60 - 69
4	Adequate Achievement	50 - 59
3	Moderate Achievement	40 - 49
2	Elementary Achievement	30 - 39
1	Not Achieved	0 - 29

(Inserted wef 2009/01)

- (ii) **IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):**
 - **For Higher Certificate:**
a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum achievement rating of 3 for English.
 - **For Diploma:**
a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 3 in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects.
 - **For Bachelor's Degree:**
a National Senior Certificate (NSC) as certified by the Council for General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with a minimum achievement rating of 3 for English and a minimum achievement rating of 4 in four NSC 20-credit subjects chosen from the NSC designated subject list.

(Inserted wef 2012/01)

OR

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(c) PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):

For National Certificate, National Higher Certificate and National Diploma:

- (i) an N3 Certificate or NTC III obtained with passes in at least four subjects, plus two of the official languages, one of which must be English; provided that one of the official languages must be passed at least on First Language Standard Grade level and the other at least on Second Language Standard Grade level. (See notes to (c) below); or
- (ii) passes in two official languages or equivalent as described in (i) above and one of the following credit combinations of four subjects:
 - 3 Senior Certificate subject passes on at least Standard Grade and one N3 subject; or
 - 2 Senior Certificate subject passes on at least Standard Grade and two N3 subjects; or
 - 1 Senior Certificate subject pass on at least Standard Grade and three N3 subjects

Notes to (c):

1. An N3 subject pass is equivalent to a corresponding Senior Certificate Standard Grade subject pass.
2. The N3 and Standard Grade subjects must each be passed with at least 40 per cent.
3. The percentages obtained for each of the subjects offered towards any of the above credit combinations (including the required languages) must be converted to marks out of 300 for Standard Grade or N3 passes and out of 400 for Higher Grade passes. These marks must then be added together for all six subjects and a minimum total of 720 marks must be obtained for full compliance with G7(2)(c);

OR

(d) PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):

For National Certificate, National Higher Certificate and National Diploma:

four N4 credits in appropriate subjects (attaining a mark of at least 50% in each of the 4 subjects) provided that the person can prove communicative competence in English;

OR

(e) with effect from 1 January 2009:

IN TERMS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (HEQF):

- For Higher Certificate:
 - a National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 with at least 50% in English
- For Diploma:
 - a National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 with the following minimum requirements:
 - (i) at least 50% in three fundamental subjects, including English; and
 - (ii) at least 60% in three compulsory vocational subjects.

G7(2)(e)(cont)

For Bachelor's Degree:

a National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 with the following minimum requirements:

- (i) at least 60% in three fundamental subjects, including English; and
 - (ii) at least 70% in four compulsory vocational subjects, chosen from the National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 subjects.
- (Inserted wef 2012/01)*

OR

- (f) Any other qualifications which the Senate may accept for the admission of a student for study at the University including as per Rule G7(5), provided that the person's standard of communication skills, ability to study successfully and/ or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the relevant head of department, should be able to complete the instructional programme.

G7(3) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BASED UPON WORK EXPERIENCE, AGE AND MATURITY

- A) For admission to entry level degree studies:

A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted if such a person is in possession of a National Senior Certificate, Senior Certificate or an equivalent certificate, but lacks the minimum requirements for admission to the degree provided that:

- (a) the person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least:
 - three years' appropriate work experience; and/or
 - capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed by a Senate approved admission assessment comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (AL) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (2,5 hours) and/or an appropriate subject- or programme-specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and the person has obtained
(Amended wef 2019/01)
- (b) a conditional certificate of exemption from the Matriculation Board (when in possession of the Senior Certificate (SC)); OR has met
- (c) the requirements for Senate discretionary admission (when in possession of the NSC or equivalent), where Senate is satisfied the applicant has shown sufficient academic ability to ensure success, and that the person's standard of communication skills, and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the Senate, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully.
- (d) Applicants intending to gain admission through Rule G7 (3)(A) must submit their applications at least four months before commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.
(Inserted wef 2019/01)
- (e) the person's application for admission in terms of Rule G7(3)(A) is approved prior to registration.

G7(3)(cont)

- B) For admission to entry level diploma and certificate studies:
A person may, subject to such requirements as the Senate may determine, be admitted to the University if such a person does not comply with the requirements set out in sub-paragraphs G7(1) and G7(2) provided that:
- (a) The person shall have reached the age of 23 in the first year of registration and shall have at least:
- three years' appropriate work experience; and/or capacity for the proposed instructional programme, which shall be assessed at the discretion of the respective Head of Department by a Senate-approved admission assessment comprising of a DUT Standardised Assessment Test for Access and Placement (SATAP), Academic Literacies (AL) & English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and/or an appropriate subject- or programme-specific written assessment designed and marked by the relevant Department; and
(Amended wef 2019/01)
- (b) the relevant Faculty Board shall be satisfied that the person's standard of communication skills, ability to study successfully and/or work experience are such that the person, in the opinion of the relevant Faculty Board, should be able to complete the proposed instructional programme successfully. If required, the communication skills and study skills should be tested; and
- (c) the person's application for admission in terms of Rule G7(3) is approved prior to registration.
- (d) Applicants intending to gain admission through Rule G7 (3)(B) must submit their applications at least four months before commencement of the academic year inclusive of the date of scheduling writing a requisite eligibility assessment.
(Inserted wef 2019/01)
- (e) the person's application for admission in terms of Rule G7(3)(B) is approved prior to registration.
(Amended w.e.f. 2017/01)

G7(4) SOUTH AFRICAN SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION AUTHORITIES ACCEPTABLE FOR ADMISSION PURPOSES

(a) PRE-1996:

Transvaal Education Department
Cape Education Department
OFS Education Department

Natal Education Department

National Department of Education
Department of Education and Training
Department of Education and Culture:
Administration: House of Representatives
Department of Education and Culture:
Administration: House of Delegates

(b) FROM 1996:

Gauteng Education Department
Mpumalanga Education Department
Limpopo Education Department
Northwest Education Department
Northern Cape Education Department

Western Cape Education Department
KwaZulu-Natal Education Department
Eastern Cape Education Department
Free State Education Department
National Department of Education
National Department of Higher Education
and Training (since 2009)
Independent Examinations Board

(c) **ACE SCHOOL OF TOMORROW CERTIFICATES**

A person may be admitted to the University for education and training if the person meets the following requirements:

- (i) completion of the ACE School of Tomorrow Grade 12 Graduation Certificate, ACE School of Tomorrow NCSC or ACE School of Tomorrow ICCE, and Previous (ii) *Deleted wef 2019/01*.
- (iii) Completion of any further tests prescribed by Senate and administered by the University which demonstrates a candidate's preparedness for diploma/degree studies.
- (iv) ACE School of Tomorrow Candidates who write accredited NSC examinations i.e. DBE or IEB examinations will be admitted in terms of their status of their NSC certificates
(Amended wef 2019/0)

G7(5) INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

The University:

- 1. recognises, for admission purposes:
 - (a) any General Certificate of Education (GCE), or General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) that is quality assured by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE); provided that the holder of such a Certificate has, at one or more examination sitting/s, passed a minimum of five approved Ordinary (O) Level subjects, of which:
 - (i) at least four must be at symbols A,B, or C;
 - (ii) no more than one may be a symbol D; and
 - (iii) at least one must be English Language or English Literature;and
 - (b) certain other international qualifications. Further details are obtainable from the Student Admissions Office or relevant Faculty Office.
 - (c) Matriculation exemption is a mandatory legal requirement for pursuing a first-degree course at a South African university. Applicants with international qualifications must ensure compliance with the matriculation exemption criteria established by the Matriculation Board. They are required to have their international school qualifications evaluated and provide a certificate of full or conditional exemption from the Matriculation Board prior to registration.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2025/09)
 - (d) International applicants and applicants with international qualifications must also meet the specific admission requirements of their chosen programme at the university.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2025/09)
- 2. reserves the right to request any person to have their international qualifications assessed by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).
(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

G7(6) ADMISSION FOR NON-CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA/DEGREE PURPOSES

A person, including those who have not qualified for admission for certificate, diploma or degree studies, may, with the permission of the relevant Faculty Board, be admitted for non-certificate, non-diploma or non-degree purposes. In alignment with the Policies on the Recognition of Prior Learning, Credit Accumulation and Transfer, and Assessment in

Higher Education, credit/s may be granted towards an instructional programme with the approval of the relevant Faculty Board. (Rule G3(6)(e) refers). (*Amended w.e.f. 2020/01*)

G7(7) ADMISSION TO A NON-SUBSIDISED PROGRAMME

In respect of programmes for which no state subsidy is granted in terms of the Act, the Senate may accept lower qualifications for the purpose of admission. The administration of such courses is governed by the University's Non-subsidised Course Policy as approved by Senate.

G7(8) ADMISSION VIA RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

A person may on formal application and payment of the prescribed fee, and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the relevant Faculty Board be admitted for registration for an instructional programme approved by the University's Senate, in accordance with the University's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy.

(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

G8 TRANSFER OF SUBJECTS PASSED AT THE UNIVERSITY FROM ONE INCOMPLETE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMME TO ANOTHER

A student who has passed any number except all of the subjects towards an instructional programme at the University may transfer one or more of them from that instructional programme to another at the University, provided that these subjects are common to both instructional programmes. A student must, however, obtain the approval of the relevant academic Head of Department, who shall have full discretion in the granting of such subject transfer/s.

When a subject transfer is approved, the corresponding final result will also be transferred.

No fee is payable.

G9 EXEMPTIONS OF SUBJECTS A EXEMPTIONS OF SUBJECTS PASSED

- (l) In compliance with Rule 18(4) a registered student may, on formal application and payment of the prescribed fee, and for the purpose of such student obtaining a qualification at the University, be granted an exemption from registration for a subject(s) which the student has already passed as part of an instructional programme which is accredited by the Council for Higher Education
- at the University or any other educational University registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training as a higher education and training provider and regarded by the Council as equivalent to a university of technology,
 - towards a tertiary qualification which is registered with the South African Qualifications Authority provided that:
 - (a) the student must write and pass at the University:
 - ⓐ 50% or more, by FTE weight, of the student's subjects, which must include at least 50%, by FTE weight, of that student's final level subjects. (If the number of subjects that must be passed is not an integer, then it must be rounded up to the nearest whole number.); or
 - ⓑ all the student's final level subjects (refer to Rule G1 for definition of "final level"); or
(Deleted w.e.f. 2016/01)
 - (b) such exemptions shall not be granted with distinction.
 - (c) exemptions may be granted for work-integrated learning in accordance with the requirements set by each respective academic department.
 - (d) exemptions of portions of subjects may only be granted provided such portions are separately identifiable and are normally examined/assessed separately; and
 - (e) except in special circumstances, as approved by the relevant Faculty Board, no subject appearing on a lower level qualification already granted to a student can be offered for exemption purposes towards a higher level qualification for which the former qualification is a prerequisite;

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- (2) An exemption may be granted for subject(s) which a student has passed towards a National “N” instructional programme for the purpose of registering for National Diploma examinations offered by the University subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) exemption will be considered only for first and second level University subjects;
 - (b) exemption will be allowed only in those cases where a student has acquired at least a 50 per cent mark in the particular N-course subjects;
 - (c) a maximum of 6 months’ experiential training completed towards the student’s N instructional programme may be recognised, provided such training is appropriate to the student’s national diploma instructional programme;
 - (d) no subject exemption can be considered unless the student has passed at least one related N5 subject with a minimum of 50%;
 - (e) such exemptions shall not be granted with distinction.
- (3) The full discretion for the granting of all exemptions in accordance with Rule G9 lies with the relevant Head of Department after analysis of:
 - (a) the alignment of qualification specification as registered, including outcomes, assessment criteria, credits of competence and NQF level, and
 - (b) programme and subject design including level, syllabus, assessment and NQF level

B EXEMPTIONS OF SUBJECTS FOR WHICH CREDITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED VIA RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

A student may, on formal application and payment of the prescribed fee, and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the relevant Faculty Board, be granted an exemption(s) from registration for a subject(s) for which the student has received credit(s) in terms of the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy of the University or any other educational University regarded by the Council as equivalent to a university of technology, for the purpose of such student obtaining a qualification at the University. Such exemptions shall not be granted with distinction.

(Amended w.e.f. 2012/01)

G10A CONFERMENT OF STATUS

An assessment panel comprising minimally of the relevant Head of Department and one other representative appointed by the Head of Department may, for the purpose of registration for a higher qualification and after having complied with the prescribed procedures, recommend the conditional or unconditional conferment of status of any of the pre-requisite qualification(s) offered at the University on a person who has complied with all or some of the requirements of an equivalent qualification in an appropriate field. Such recommendation requires the approval of the Executive Committee of the relevant Faculty Board.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G10B ADVANCED STANDING VIA RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

A student may, on formal application and payment of the prescribed fee, and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the relevant Faculty Board be granted conditional or unconditional advanced standing for a specified qualification on the basis of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment, for the purpose of registration for a higher qualification.

(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

G11 REFUSAL OF ADMISSION OR READMISSION

The relevant Faculty Board or the Vice Chancellor's Tribunal may refuse the admission or readmission of any person as a student of the University or expel any student if the relevant Faculty Board or the Vice Chancellor's Tribunal considers it to be in the interest of the University to do so. (The University's Undergraduate and Post Graduate Admissions Policies, Rule G17 and the Student Code of Conduct refer.)

(Amended w.e.f. 2010/01)

G12 ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATIONS

- (1) The minimum year or semester mark for admission to the examination shall be 40%, unless prescribed differently for the subject in the relevant programme regulations, subject to the proviso that the year or semester mark shall not be lower than 40%.
- (2) The year/semester mark shall comprise marks in respect of one or more of the following components:
 - (a) a theory test;
 - (b) an assignment or project;
 - (c) a practical component;
 - (d) a portfolio.
- (3) The requirements of each subject in regard to the composition of the year/semester mark are detailed in the rules for each instructional programme.
- (4) Where other external examining bodies (Institutes, Universities, etc.) are involved, the requirements of these bodies must be complied with as detailed in the particular rules for the instructional programmes concerned.
- (5) A student may be required to fulfil additional requirements related to attendance as detailed within the relevant Faculty/ Departmental prospectus/study guide.
- (6) Final year/semester marks will be published at least 5 working days prior to the start of the examinations. A student may appeal to the Head of the Department concerned if the student considers that a year/semester mark is incorrect owing to typographical, clerical or computational errors. Such appeals shall be made in writing within 5 working days of the publication of the final year/semester mark.
- (7) No year/semester mark may be altered without the approval of the Head of Department.
- (8) Condonation or Aegrotat in respect of a particular test, practical or other assignment may be granted by the lecturer in consultation with the Head of Department.
- (9) Except as provided for in Rule G12(4), or any departmental rules relating to the specific subject/s, for which a student is registered, the year/semester mark counts 40% towards the final result.
- (10) A student is not permitted to transfer the year/semester mark for a subject from one examination period to another.
- (11) A student who re-registers for any subject forfeits the previous year/semester mark for that subject (Rule G3(10) also refers).

G13 EXAMINATIONS

(I) General

(a) Examination timetables

Timetables giving dates, times and venues are published on the University noticeboards, DUT website and Student portal. The onus rests on each student to become acquainted with timetable details. These are not given telephonically. Timetables are posted only to re-write students who are not currently registered.

Morning sessions commence at 09:00 and afternoon sessions at 14:00 unless otherwise indicated on the timetable.

(b) Admission to an examination

No student will be entitled to write an examination in any subject:

- (i) unless the student has a valid year/semester mark of at least 40%;
- (ii) at any time or date other than those indicated on the time-table, except in the case of a clash of examinations arising on the official timetable, when the matter must be reported within two weeks of publication of the final examination timetable, by the student, on the prescribed form to the Examinations Department, who will make arrangements for all such subjects to be written on the same date but at different times; and
- (iii) unless the student complies with Rule G13(1)(h).

(c) Examination periods

- (i) There are two main examination periods, one at mid-year (May/June), the other at year-end (October/November), with a supplementary/special examination period (where permitted by the rules of a specific instructional programme) following from each of these, one at the end of the year (November/ December) and the other at mid-year (June/July) or as separately determined by a faculty and published as such in the Academic Calendar (Rule G13(2)(a) refers). Unless stipulated otherwise by a Departmental rule, an extraordinary examination sitting is scheduled for students who qualify for a further examination as a result of having one outstanding subject towards qualifying (Rule G13 (2)(b)(iv) refers).

(Inserted w.e.f. 2015/01)

In addition,

- (.i) subjects may, with the consent of the Senate, be assessed by means of continuous assessment throughout the year/ semester (Rule G13(1)(k) refers);
- and
- (.ii) Master's Degree in Technology or Doctorate research dissertations/theses may be examined at any time during the year.
- (ii) Students are examined at Levels 4 and 5 for:
 - (.i) annual subjects, at the end of the year in which they were registered for such subjects;
 - and
 - (.ii) semester subjects, at the end of the semester in which they are registered for any such subjects.

(d) Examination of annual subjects

No examination for an annual subject will be offered at mid-year unless contained in the rules of the relevant academic department.

(e) Examiners/Moderators

For all the University's examinations, the examiners and moderators will, on recommendation of the relevant Head of Department, be approved and appointed by the Faculty Board.

(f) Concessions

Extra time to a maximum of 20 minutes per hour, or an aid to be used while the examination is to be written, may be granted for the completion of an examination if a student is affected by one or more of the following conditions:

- proven neurological dysfunctions which affect writing rate and/or rate of reading/processing information;
- a history of learning disabilities;
- physical handicaps/injuries which impair the rate of writing/drawing performance during examinations;
- provided that an application, supported by Student Counselling, is made by the student to the Examinations Department no later than 5 weeks prior to the commencement date of examinations as reflected in the calendar for the current academic year.
- Late applications will be considered only where the problem has initially occurred after the five weeks deadline and the student concerned immediately contacts the Examinations Department direct.

(g) Examination venues

(i) Where a subject is scheduled to be written in a number of rooms, a student must establish in which room that student is to write from the examination numbers appearing on the doors of the rooms concerned.

(ii) The transfer of examination entries to other centres where students are unable to write their examination/s at the University:

- (.i) The transfer of examination entries within the Republic will be permitted only:
 - in the case of registered students, on sound academic grounds approved by Senex
 - in the case of re-write students not currently registered, and
 - to other educational Universitys registered with the Department of Education as higher education and training providers and regarded by Council as equivalent to a university of technology. In exceptional circumstances, Senex may consent to examination entries being transferred to a venue other than the aforementioned. The onus rests on the students concerned to obtain the permission of those authorities which are to accommodate them.
- (.ii) The transfer of examination entries outside the Republic:
 - will be permitted only with Senex approval, and
 - may be written only at a South African diplomatic office. Such arrangements must be finalised by the students with the University and the other centres and the University's prescribed fee paid to the Examinations Department at least four weeks prior to the date of the students' first examinations.

The onus rests on the students concerned to pay all prescribed fees to the accommodating examination centres.

(h) Proof of identity

Any student attending an examination must ensure that the following items are in the possession of the student:

- (i) the student's registration card, or
- (i) an official identity document and a letter from the relevant Faculty Office proving that the student is fully registered.

It is a serious offence to impersonate a student by using a student card or identity document belonging to another individual. Parties involved in this practice will face disciplinary/legal action.

(Amended w.e.f. 2016/01)

(i) Time of arrival and minimum period before leaving examination venue

- (i) A student must be seated in the correct examination room in the place allocated by the Chief Invigilator fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of the examination. Any student arriving late will be allowed entry into the examination room only up to one hour after the commencement of the examination. Such a student will not be allowed extra time.
- (ii) No student may leave an examination room within the first hour of an examination or thereafter without the permission of the Chief Invigilator. No student may temporarily leave an examination room unless accompanied by an officer of the University.

(j) A student who requires a certificate of attendance must obtain a blank form prior to the commencement of the examination from an invigilator and fill in all details thereon, except the time of leaving the examination room. The form must then be completed by the invigilator before the student leaves the examination room. Attendance certificates will not be issued at any other time.

(k) Assessment

The University's Assessment Policy governs the practice of assessment by providing a framework to ensure the provision of credible, high quality, relevant learning programmes. The framework ensures that assessment is an integral part of the learning and teaching process. Each faculty and academic department is responsible for contextualising its assessment practice within the framework.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(l) Examination Results

- (i) All examination results must be approved by the relevant Faculty Boards, or their Executive Committees, before publication.
- (ii) All officially approved examination results will be published as soon as they become available.

- (iii) Confirmation of examination results are published on the University's Student Portal. The university Cannot be held responsible for such results not being received. The onus therefore is on the student to check the Student Portal OR to obtain an Official Statement of Results or Academic Transcript at the Faculty Office to ascertain the results. Failure to use these facilities shall not be accepted as a valid reason for missing deadlines for applications for remarks, scanning, supplementary examinations, etc.
- (iv) Under no circumstances will results be given verbally by the University.

(m) Withholding of examination results and graduation certificates

The examination results of a student may be withheld for any of the undermentioned reasons occurring at the time of publication of examination results and/or the certificate, academic transcript of a diplomate/graduate may be withheld for any of the undermentioned reasons occurring at the time a person meets the academic requirements in order to graduate:

- (i) failure to pay any outstanding monies owed to the University;
(Amended wef 2012/01)
- (ii) failure to return any property on loan from the University of R100 or more in value, unless prior arrangement has been made with the department concerned;
- (iii) failure to submit valid documentary proof of admission requirements;
- (iv) failure to return or to pay the replacement value of material due to the University library; or
- (v) pending the outcome of a disciplinary enquiry concerning a breach of examination rules and/or procedure; or
- (vi) pending any enquiry into a student's year/semester mark, examination result and/or final result.

(Amended w.e.f. 2022/01)

(n) Scanning, or re-marking of examination scripts after publication of results

Definitions

An **examination script** means an official book issued by the University and written in by a student to answer an examination question paper.

Scanning means a single viewing by only the student of that student's examination script and relevant marking memorandum, permissible only in the Examinations Department and under the supervision of an University official. The period of the scanning is not to exceed thirty minutes.

Re-marking means the marking afresh of an examination script, by the moderator.

- (i) Applications for the re-marking of examination scripts are permitted to afford students the means of appeal against their published examination results for theory examinations.
- (ii) Applications for scanning and/or re-marks, plus payment of the respective prescribed fees, must be made on or before the date stipulated at the time that examination results are published. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, late applications will be accepted, provided:

- they are made before the end of the semester/year which is subsequent to the semester/year in which the examination was written; and
- the applicant gives acceptable reasons to the relevant Head of Department and Dean; and
- the applicant pays the prescribed fee plus penalty fee.

Under no circumstances will applications be accepted thereafter or any other correspondence entered into in respect of a published result. Scanning and re-marking are not permitted in respect of practical, portfolio and oral examinations and in subjects evaluated by continuous assessment.

- (iii) The prescribed fee for re-marking will be refunded to students whose final result for a subject changes, as a result of a re-mark or review, from a fail to a pass of 50% or more, or from a final result which is already a pass to a higher final result which then constitutes a pass with distinction (i.e. 75% or more).
- (iv) If, as a result of a re-mark, an examination mark is decreased and a student is thereby no longer eligible for a previously granted supplementary examination, the entry for the latter will be cancelled and the prescribed fee refunded.
- (v) The result of a re-mark application is final and no further communication in respect of it will be entered into by the University.

(o) Academic Integrity

Note: The credibility of the University as a proud provider of top caliber tertiary, career-specific education and training is dependent on its academic integrity as embodied in the worthiness and honesty of its staff, students and graduates, and consequently of the qualifications it awards.

The University is uncompromising in safeguarding its academic integrity. The following fraudulent acts will be regarded as undermining the University's academic integrity and will therefore be severely dealt with:

- falsification of academic records, e.g. the altering of results on a Senior Certificate or any authorised results statement;
- plagiarism, ie, the submission, by any person or group of persons, without acknowledgement, of written, visual or oral material, or an idea or opinion, originally produced by someone else and passing it off as one's own original work. The University's Plagiarism Policy and Procedures for staff and students also refers; and
- cheating, ie, the gaining of an unfair advantage by a student in any assignment, test, practical, tutorial, experiential training or examination.

(p) Examination/Test Venue Regulations

In order to avoid the University of disciplinary proceedings against them, students must be fully acquainted and comply with the following regulations which apply at each test/examination session:

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- (i) A student must fully complete and sign both the attendance slip and the requisite personal details in the spaces provided on the cover of his/her answer book. A student is not permitted to write any other information in his/her answer book before the invigilator announces the commencement of the test/examination and allows all student to commence writing.
- (ii) No explanation of test/examination questions may be asked for, and none will be given.
- (iii) Except with prior consent of the Registrar, which must be requested in writing, and supported by acceptable medical evidence at least two months prior to the commencement of tests/examinations, the wearing of any audio device in the ear is not permitted by any student in any examination/test venue.
- (iv) The invigilator is officially in control of the examination/test venue and must be obeyed in all matters relating to the examination/test. If a student wishes to attract the invigilator's attention, he/she must remain at his/her desk and raise his/her hand.
- (v) Before a student commences an examination/test he/she must carefully check that he/she has the correct question paper, he/she must read the instructions appearing on the question paper and answer book and strictly comply with them.
- (vi) A student is not allowed to help another student or attempt to help another student to get help or attempt to get help, to communicate with anybody or attempt to communicate with anybody except the invigilator. The use or attempted use of a cellular phone and/or other communication device during an examination/test is prohibited. A student in possession of such device/s must ensure that they are switched off prior to entering an examination/test venue that they remain so and are placed out of sight until the student has left such a venue at the end of an examination/test.
- (vii) No calculator or any other article may be lent by one student to another.
- (viii) A student may not create a disturbance in an examination/test venue or misbehave in any way.
- (ix) A student may not disregard the instructions of an invigilator. An invigilator may confiscate a student's answer book(s) and expel a student from the examination/test venue who, after a warning, persists in making a disturbance or in disobeying examination/test instructions.
- (x) A student may not have any of the items listed below in his/her possession during an examination/test. No excuse that he/she had forgotten or did not know that he/she had one or other of such items in his/her possession will be accepted after a question paper has been handed to him/her. The onus rests with a student to ensure that any of the excluded items below, if brought to the examination/test venue, are placed in the area designated for this purpose by the Chief Invigilator and are not kept within reach of the desk where a student writes his/her examination/test. The University accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage suffered by a student as a consequence of compliance with these requirements.

The excluded items are:

- (.i) any bag, book, dictionary (including electronic and bilingual versions), memorandum, notes, map, photograph or other document or paper (including unused paper), or other material in any format; other than
 - those specified as a requirement on the question paper, and/or,
 - books, notes and other materials required where the examination/test is of an Open Book nature, and/or
 - materials provided to a student by the invigilator, and
 - proof of a student's identity;
- (.ii) any container (including for a calculator, stationary, or any material referred to in (x.i) above). A student may, however, use a transparent plastic bag.
 - (.iii) any calculator that subverts the purpose of the examination/test which would include one other than the type specified as a requirement on the question paper (for example, alphanumeric, non-programmable scientific, arithmetic). For the purposes of all examinations/tests conducted by the University, the following meanings shall be attached to these categories of calculators:
 - alphanumeric - one which stores text;
 - scientific - one which performs arithmetic and mathematical/scientific functions (including trigonometric functions) and which may be programmable;
 - arithmetic - one which performs arithmetic functions (for example, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentage);
 - financial - one which performs certain financial and arithmetic/mathematical functions (for example, yx, log, ln, interest, annuities)
- (.iv) any electronic device that can assist students gain an unfair advantage
(Inserted w.e.f. 2016/01)
- (xi) The possession of firearms in an examination/test room is prohibited. Furthermore, the University accepts no responsibility for their safekeeping during an examination/test.
- (xii) A student's attention is especially drawn to the fact that anybody who commits an act calculated to obtain or confer upon a student an unfair advantage is guilty of a criminal offence.
- (xiii) All aids and answer books issued to a student must be handed to the invigilator before he/she leaves the examination/test venue. This includes all blank and used answer books issued to a student.

G13(1)(p) (cont)

- (xiv) Rough work including any notes a student may wish to make after entering the examination/test venue must be done in his/her answer book only. Any work a student does not wish to have marked must have a line drawn through it. A student is not permitted to remove any pages from any answer book. In addition certain question papers, as determined by the University, may not be retained and must be returned to the invigilator.
- (xv) When a student has finished and wishes to leave the examination/test venue, he/she must remain at his/her desk, raise his/her hand and wait until the invigilator has collected his/her answer book and gives him/her the necessary permission to leave. No student may temporarily leave the examination/test venue without the permission of the invigilator and supervision. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, a student may not leave the room in the first hour or the last 15 minutes of an examination/test. No student may exceed the prescribed duration of an examination/test.
- (xvi) No one is allowed to smoke in the examination/test venue.
- (xvii) For drawing examinations/tests, a student must provide his/her own drawing clips. Drawing pins may not be used.
- (xviii) Once the Chief Invigilator has declared that an examination has ended, all students must stop writing, and remain seated until all answer books have been collected and accounted for, and the Chief Invigilator gives the students permission to leave the venue.
- (xix) A student may not address any personal remarks to an examiner or record any information on the script which is not related to the subject being assessed.

G13(2) Supplementary Examinations

- (a) In addition to the two main examination periods, supplementary examinations are held in certain subjects in accordance with dates published in the Calendar of the University.

Except where the rules for an instructional programme determine otherwise, a student will be admitted to a supplementary examination if the student has failed a subject in the preceding examination period, having obtained a final mark (year/semester mark and examination mark) of at least 45% in the preceding examination period.

Notwithstanding the above:

- ⓐ A student in his/her final year of study who has one subject outstanding to complete a qualification is also entitled to one supplementary examination where the student has failed the examination of the last outstanding subject towards qualifying, regardless of:
 - the final result obtained for that subject;
 - whether the failure occurred in the main or supplementary examination period, subject to Rule G13(2)(b)(iv);and
 - whichever year/semester the student had failed the subject.

G13(2)(a)(i)(cont)

In addition, the following will apply to such supplementary examination:

- must be written in the supplementary examination period of the student's current semester/year of registration in which the student is left with one subject outstanding to qualify, unless otherwise stipulated in a departmental rule;
(Amended w.e.f. 2015/01)
- may, at the discretion of the relevant Executive Dean, be granted for a continuously assessed subject
(Amended w.e.f. 2011/01)
- if a student fails the supplementary examination, he/she must re-register for the subject and obtain a new year/semester mark.
- an application to write the above supplementary examination is required to be submitted to the relevant Faculty Office by the closing dates published in the General Handbook for Students.
(Amended w.e.f.2020/01)

- (i) where a student has obtained a year/semester mark which is 20% or higher than the examination sub-minimum for any subject, and the student attempts and fails the examination in that subject, the student will be eligible for a supplementary examination.
 - (i) the year/semester mark that applied to the preceding examination will apply to the supplementary;
 - (iv) the Executive Committee of the Faculty Board concerned may decide to hold an oral instead of a written supplementary examination;
 - (v) the student's account will be debited with the prescribed fee if the student attempts the supplementary examination. Where a supplementary examination is granted following the outcome of a late application for scanning, re-mark or review (Rule G13(1)(n)(ii) refers), or where a student has not entered timeously in terms of Rule G13(2)(d), such supplementary examination may only be written in the next consecutive main examination period, and upon payment of:
 - the prescribed fee plus penalty fee, where an examination question paper/s for the subject in question will in any event be set because of other examination candidates; or
 - treble the prescribed fee, plus penalty fee, where there are no other examination candidates.
- (b) No supplementary examinations are granted for:
- (i) portfolios;
 - (i) continuously assessed subjects, except as provided for in Rule G13(2)(a)(i);
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
 - (i) special examinations; and/or
 - (iv) an already written supplementary examination. However, if as a result of failing such a supplementary examination, a student is left for the first time with one outstanding subject towards qualifying, that student will be eligible for an examination in terms of Rule G13(1)(c)(i).
 - (v) Rule G14(4) refers (Inserted w.e.f 2021/01)

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- (c) Where a supplementary examination is granted for a subject comprising more than one question paper, it will be in respect of all question papers.
- (d) In order to ensure timeous entry for a supplementary examination for which a student may
Become eligible as a result of:
- ⓪ a re-mark application;
 - ⓪ a formal written appeal lodged with the relevant Head of Department regarding a disputed year/semester mark; or
 - ⓪ unpublished results,
- the student must enter and pay the prescribed fee by the due date as indicated when examination results are published on the University noticeboards. When the outcome of (i), (ii) or (iii) above is known the supplementary examination entry will either be:
- confirmed, if the student is thereby eligible; or
 - cancelled (with no remission of the prescribed fee), if the student remains ineligible for the supplementary examination.
- Rule G13(2)(a)(v) applies if a supplementary examination is granted as the result of (i), (ii) or (iii) above and the student has not entered for it by due date.
- (e) The final result obtained will be published but no distinction will be awarded for a supplementary examination.
- (f) For the purposes of interpretation of Rules G13(2) and G13(3), the same examination question paper shall be set for supplementary and special examinations.

G13(3) Special Examinations

- (a) A special examination may be granted to a student who has been prevented from taking the examination:
- ⓪ for medical or psychological reasons on the day of the examination or immediately before it, provided that the student submits an application acceptable to the Senate, on the prescribed form obtainable from the relevant Faculty Office, on which a medical practitioner or psychologist from the University's Student Health Clinic (registered by the Health Professions Council of South Africa), homoeopath or chiropractor, (registered with the Chiropractors and Homoeopaths and Allied Health Service Professions Council of South Africa) or a Sister (registered with the South African Nursing Council as a primary health care nurse), specifies the nature and duration of the illness or condition and that for health reasons indicates that it was impossible or undesirable for the student to sit for the examination at the scheduled time as a direct result of this illness or condition; or
 - ⓪ by circumstances which in the opinion of the Senate were beyond the student's control at the time of the examination provided that satisfactory evidence of such circumstances is produced. Such circumstances shall not include:
 - (.i) any clash of subjects on, or any misinterpretation of any examination timetable,
 - ⓪ illness or death of any distant acquaintance or distant relative, or
 - (.iii) participation in any event unless to represent a province or South Africa.

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- (b) A special examination will not be granted:
 - ⓪ in a subject in which the student has attended the main examination; or
 - ⓫ where the student's application for one or more special examinations fails to reach the relevant Office within five (5) working days from the date on which the examination was scheduled to be written or, where the student has more than one examination, the date on which the last examination was scheduled to be written;
 - ⓬ for failure to attend the supplementary or special examination without a valid reason. Where a valid reason is forthcoming the special examination so granted may only be written in the next consecutive main examination period.
- (c) Where a special examination is granted for a subject examined by more than one question paper, the special examination must be in respect of all question papers regardless of whether the student completed any question paper in the main examination period.
- (d) For the purposes of interpretation of Rules G13(2) and G13(3), the same examination question paper shall be set for supplementary and special examinations.
- (e) Students granted a special examination are required to pay a prescribed fee. Although the result of a student's application will be conveyed to the student by post the onus rests upon the individual student to ascertain the outcome of the application.

G14 PASS REQUIREMENTS

- (1) The final pass mark for all subjects is 50%. Notwithstanding Rule G1(2), no departmental rule may differ from this rule.
- (2) Except in those cases of a more limiting departmental rule, a sub-minimum of 40% shall apply to all written examinations. Where an examination comprises more than one question paper, a sub-minimum of 40% must be obtained in each question paper. This rule is also applicable to subjects which have been modularised. The student will only receive credit for the main subject when the student passes all modules for that subject in accordance with the Departmental Rules. NOTE: Such sub-minimum is not required when determining eligibility for a supplementary examination in terms of Rule G13(2)(a).
- (3) Except where the rules for an instructional programme determine otherwise, a student retains credit for all subjects the student has passed and subject to any time restrictions imposed by any departmental rules, such subject successes may be accumulated until the respective award has been obtained.
- (4) Linked modules refer to two consecutive semester modules that show continuity in terms of content, where the second module "builds" on the academic content of the first module. A student who fails to obtain a pass mark of 50% in the first semester of the linked modules, but obtains a minimum mark of 40%, shall be allowed to proceed to semester two. Where the credit-weighted average of the final examination marks of both the modules in the linked group is 50% or more, the result of the first semester module shall reflect the actual mark and be recorded on the student's academic transcript as a "Condoned Pass".

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In addition to the above, the following shall apply in respect of linked modules:

- In the computation of the marks, the results from the second semester module 'pulls' the module from semester one through to semester two, but not the other way round.
- No supplementary examinations shall be granted where the modules are deemed to be linked. (Rule G13(2)(b) refers). However, applications for Special Examinations, can be considered for qualifying students as per Rule G13(3).
- Any year/semester mark obtained for a failed module in a linked group shall not be transferred from one examination period to another. (Rule G12(10) and (11) refers). Both the linked modules must be passed in the same academic year for a pass to be recorded for the first semester module. If the first semester of the linked modules is not passed on the basis of the combined marks, the failed module must be repeated in the following year.
- Where a student has passed one linked module and failed another in a given year, the credit for the passed module shall be retained; however, the failed module/s must be re-registered for and will thereafter be regarded as a standalone module.
- Applications for modules to be deemed to be linked modules must be submitted to the Centre for Quality Promotion and Assurance (CQPA) for authorization in the academic year prior to such modules being offered. Such authorization must be referred to Senex for approval.
(Amended w.e.f. 2021/01)

G15 PASSES WITH DISTINCTION

- (1) A student who obtains a final result for a subject of 75% or more, at the first attempt, will be awarded a pass with distinction for that subject and this will be reflected on their student record.
- (2) A student will be awarded a pass with distinction for the full dissertation of a Master's Degree if the final aggregated mark is 75% or higher, subject to approval by the Higher Degrees Committee. In cases where the final mark is between 74.00% and 74.99%, the HDC may, at its discretion and based on academic merit and examiner reports, adjust the mark to 75% and confer the distinction. The recommendation of the examiners is not a requirement where the final approved mark is 75% or higher. (Rule G18(9)(b)(ii) also refers).
 - (a) Where a mark adjustment is applied in accordance with institutional policy and SOPs, only one adjustment may be made. The Higher Degrees Committee may not apply an additional upward adjustment if an earlier adjustment was already made at Faculty Research Committee level.

(Amended w.e.f. 2026/01)

- (3) A student will be awarded a pass with distinction for the mini-dissertation towards a Master's Degree if the final aggregated mark is 75% or higher, subject to the approval of the relevant Executive Committee of the Faculty Board. In cases where the final mark is between 74.00% and 74.99%, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion and based on academic merit and examiner reports, adjust the mark to 75% and confer the distinction. The recommendation of the examiners is not a requirement where the final approved mark is 75% or higher.
 - (a) Where a mark adjustment has already been applied by the Faculty Research Committee, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Board may not apply an additional adjustment. Only one mark adjustment is permitted.

(Amended w.e.f. 2026/01)

G16 PROMOTION TO HIGHER LEVEL

In order to register for the next higher level in any subject a student shall have passed all prerequisite subjects for that level as specified in the rules for the instructional programme concerned. If a student's examination results have not yet been published, or if the student has been granted a supplementary examination in a prerequisite subject, the student may register provisionally for the next higher level subject until such time as the examination result or the supplementary examination result is published. If the student passes the examination or the supplementary examination, the student's registration in the next higher level shall be deemed unconditional.

If the student fails the examination or the supplementary examination, the student's registration for the next level subject shall be cancelled.

The term 'prerequisite' includes:

'those subjects specified as such in the instructional programme as well as previous grades of subjects which continue at the higher level. Individual instructional programmes may have additional regulations for promotion as detailed in their particular rules'.

G17 UNSATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

NB: This rule must be read in conjunction with any departmental rules dealing with unsatisfactory academic progress (Rule G1(2) refers).

- (1) A student will be refused re-registration at the University for any instructional programme if he/she is unable, due to unsatisfactory academic progress, to complete the instructional

programme for which he/she is, or has most recently been registered, within the maximum period of registered study stipulated in the relevant Rule(RulesG19 to G25 refer).
(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

- (2) Notwithstanding Rule G17(1), the Executive Committee of the relevant Faculty Board may, in circumstances which they deem exceptional, grant a student a further period/s of registration for completion fany in structional programmme.
- (3) A student may appeal against the application of RuleG17(1) in accordance with RuleG1(8).
(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

G18 AWARDING OF QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) All qualifications of the University are issued with the approval of the Council on application by a student when that student has satisfied the requirements for such an award.
- (2) (a) Qualifications are awarded to students who successfully complete to the satisfaction of their respective academic Heads of Department all the approved requirements (including work- integrated learning, where applicable) for such qualifications.
(b) When a qualification cannot be issued because of non-compliance by a student with Rule G18(2)(a), the University will, upon application by that student and payment of the prescribed fee, issue the student with a statement of results provided the student has passed a minimum of one subject.
- (3) (a) The date of issue of a qualification shall be indicated on a certificate, diploma or a degree as the date“ with effect from”, and such date shall be determined by the following:
 1. The date of publication of the results of the main examinations; or
 2. The date of publication of the results of the supplementary examinations; or
 3. The date of publication of the results of the special examinations
(Amended w.e.f.2016/01)
- (b) The effective date of issue of a Master’s Degree or a Doctor’s Degree will be:
 - (i) the date on which the student submits the electronic pdf version of the dissertation/thesis to the relevant Faculty Office, following approval of the examiners’ recommendations by the Higher Degrees Committee

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and, where applicable, written confirmation from the relevant HOD that all required editorial corrections/ revisions have been effected (Rule G26(5) also refers);

or,

- (ii) in the case of a Master's Degree comprising a combination of theoretical study and a short research project, the date of approval of the student's final examination result(s), if this is a later date than (i) above.
(Amended w.e.f. 2010/01)
- (c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, the earliest effective date of issue of a qualification will be the day following the minimum duration of the relevant instructional programme. (These minimum durations are stipulated in Rules G19 to G25.)
- (4) The University will issue qualifications only to students who have met all the requirements of the relevant instructional programme to the satisfaction of their respective academic Heads of Department and have passed at the University:
 - (a) 50% or more, by FTE weight, of the student's subjects which must include at least 50%, by FTE weight, of that student's final level subjects (Rule G9 A (1)(a)(i) also refers); or
 - (b) all their final level subjects (Rule G9 A (1)(a)(ii) also refers); or
 - (c) (Deleted w.e.f. 2016/01)

The relevant Executive Dean may, in exceptional circumstances, waive compliance with Rule G18(4)

(Inserted w.e.f. 2009/01)

- (5) If a substantial irregularity has occurred in relation to the sitting for an examination, or if a qualification has been issued to a student who in the opinion of Council has not complied with the norms and standards for obtaining that qualification, Council may refuse the issue of the relevant qualification or cancel a qualification that has been issued, as the case may be.
- (6) Except as provided for by Rule G18(7), no duplicate certificate of a qualification conferred at a graduation ceremony will be issued under any circumstances. The graduate may, instead, apply for a statement in lieu of a lost certificate, for which there is a prescribed fee.
- (7) Only changes necessitated by typographical errors will be made to the certificate of a qualification conferred at a graduation ceremony.
- (8) A student may not qualify for a qualification for which the student has not been specifically registered. See Rule G3(6)(e) in respect of extra credit subjects.
- (9) **QUALIFICATIONS AWARDED CUM LAUDE**
 - (a) Unless Senate has approved a different rule pertaining to an instructional programme in terms of Rule G2(3), students will be awarded a qualification cum laude if they:
 - (i) pass all the requisite subjects of the qualification at the first attempt;
 - (ii) obtain an average of 75% or more in all the subjects of the qualification and an average of 75% or more in the final-level subjects (Refer to Rule G1 for definition of "final level");
 - (iii) complete the relevant qualification, whether registered for wholly on a part-time or full-time basis, in the respective minimum period of study as determined by the rules for the instructional programme; and
(Amended w.e.f. 2014/01)

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- (iv) have not been granted any exemptions towards the qualification. Subject transfers in terms of Rule G8 are permitted.
 - (v) In the absence of approved final-level subjects as provided for in (ii) above, no weighted average for final-level subjects will be required. *(Inserted w.e.f 2019/01)*
 - (b) Students will be awarded a Master's Degree cum laude if:
 - (i) in respect of the subjects and mini-dissertation option, they pass all the subjects of the qualification at the first attempt with an average of 75% or more and pass the mini-dissertation with distinction (Rule G15(3) refers); and
 - (ii) in respect of the full dissertation option, they pass with distinction (Rule G15(2) refers).
 - (c) A Doctor's Degree is not awarded cum laude. In the case of Doctor's Degrees, a student's result is published as "pass" or "fail".
- (10) The award of qualifications shall take place at the annual graduation ceremonies. Students unable to attend the relevant graduation ceremony will have their qualifications awarded "in absentia".

G19 NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

(prior to the promulgation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(1) Admission requirements

A person may only register for a National Certificate if that person complies with Rules G7(1) and (2)(b)(i).

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G20A NATIONAL HIGHER CERTIFICATE

(prior to the promulgation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(a) One-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

Except as provided for in Rule G20 A(2), a person may only register for a one-year National Higher Certificate if they comply with Rules G3 and G4 and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification, and are:

- (a) in possession of an appropriate National Certificate or equivalent; or
- (b) have been granted status of, or advanced standing for, the relevant National Certificate (Rule G10 refers).

- (2) A person may be provisionally registered for a National Higher Certificate, pending the outcome of a re-mark application or publication of result(s) for examination(s) which has/have already been written. When the result(s) is(are) published, or after one calendar month of the person's registration whichever is the earliest, the person's registration will either be:

- (a) confirmed, if the person is thereby eligible for unconditional registration; or
- (b) cancelled, with any remission of fees being strictly in accordance with

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the University's Finance Rules.

- (3) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is one year, of registered study, including any periods of work- integrated learning, after completion of a National Certificate or equivalent. *(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)*
- (4) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
- (b) **Two-year qualification**

 - (1) **Admission requirements**
A person may only register for a two-year National Higher Certificate if the person complies with Rules G7(1) and (2)(b)(i).
 - (2) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is two years of registered study including any periods of work-integrated learning.
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
 - (3) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is three years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G20B HIGHER CERTIFICATE

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

- (1) **Admission requirements**
Refer to Rules G7(1) and (2)(b)(ii).
- (2) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.
- (3) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).
(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G20C ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

- (1) **Admission requirements**
No person shall be registered for an Advanced Certificate unless that person is in possession of an appropriate Higher Certificate or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.
- (2) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work integrated learning.
- (3) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work integrated learning (Rule 17 also refers).
(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G21A NATIONAL DIPLOMA

(prior to the promulgation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(a) One-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

Except as provided for in Rule G21A(a)(2), a person may only register for a one-year National Diploma if the person complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification, and is:

- (a) in possession of an appropriate National Higher Certificate or equivalent; or
- (b) has been granted status of, or advanced standing for, the relevant National Higher Certificate (Rule G10 refers).

(2) A person may be provisionally registered for a National Diploma pending the outcome of a re-mark application or publication of result(s) for examination(s) which has/have already been written. When the result(s) is(are) published, or after one calendar month of the person's registration, whichever is the earliest, the person's registration will either be:

- (a) confirmed, if the person is thereby eligible for unconditional registration; or
- (b) cancelled, with any remission of fees being strictly in accordance with the University's Finance Rules.

(3) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning, after completion of a National Higher Certificate or equivalent.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(4) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(b) Three-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

A person may only register for a three-year National Diploma if that person complies with Rules G7(1) and (2)(a) or (b)(i).

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is three years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is five years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G21B DIPLOMA

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(1) Admission requirements

Refer to Rules G7(1) and (2) (b)(ii).

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is three years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is five years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule 17 also refers).

(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G21C ADVANCED DIPLOMA

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(1) Admission requirements

No person shall be registered for an Advanced Diploma unless that person is in possession of an appropriate Diploma or Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers) and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work integrated learning.

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work integrated learning.

(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G22A NATIONAL HIGHER DIPLOMA

(prior to the promulgation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(a) One-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

Except as provided for in Rule G22 A(2), no person shall be registered for a one-year National Higher Diploma unless that person complies with Rules G3, and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification, and is:

(a) in possession of an appropriate National Diploma or equivalent; or

(b) has been granted status of, or advanced standing for, the relevant National Diploma (Rule G10 refers).

(2) A person may be provisionally registered for a National Higher Diploma, pending the outcome of a re-mark application or publication of result(s) for examination(s) which has/have already been written. When the result(s) is(are) published, or after one calendar month of the person's registration whichever is the earliest, the person's registration will either be:

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- (a) confirmed, if the person is thereby eligible for unconditional registration, or
 - (b) cancelled, with any remission of fees being strictly in accordance with the University's Finance Rules.
- (3) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning, after completion of a National Diploma or equivalent.
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
- (4) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
- (b) **Four-year qualification**
- (1) **Admission requirements**
A person may only register for a four-year National Higher Diploma if that person complies with Rules G7(1) and (2)(b)(i).
 - (2) **Minimum duration**
The minimum duration is four years of registered study, including any period of work-integrated learning.
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)
 - (3) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is six years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).
(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G22B POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA

(In terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

- (1) **Admission requirements**
No person shall be registered for a Postgraduate Diploma unless that person is in possession of an appropriate Advanced Diploma, or Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers), and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.
- (2) **Minimum Duration**
The minimum duration is one year of registered study.
- (3) **Maximum duration**
The maximum duration is two years of registered study.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G23A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TECHNOLOGY

(prior to the promulgation of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(a) One-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

Except as provided for in Rule G23A(a)(2), no person shall be registered for a one year Bachelor's Degree in Technology, or any level 4 subject(s) thereof, unless that person complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification, and is:

- (a) in possession of an appropriate National Diploma or equivalent; or
- (b) has been granted status of, or advanced standing for, the relevant National Diploma. (Rule G10 refers)

(2) A person may be provisionally registered for a Bachelor's Degree in Technology, pending the outcome of a re-mark application or publication of result(s) for examination(s) which has/have already been written. When the result(s) is(are) published, or after one calendar month of the person's registration, whichever is the earliest, the person's registration will either be:

- (a) confirmed, if the person is thereby eligible for unconditional registration, or
- (b) cancelled, with any remission of fees being strictly in accordance with the University's Finance Rules.

(3) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning, after completion of a National Diploma or equivalent.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(4) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(b) Four-year qualification

(1) Admission requirements

A person may only register for a four-year Bachelor's Degree in Technology if that person complies with Rules G7 (1) and (2)(b)(i).

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is four years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is six years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning (Rule G17 also refers).

(Amended w.e.f. 2009/01)

G23B BACHELOR'S DEGREE

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(1) Admission requirements

Refer to Rules G7(1) and (2)(b)(ii).

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration of registered study for a Bachelor's Degree at NQF level 7 is three years and for a Bachelor's Degree at NQF level 8 is four years, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration of registered study for a Bachelor's Degree at NQF level 7 is five years and for a Bachelor's Degree at NQF level 8 is six years, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G23C BACHELOR HONOURS DEGREE

(in terms of the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF))

(1) Admission requirements

No person shall be registered for a Bachelor Honours Degree unless that person is in possession of an appropriate Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers) and complies with Rules G3 and G4, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.

(2) Minimum duration

The minimum duration is one year of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(3) Maximum duration

The maximum duration is two years of registered study, including any periods of work-integrated learning.

(Inserted w.e.f. 2013/01)

G23D MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DURATION FOR PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) The minimum and maximum duration as listed in Rules G19-G23c refer to full-time registered students.
- (b) In the case of part-time studies, the minimum duration shall be the same as that for full-time studies, however the maximum duration in the case of part-time studies (if offered), shall be double that of the minimum duration of full-time studies, for example, a three-year qualification must be completed within a maximum period of six years.

(Inserted w.e.f. 2020/01)

G24 MASTER'S DEGREE

(1) Admission requirements

- (a) No person shall be registered for the

⊖ pre-Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) Master's Degree unless that person is in possession of a related Bachelor's Degree or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers); or

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- (i) Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) Master's Degree, unless that person is in possession of a related Postgraduate Diploma, or Bachelor Honours Degree, or "professional" Bachelor's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers); and complies with Rules G3, G4, G26, G27, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.
(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)
- (b) The Council, on recommendation of the Senate, may require a person to pass specified subject(s), including Research Methodology, before that person registers, if, in the opinion of the Senate, the qualification(s) and subjects which the person possesses are related but not fully equivalent or appropriate in terms of Rule G24(1).
- (c) Formal registration will occur only after the Senate is satisfied that:
 - ⓪ the person will be able to make progress on the advanced level of study required, and
 - ⓫ suitable supervisors and examiners are available.
- (d) Except with special permission of the Senate, a student shall be excluded from and refused re-registration for an instructional programme if, in the opinion of the supervisor(s) and the Faculty Board, the student fails to maintain minimum progress in the student's studies or research project.
- (e) All applications for registration of an instructional programme containing a research project (see G24(3) below) must be submitted in the format prescribed in the Rules relating to Research.

(2) Minimum and maximum duration

- (a) The minimum duration for Master's Degree shall be one academic year of registered study.
- (b) If a Master's student fails to complete the qualification after three years of registered study, the Senate may refuse to renew the student's registration or may impose any conditions it deems fit. A student may apply to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Board for an extension.
- (c) For the full research option of the qualification, a person must:
 - ⓪ register in order to complete his/her proposal for approval by the relevant Faculty Research Committee and begin to work on the research project as soon as registration takes place.
 - ⓫ *(Previous Rule G24 (2) (c) (ii) has been deleted and moved to Rule G 26 (6). (w.e.f.2020/01))*
 - ⓬ The first registration for a Master's Degree must take place on or before the last working day in July. With the approval of the Faculty, a Master's student may be granted an extension to the date of the first registration, which shall not be later than the last working day in September.
 - ⓭ Re-registration for a Master's Degree shall take place as per the dates in the annually published registration timetable which is applicable to all students.
 - ⓮ The prescribed fee is payable whenever a student first registers and the prescribed re-registration fee is payable for every subsequent year for which the student is permitted to continue with the requisite research.*(Amended w.e.f. 2020/01)*

(3) Minimum instructional programme

The student shall follow such instructional programme or research as may be prescribed or approved by the Senate.

- (a) The minimum instructional programme for the Master's Degree in Technology shall be:
 - ⓪ a combination of theoretical study and a short research project culminating in a mini-dissertation which, taken together, must be at least the equivalent of (b). With this option the mini-dissertation component must constitute a minimum of 50% of the instructional programme; or
 - ⓫ a comprehensive full research project culminating in a dissertation which may be required to be supported by a specific presentation.
- (b) The minimum instructional programme for the Master's Degree shall be successful completion of a:
 - ⓪ single advanced research project, culminating in the production and acceptance of a thesis or dissertation; or
 - ⓫ course work programme requiring a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence and a research project, culminating in the acceptance of a dissertation. In the latter case, a minimum of 60 credits at level 9 must be devoted to conducting and reporting research.

(Amended w.e.f. 2013/01)

(4) Assessment, examination and dissertations

- (a) A student shall satisfy such requirements for assessment, viva voce or written examination, as are determined by the relevant academic department.
- (b) The application, format and examining of the short or full research project and mini-dissertation or dissertation prescribed respectively as part of the whole of the instructional programme, shall be in accordance with the Rules relating to Research.

(5) Conversion of a Master's Degree to Doctor's Degree

- (i) In exceptional circumstances, the supervisor(s), may motivate for a conversion of Master's Degree registration to a Doctorate Degree registration to the relevant Faculty Research Committee indicating that the project is of doctoral standard.

Evidence of at least one scholarly article from the master's work either published or accepted by publication in an accredited journal should be submitted.

Consideration will be given by the Higher Degrees Committee to allow the student to convert the study into a doctoral thesis. The procedures for upgrading of Master's Degrees to Doctorate Degrees have to be adhered to.

- (i) The student is then given the option not to have the Master's Degree conferred, but to extend the research towards a Doctor's Degree;
- (ii) The student must respond in writing, and indicate agreement or not, to the conversion recommendation;
- (iii) To convert the registration towards the Doctor's Degree in Technology, the student must submit a doctoral research proposal to the Faculty Research Committee;
- (iv) The reviewer of a possible conversion should not be the examiner of the doctoral thesis.

(Amended w.e.f. 2012/01)

G25 DOCTORAL DEGREE

(1) Admission requirements

- (a) No person shall be registered for the:
- ⦿ pre-Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) Doctor's Degree in Technology unless that person is in possession of an appropriate Master's Diploma/ Degree in Technology, respectively, or has been granted status or advanced standing. (Rule G10 refers.); or
 - ⦿ Doctoral Degree (Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) aligned qualification), unless that person is in possession of a related Master's Degree, or has been granted status or advanced standing (Rule G10 refers); and complies with Rules G3, G4, G26, G27, and the rules of the academic department offering the qualification.
(Amended w.e.f.2013/01)
- (b) An appropriate Master's Diploma or Degree in Technology or Master's Degree, by course work option only, is acceptable as entry to the Doctor's Degree in Technology and Doctoral Degree, respectively, provided a person submits proof, to the satisfaction of the relevant Faculty Board and the Research Committee, of a proven research track record including the knowledge required for the subject Research Methodology.
The Council, on recommendation of the Senate, may require a student to pass specified subject(s), including Research Methodology, before the student registers for the Doctor's Degree in Technology or Doctoral Degree, if, in the opinion of the Senate, the qualification(s) and subjects which the student possesses are related but not fully equivalent or appropriate in terms of Rule G25(1)(a).
- (c) Formal registration will occur only after the Senate is satisfied that:
- ⦿ the student will be able to make progress on the advanced level of study required, and
 - ⦿ suitable supervisors and examiners are available.
- (d) Except with special permission of the Senate, a student shall be excluded from and refused re-admission to an instructional programme if, in the opinion of the supervisor(s) and the Faculty Board, the student fails to maintain minimum progress in the requisite studies or project.
- (e) All applications for registration of a curriculum containing a research project (see G25(3) below) must be submitted in the prescribed format.

(2) Minimum and maximum duration

- (a) The minimum duration for a Doctoral Degree shall be two consecutive academic years of registered study.
- (b) If a Doctoral student fails to complete the qualification after four years of registered study, the Senate may refuse to renew the student's registration or may renew it subject to any conditions it may deem fit to impose. A student may apply to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Board for an extension.
- (c) A person must:
- ⦿ register in order to complete his/her proposal for approval by the relevant Faculty Research Committee and begin to work on the research project as soon as registration takes place.

G25(2)(c)(cont)

- † *(Previous Rule G25 (2) (c) (ii) has been deleted and moved to Rule G 26 (6). (w.e.f.2020/01))*
- ‡ The first registration for a Doctoral Degree must take place on or before the last working day in July. With the approval of the Faculty, a Doctoral student may be granted an extension to the date of the first registration, which shall not be later than the last working day in September.
- ¶ Re-registration for a Doctoral Degree shall take place as per the dates in the annually published registration timetable which is applicable to all students.
- ¶ The prescribed fee is payable whenever a student first registers and the prescribed re-registration fee is payable for every subsequent year for which the student is permitted to continue with the requisite research.
(Amended w.e.f. 2020/01)

(3) Minimum instructional programme

- (a) The minimum instructional programme for both the Doctor's Degree in Technology and Doctoral Degree shall be a comprehensive independently executed full research project culminating in a thesis.
- (b) The student shall follow such instructional programme or research as may be prescribed or approved by the Senate.

(4) Assessment and examination of Doctor's degree qualifications

- (a) The application, format and examining of the thesis shall be in accordance with the Rules relating to Research.
- (b) In addition to the examination of the thesis, a candidate may be required to undergo an oral examination conducted by a panel constituted in terms of the relevant departmental rule.
(Amended w.e.f. 2021/01)

G26 RESEARCH FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND DOCTOR'S DEGREES

- (1) The research proposal shall be a scheme of work and shall describe the topic to be investigated and the methodology for conducting the research. The title of the proposed dissertation or mini-dissertation (Master's) or thesis (Doctor's Degree in Technology/Doctoral Degree), plus the proposal, shall be submitted to the Head of Department in the department in which the research project will be undertaken.
- (2) Responsibility for ethical clearance of research proposals resides with the Faculty Research Committees. Issues considered sensitive or contentious by these Committees must be forwarded to the Research Ethics Committee for decision.
(Amended w.e.f. 2010/01)
- (3) All research must be monitored by an appointee of the Ethics Committee for adherence to approved ethical procedures.
- (4) Once a person has registered that person must re-register annually thereafter until Rule G26(5) is fully complied with. Failure to comply will nullify the approval of the student's research proposal. In addition, a student and supervisor/promoter are required on an annual basis to report on the student's progress to the relevant Research Committee.
(Amended w.e.f. 2010/01)

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- (5) After approval of the mini-dissertation/ dissertation/thesis by the Higher Degrees Committee the student must submit to the relevant Faculty Office one copy in an electronic pdf format copy of the dissertation/thesis duly amended in accordance with the examiners' reports as approved digitally by the supervisor/s and relevant Head of Department. Rule G18(3)(b)refers
(Amended w.e.f. 2021/11)
- (6) Complete the proposal for the Master's Degree and the Doctor's Degree within the first six months of registration and submit a progress report to the relevant academic department for monitoring purposes. If the progress is unsatisfactory the student may be de-registered depending on the Faculty Research Committee recommendation.
(Inserted w.e.f. 2020/01)

G27 SECRET PROJECTS

- (1) In order for the research to be registered as secret, the student and the supervisor/promoter are required to recommend this, together with a detailed motivation to the Faculty Research Committee for consideration.
- (2) The Faculty Research Committee decides on the merits of the recommendation and submits its recommendation with regard to secrecy to the Higher Degrees Committee for approval.
- (3) Copies of the project report, as required in G26(5), will be retained for safekeeping by the Office of the DVC: TIP or designated authority, for a period of up to three (3) years before being made available in the normal prescribed manner.
(Amended w.e.f. 2010/01)

G28 WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

- (1) All students who are required to undergo work-integrated learning as an integral part of their instructional programme must:
 - (a) upon obtaining suitable employment, register with the University for such training and pay the prescribed fee; and
 - (b) pass all prescribed compulsory and elective subjects and the prescribed work-integrated learning component in order to obtain sufficient credits to qualify for the qualification.
- (2) A student will only be credited with work-integrated learning which has been:
 - (a) conducted in accordance with the requirements of the University, of which the student will be advised in written form prior to the first period of such training;
 - (b) documented in a format approved by the University (e.g. work-integrated learning manual/handbook); and
 - (c) undertaken, to the University's satisfaction, after at least one year/semester of academic study. In cases of exception, as approved by the relevant Head of Department, no more than six months of work-integrated learning prior to academic study will be credited in the case of a student registered for a National Diploma or National Higher Diploma, or equivalent. With respect to the B.Tech degree, the work-integrated learning must be:
 - (i) evaluated as appropriate to the field of specialised study being undertaken;

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- (ii) not have already been credited to another qualification or level of formal study; and,
- (3) not have occurred prior to the date of effect of a previous qualification. (Rule G18(2) also refers.) (*Deleted wef 2019/01*)

G29 PHASING OUT OF DISCONTINUED PROGRAMMES

The Senate reserves the right to discontinue existing programmes when deemed necessary. In such cases, there shall be a *phase-out* period for students to complete a discontinued programme.

The University shall publish the date of the last registration period during which first-time registering students will be permitted to register (Rule G3 also refers).

The phase-out period shall end when a number of consecutive calendar years, including the year of final first-time registrations, has passed that is equal to the maximum duration of study permitted for the qualification as stipulated in Rules G19 to G26.

Notwithstanding Rule G17, no student shall be permitted to register for the programme after the phase-out period has ended, irrespective of how many credits may be outstanding for completion of the qualification.

NOTE: In certain instances the phased out qualification may be replaced with another similar programme. In this case the student may approach the relevant department to request transfer subjects as per Rule G9.

Programme Type	Phase out period (in years)
1) Pre-HEQSF Programmes	
National Certificate	1
National Diploma (Three - year)	5
Bachelor's Degree in Technology (One- year)	1
Bachelor's Degree in Technology (Four-year)	5
2) HEQSF Programmes	
Higher Certificate	1
Advanced Certificate	1
Diploma	4
Advanced Diploma	1
Post Graduate Diploma	1
Bachelor' Degree (NQF level 7)	4
Bachelor' Degree (NQF level 8)	5
Bachelor Honours Degree	1

(*Inserted w.e.f. 2016/01*)

G30 MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

The main medium of instruction at the University is English. (The Language Policy of the University also refers).

(*Numbered w.e.f. 2016/01*)

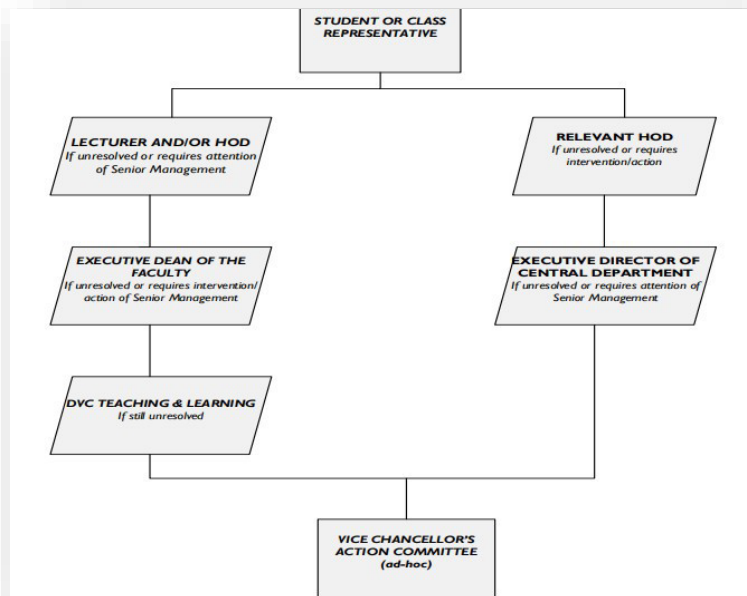
PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH STUDENT ISSUES

(Approved by Senate: 08 December 2004)

The Durban University of Technology (DUT) is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of the learning experience of students and to securing and safeguarding the standards of its qualifications. To this end DUT welcomes constructive criticism from students in accordance with the procedural steps set out in the following flow diagram.

Learning, Teaching & Assessment Issues including:

- 1) All matters related to lecturing staff and the subjects they teach
- 2) Programme related issues
- 3) Registration
- 4) Assessments (eg tests, examinations, assignments)
- 5) Student Support (academic)
- 6) Library



Students must ensure that any criticism is factually well founded and allow a reasonable time for their issues to be resolved.

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CODE *(Amended wef 2020/01)*

PREAMBLE

Chapter 4, Section 36 of the Higher Education Act (Act 101 of 1997 as amended), prescribes that every student at a public higher education University is subject to such disciplinary measures and procedures as may be determined by the University's Statute or the University rules.

Paragraph 56 of the Statute of the Durban University of Technology states that every student is subject to the disciplinary measures and procedures determined by council, after consultation with senate and the SRC and as determined by the rules.

In accordance with the relevant consultation processes, Council hereby adopts the following as its disciplinary code for students of the Durban University of Technology.

Any student who contravenes rules prescribed by this Disciplinary Code for students or becomes liable to such punishment and penalties as indicated in the Code.

DEFINITIONS

Appeal	An appeal as contemplated in Sections SR6 and SR9
<i>Audi Alteram Partem</i>	To listen to the other side, let the other side be heard as well
Cheating	Cheating refers to actions taken by students where they obtain or try to obtain an unfair advantage in examinations, tests, assignments, projects and assessments. Examples of cheating are when students copy or allow their work to be copied, give or ask for assistance from another student without permission, refer to unauthorised notes, books, electronic devices or other reference material, or take part in the assessment pretending to be another student, or allow another student to impersonate them
Council	Means the Council of the University
Defeat the ends of justice	“Defeat the ends of justice” is a formal legal phrase that means an attempt to prevent the outcome of justice. False evidence or conspiracy to hide evidence from a disciplinary tribunal would be an attempt to defeat the ends of justice
Expulsion	Means the permanent termination of a student’s registration with the University, along with the immediate loss of all privileges flowing from such registration. A student who is expelled from University is, by virtue of such expulsion, automatically also expelled from any Residence the student may reside in.
University	Refers to the Durban University of Technology
University’s Policy	A policy approved by the Durban University of Technology
Misconduct	Misconduct refers to actions/offences that are in breach of University rules
Plagiarism	Plagiarism the submission, by any person or group of persons, without acknowledgement, of written, visual or oral material, or an idea or opinion, originally produced by someone else and passing it off as one’s own original work. The University’s Plagiarism Policy and Procedures for staff and students also refers
Precautionary Suspension	When a student is ordered not to attend any University activity and/or remain in residence pending representations from the student and a final decision on whether to proceed with formal charges in a disciplinary matter
Presiding Officer	An individual appointed by the University to chair a disciplinary tribunal
Prosecutor	An individual appointed by the University to present the charges and lead evidence against an accused student before a disciplinary tribunal
Registrar	The Registrar of the University
Representative	Any person representing or assisting an accused student at a disciplinary hearing

Residence	means a building belonging to or leased by the University for housing students, either on or off the campus
Student	When disciplinary action is being contemplated in terms of this disciplinary code a student means the following persons: (a) Any person who is registered as a student at the University. (b) Any person who has been accepted by the University with a view to his/her becoming a registered student. (c) Any person who, after being a registered as a student has left the University where the question of the propriety of a degree improperly obtained, or of conduct during an examination, is in issue. (d) Any person contemplated in (a) to (c) above when disciplinary proceedings are instituted (this will include when notice of a hearing has been served on that person) until disciplinary proceedings (including any appeal proceedings) are finalised;
Student Disciplinary Tribunal	A panel of members constituted by the University to consider evidence and arguments presented to it when a student faces charges of misconduct
Student Representative Council	The body appointed to represent all students in terms of the Statute
Suspension	Suspension in the context of a disciplinary sanction means that a student may be ordered not to attend classes live in a student residence of the University and/or participate in any other University activities for a period of time.

SRI REGULATION OF STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS

(1) THE ENACTMENT OF REGULATIONS

The University respects and is determined to protect the dignity, integrity and reputation of the individual. At the same time it requires that students comply with those conventions and regulations of University processes and life which it feels are necessary to maintain order, to protect individuals and property and to fulfil its purposes and responsibilities as a tertiary academic University. To this end the University realises that the prevailing rules in matters of student discipline must continue to be that of common sense, the balance of probabilities, the *audi alteram partem* rule and other relevant rules of natural justice. The University's regulations are intended to formalise general standards of student conduct and will come into effect only after approval by Council on recommendation of appropriate committees on which the student body shall be represented by its Student Representative Council.

The University's regulations do not contemplate specialised regulations or rules governing academic, business or contractual matters, or rules or regulations published by administrators, students or staff for the control of facilities or programmes, such as those not normally submitted to Council for approval. Generally understood standards of conduct, such as respect for the persons and property of others, continue to apply and may form the basis of disciplinary action though nowhere specified in particular detail.

It is the general intention of the University to bring students into active participation in the formulation of University regulations and to encourage the inclusion of students as active participants in the formulation of those regulations to the extent that such involvement can be accomplished reasonably and practicably.

The Students' Disciplinary Code is aimed at:

- 1.1 upholding the name and reputation of the University;
- 1.2 maintaining order, discipline, safety and security at the University;
- 1.3 ensuring the integrity of the academic processes of the University; and
- 1.4 assuring the quality of the assessment processes at the University.

Any conduct of a student which contravenes the Disciplinary Code and/or negatively impacts on these goals may be regarded as misconduct and subject to disciplinary measures.

(2) STANDARD OF FAIRNESS AND STUDENT RIGHTS IN DISCIPLINARY CASES

Certain procedural rights are guaranteed to a student in any University's disciplinary proceedings in which the student stands to bear a significant injury, such as expulsion, suspension or recorded reprimand. A student subject to such disciplinary action is in danger of injury to that student's reputation, opportunity to learn and earning power. Following an alleged act of misconduct and until final disposition of the charges, the status of a student shall not be altered nor the student's right to be present on campus and to attend lectures suspended, except for reasons relating to the student's physical or emotional safety and wellbeing or for reasons relating to the safety and wellbeing of other students, staff, or University property, or for reasons relating to the protection of the normal functions of the University.

SR(1)(2)(cont)

Changes of the status of a student that are not disciplinary in character and intended neither as punishment nor as censure, but required by administrative, academic or security interests of the University and its community, are not governed by these disciplinary procedures. A list of basic rights of students in any disciplinary proceeding is set out below:

- (a) The right to notice on charges whenever formal action upon such charges is initiated, such notice to be given within a reasonably prompt period and with sufficient particularity as to the facts that the student may reasonably prepare a defence, with reasonable and appropriate recesses and continuances being provided to all parties.
- (b) The right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing against the student, to produce witnesses on the student's own behalf, to present evidence, to know prior to hearing the contents of and the names of the authors of any written statements which may be introduced against the student, and to rebut unfavourable inferences that may be drawn from such statements. The right not to be compelled to be a witness against oneself or to have one's silence taken as an indication of guilt.
- (c) The reliance upon evidence shall be determined on the balance of probabilities. However, rules of evidence in courts of law shall not as such be strictly enforced.
- (d) The right to be accompanied and represented in all procedures by a representative, including a legal representative of the student's own choosing, and at the student's own cost.
- (e) The right to appeal against decisions to a higher authority or hearing body within the administrative processes provided.
- (f) The right to have one's case processed without prejudicial delay.

(3) RULES FOR STUDENTS

Every student, by completing a declaration of acceptance of the rules and regulations of the University at registration or by merely being registered, becomes subject to all the rules of the University as approved by the Council and liable for any proven offence committed whilst a registered student.

- (a) Offences which could result in disciplinary action include, inter alia, the following:
 - (i) any act or omission which constitutes or amounts to a common law or statutory crime;
 - (ii) interference by violence, threats of violence, or any other means, with the rights of others to express their views by means of speech, writing or print or other media dealing with the matter;
 - (iii) use of the freedom of expression allowed within the University to make statements or propagate views or encourage actions that threaten or infringe the dignity or the rights of others including social media bullying;
 - (iv) failing, without just cause, to comply with an order given by the Vice Chancellor or his/her nominee to attend an inquiry in terms of the rules approved by the Council for the purpose of giving evidence or responding to allegations;
 - (v) knowingly giving false evidence at, or in connection with, such inquiry;
 - (vi) intimidating a person who is a potential witness at such an inquiry;
 - (vii) *behaving inappropriately* when participating in any University activity, academic or non-academic, whether within or without the precincts of the University, misbehaving in any part of the University and conduct whether within or without the precincts of the University that tends to bring discredit upon the University;or

SRI(3)(a)(cont)

- (vi) *refusal to comply with a lawful, reasonable instruction issued by a competent authority of the University*

Furthermore, a student shall not under any circumstances:

- (x) use violence, threats of violence, intimidation or any other behaviour which either causes or threatens to cause harm to another individual or damage to property;
- (x) obstruct, attempt to obstruct, or engage in conduct likely to obstruct any officer or member of the staff of the University in the performance of their duties;
- (x) wilfully damage, deface, or remove any property in the ownership, occupation or possession of the University;
- (xi) occupy, use or be present upon any property or premises of which the University is owner or occupier after being required to leave by a member of staff of the University (including but not confined to a warden of a residence and a security officer), acting within the scope of their duties;
- (xi) participate in any initiation processes of students;
- (x) be in possession of firearms or explosives on the University's premises;
- (x) be in possession of, use or deal in drugs in contravention of the Abuse of Dependence Producing Substances and Rehabilitation Centres Act (Act 41 of 1971);
- (x) consume, possess, sell or serve any alcoholic beverage or any intoxicating substance on the University's premises or present themselves at the University when intoxicated;
- (xvi) smoke in areas designated as non-smoking areas;
- (xvi) be present on the University's premises while suffering from a notifiable disease until the Head of Department concerned has received a medical certificate to the effect that the student may return to the University without risk of infecting others (Rule G3(1) (l) and (m) refers);
- (x) refusal to comply with health and safety requirements as prescribed by a department for health, safety and professional reasons.
- (x) breach the traffic rules of the university; or
- (x) contravene the rules embodied in this Rule Book for Students and/or the Departmental Handbook for the instructional programme for which the student is registered, or any other rules approved by Council.
- (xxi) declare any false information when completing any prescribed University form, or in any submitted documentation, or withhold any material information (e.g. when registering, applying for financial assistance) - (Rule G3(1) (b) refers).
- (xxi) Non-compliance with any protocols relating to student demonstrations, university gatherings and functions
- (x) Non-compliance with any executive orders issued by the executive management or an officer so delegated to issue such;
- (x) Impersonate any official of the university
- (x) Participate in any fraudulent and/or corrupt activities
- (xxvi) Defeat the ends of justice

- (b) Students shall also acquaint themselves with and comply with such rules as are prescribed by the following university structures and University policies:
- University libraries; residences;
 - Students' Representative Council (and committees);
 - Sports Union Council;
 - Computer laboratories and
 - Policy for Students on Access and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources.
 - Social Media Policy
 - Any other official structure or University policy of the University aimed at promoting good order and governance.
- (c) Furthermore, students must also acquaint themselves with all rules of the University not covered in this general handbook and comply with the rules relating to examinations and academic programmes.

(d) Admission of Guilt

(Only applicable to offences in relation to Rule G13(1))

1. A student who is alleged to have cheated in any class test, examination, assignment, project or similar form of assessment may, instead of being charged as provided in these rules, be permitted by the Prosecutor to admit guilt by signing the approved form if the offence or a similar one has not occurred previously.
2. For the purpose of this rule, cheating includes all forms of cheating as defined in this Code.
3. If a student admits guilt as above, the result of the assessment in question shall automatically be cancelled and one or more of the following sentences shall apply:
 - (i) Automatic cancellation of registration from the subject/module in question; and
 - (ii) Registration for the module/subject in question may only take place after serving a period of suspension from the subject/module for a semester or year depending on whether the subject/module is an annual or semesterized one;
 - (iii) A fine not exceeding R2000 and/or with the relevant HOD's consent, duties as specified by the HOD, to be performed by the student under the HOD's supervision for a period stipulated by the Prosecutor, for which no remuneration or credit will be received by the student and
 - (iv) The admission of guilt shall be recorded on the record of the student for the duration of the student's studies at the University for use only within the University.
4. A student who alleges that an admission of guilt form was signed by mistake, or by reason of irregular procedure may, within 3 days of signing the admission, apply in writing to the Prosecutor, giving reasons for the application to withdraw the admission of guilt. Such an application shall be investigated by the Prosecutor who may set aside the admission of guilt, in which case the matter shall be referred to the Student Discipline Court for a charge of cheating.

SR2 OFFICIALS AND PROCEDURE FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

(1) The Vice Chancellor

The general supervision and control of student discipline is vested in the Vice Chancellor by virtue of the provisions of the Higher Education Act (No. 101 of 1997) as amended and its accompanying regulations. By virtue of the powers vested in the Vice Chancellor, he/she may request any member of staff to assist with the execution of his/her duties, which includes the maintenance of discipline and order in the University. The officers and tribunals described in this document are thus appointed and constituted by the Vice Chancellor or an official delegated by him/her, and any powers that these officers or tribunals have by virtue of this document are delegated to them by the Vice Chancellor. The officers and tribunals appointed and constituted by this document are thus directly responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the execution of their duties.

(1) The Executive Manager responsible for student discipline, who shall normally be the Registrar, shall exercise all executive authority regarding levels 1 and 2.

(2) Preliminary Investigation

Prior to any matter being referred to the Registrar for the purposes of disciplinary action being taken against any student, there must be a preliminary investigation, authorised by the relevant HOD, which has determined that there is *prima facie* evidence that misconduct has taken place.

Such a preliminary investigation must provide written submissions to the Registrar as to why disciplinary action must be instituted and must include statements and evidence relating to the misconduct.

(3) The Presiding Officer

Each of the official tribunals mentioned below shall have a Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer for the respective tribunals shall be:

First Level Tribunals

Academic Heads of Department

Residence Disciplinary Tribunal – Residence Coordinator

Second Level Tribunals

Student Disciplinary Tribunal – Executive Manager or the Registrar’s nominee/s

Third Level Tribunal

Appeals Tribunal - Vice Chancellor’s nominee/s

(4) Prosecutors

The prosecutors appointed in terms of the respective constitutions of each tribunal shall:

- (a) consider any report or written statement which may have been made concerning the conduct of the student concerned;
- (b) obtain such other evidence as they may deem necessary;
- (c) decide whether the tribunal which they serve has the jurisdiction to hear the matter and if not to refer it to the appropriate tribunal;

- (d) decide whether to charge the student concerned;
- (e) recommend to the Registrar that the student should be placed on precautionary suspension until the matter is heard by a Tribunal. Students placed on precautionary suspension may not participate in any academic and non-academic activities, unless the terms of the precautionary suspension indicate otherwise.
- (e) draft the charge; and
- (f) appear before the relevant tribunal and prosecute the charge.
- (g) ensure that there are reliable witnesses for the case and that they will appear before the tribunal.

SR3 FIRST LEVEL TRIBUNALS

The following form the primary level of disciplinary control for minor transgressions (those transgressions that are not included in SRI(3) above (Rules for Students):

- (1) Academic Heads of Departments
- (2) Residence Disciplinary Tribunal.

Reports on cases dealt at these levels must be filed quarterly with the Registry, for record, monitoring and evaluation purposes.

(1) Academic Heads of Department

- (a) Any person may report any incident relating to an alleged breach of discipline or an act amounting to misconduct by a student to the relevant Head of Department. The Head of Department or his/her delegate with relevant seniority and experience, having conducted an informal investigation into the alleged incident of misconduct, may:
 - Write a letter of warning to the student, setting out clearly, the reasons for such a warning.
 - In more serious cases, as those covered in Rule SR3 above as well as Rule G13 (Rules for students), decide to report the matter for disciplinary action to the Registrar. Depending on the severity of the alleged offence, and as determined by the Registrar, the student concerned may attend further lectures pending the finding of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal. However, if during this time, the student allegedly commits any further breach of discipline or act of misconduct during a lecture, which is similarly reported to the Prosecutor of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal, the student may, at the discretion of the Registrar, be refused entry onto any University campus, including a student residence, pending the finding of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal.
 - Not pursue the matter further
- (b) A student may appeal against the decision of the Head of Department to the Executive Dean of the Faculty, in terms of the approved process of dealing with student issues, as approved by Senate. The Executive Dean's decision is final for this level of cases.

(2) RESIDENCE DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

In the first instance, transgressions in the residence must be investigated by the Manager: Housing or his/her nominee who should attempt to resolve the matter. In certain instances matters maybe referred to the Residence Disciplinary Tribunal or in more serious cases, to the Student Disciplinary Tribunal. In the event that a matter shall be referred to a Residence Disciplinary Tribunal, the following arrangements shall apply.

(a) Composition

The Residence Disciplinary Tribunal consists of at least three of the following:

- A properly qualified and experienced chairperson appointed by the Manager of Housing
- The Residence Coordinator of a specific residence (Prosecutor)
- 1 residence advisor in the respective residence of the student
- 1 Central House Committee (CHC) chairperson or delegated representative
- 1 House Committee (HC) representative of the respective residence
- 1 Residence Advisor (RA) from another residence, appointed by the Manager Housing

(b) Scope of Jurisdiction

- (i). The tribunal shall deal with first – time offences related to but not limited to the following:
 - Vandalism
 - Breakages
 - Behavioural offences such as instigation of misconduct, refusal to comply with a lawful instruction, possible damage to the image of the residence, unauthorized activities, disrespectful behaviour to other students or officials at the residence.
 - Making false statements
 - Squatting, subletting, cohabitation.
 - Any other matter that in the opinion of the Manager: Housing is a breach of residence rules, but not serious enough to be referred to the second level Student Disciplinary Committee
- (ii). Repeated contraventions and transgressions of the same offence or offences of a more serious nature must be referred to the Student Disciplinary Tribunal.
- (iii). Should the student charged not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place indicated in the written notice or subsequently at any postponement of such enquiry, the Tribunal may proceed in either of such events with its consideration of the charge in the absence of such student if the Tribunal is satisfied that the student's non-appearance is wilful and without just excuse.

(c) Range of Sentences

In the event of a student being found guilty by the Tribunal, one or more of the following sentences may be imposed:

- (i) A fine not exceeding R1000 or duties to be performed by the student for a stipulated period as prescribed by the Residence Manager.
- (ii) Costs of breakages/damages
- (iii) Final warning

(d) Appeals at First Level Sentencing

All appeals at this level must be dealt with by the Executive Dean/Dean of Students who shall be the final authority on such appeals.

SR4 SECOND LEVEL TRIBUNAL

The second level tribunal is called the Student Disciplinary Tribunal. This tribunal will hear all cases outside the jurisdiction of the first level tribunal as determined by the respective prosecutors. These cases will include those breaches of Rule SR I (3) as well as rules included in the University's rulebooks.

(a) Composition

The Student Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of a Presiding Officer from an approved panel; and at least two of the following:

- the Registrar's nominee;
- the head of the department in which the accused student is registered, or the head's nominee;
- a registered student nominated by the SRC unless the accused is a member of the SRC, in which case this position on the Tribunal shall be occupied instead by the elected student representative of the faculty in which the accused student is registered;
- the Executive Dean of the Faculty or nominee in which the alleged offender is a student.

The composition of the Tribunal for any particular case shall be determined by the Registrar.

Any potential member of the Tribunal shall recuse him/herself if the member has been closely involved in the matter which is the subject of the inquiry.

The decision of the majority of members of the Tribunal shall be the decision of the Tribunal. The Presiding Officer shall have a deliberate and deciding vote.

(b) Scope of Jurisdiction

- (i) The Student Disciplinary Tribunal shall deal with all cases allocated to it by the Registrar, and all cases outside the jurisdiction of the first level tribunal. The provisions of the Higher Education Act and the Statute and any amendments thereto shall apply in respect of all matters relating to such adjudication.
- (ii) A student against whom a charge of misconduct is being investigated by the Tribunal shall be informed of the nature of the charge and shall be required to appear personally before the Tribunal. Provided that in the case of a minor the student's parent or legal guardian shall be informed, if possible, of the charge against the student.
- (iii) Should the student charged not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place indicated in the written notice or subsequently at any postponement of such enquiry, the Tribunal may proceed in either of such events with its consideration of the charge in the absence of such student if the Tribunal is satisfied that the student's non-appearance is wilful and without just excuse.

c) Range of Sentences

In the event of the Tribunal finding the student concerned guilty it may impose one or more of the following sentences:

- (i) in the case of academic irregularities such as cheating in examinations and or tests [Rule G13(1)] refers:
- disqualification from entry to examinations and/or cancellation and forfeiture of year/semester marks and/or examination results on conviction for dishonest or irregular conduct in relation to tests, examinations or other forms of assessed work;
 - a fine not exceeding R3000 and/or with the relevant HOD's consent, duties as specified by the HOD, to be performed by the student under the HOD's supervision for a period stipulated by the Tribunal, for which no remuneration or credit will be received by the student.
 - A period of suspension from registration for the subjects/modules affected by the transgression for a period of registration, not exceeding a semester or a full year (in the case of annual subjects/modules).
 - Longer-term suspension or Expulsion in the case of a repeat offence.
- (ii) in the case of other behavioural, non-academic irregularities:
- One or more of any of the following and any other as determined by the Tribunal:
- any of the sentences that fall within the jurisdiction of first level tribunals;
 - a requirement that the student write a letter/s of apology to persons affected by the student's misdemeanour;
 - a fine not exceeding R3000;
 - Costs of any damages caused by the student.
 - prohibition from visiting certain specified areas;
 - suspension from the university, including the university residences, for a period of registration;
 - expulsion from the University;
 - with the relevant HOD's consent, duties as specified by the HOD, to be performed by the student under the HOD's supervision for a period stipulated by the Tribunal, for which no remuneration or credit will be received by the student.
 - Exclusion from participating in any student leadership positions

(d) Suspension of Sentence

The Tribunal may suspend any sentence imposed by it for the remainder of the time that such student is registered as a student at the University upon such conditions of good behaviour as it deems proper and provided that a similar offence is not committed during that period.

(e) Publications of Findings

The Tribunal may direct that its findings, together with the sentence or sentences imposed and, if the Tribunal specifically so directs, without reference to the name of the student, be published in such a manner as the tribunal may determine.

(f) Reporting of Findings

At the conclusion of every inquiry the Tribunal shall notify the student concerned and the Vice-Chancellor's Tribunal of its findings and sentence it may have imposed and any publication it may have directed. The Tribunal may instruct the Registrar to report the findings of any particular case to the parents, guardians, sponsors of the student(s) involved, and/or other educational Universities.

(g) Record Keeping

The Tribunal shall keep a record of all sentences imposed by the Tribunal.

(h) Automatic Review of Certain Sentences

The case of any student who, upon being found guilty, is sentenced to exclusion from the University for a stated period, disqualification from writing examinations, expelled from a residence or expelled from the University, shall be reviewed by the Appeals Tribunal before the sentence becomes final (SR5 (1)(b) also refers). Such exclusion, disqualification or expulsion shall be suspended pending the outcome of the review of the Appeals Tribunal. However, no test, assessment and/or examination result of the student(s) involved will be published in the interim.

SR5 THIRD LEVEL TRIBUNAL

(1) The Appeals Tribunal

The Vice-Chancellor is the final authority for all matters of student appeals. To assist the Vice-Chancellor in making a decision on appeals, the Vice-Chancellor may constitute an appeals tribunal to hear a specific case, and to make a recommendation to him/her.

(a) Composition

The Appeals Tribunal shall consist of:

- (i) A Chairperson appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, and at least 2 of the following:
 - A Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - Dean of Students;
 - One or more members of staff nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - Relevant Executive Dean or his/her nominee.
- (ii) The President of the SRC or an SRC member nominated by the President or a member of staff nominated by the SRC shall be invited to attend any hearing of the Tribunal as non-voting members, provided that the SRC member nominated by the President may not attend if he/she is the subject of the appeal, or acted as a member of or was a witness in a lower level tribunal for the same case.
- (iii) Any member of the Appeals Tribunal who acted as a member of or was a witness in a lower tribunal for the same case shall be asked to recuse him/herself from the Appeals Tribunal.

(b) Scope of Jurisdiction

The Appeals Tribunal is the highest disciplinary tribunal in the University and will deal only with appeals submitted to it by students who have had sentences imposed by the lower tribunal and shall automatically review sentences involving suspension and expulsion of students determined by the Student Disciplinary Tribunal. The Appeals Tribunal makes recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor who makes the final decision on any appeal/automatic review.

(c) Range of Sentences

The Appeals Tribunal has the same range of sentences as that of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal - see paragraph SR4(c) above. The Tribunal may confirm, set aside, or change any sentence passed by a lower tribunal. In the event of the Tribunal changing a sentence passed by a lower tribunal, the Tribunal shall supply the lower tribunal with reasons for changing the sentence.

(d) Collective Sentences

The Tribunal may impose one or more of the abovementioned sentences upon the SRC or upon the Residence Committees, Sports Union, student societies, clubs or any other University organisation or body, or upon a group of students, provided that collective sentences may be imposed only if, after all reasonable steps have been taken, none or only some of the individual students who were responsible for the breach of discipline or misconduct can be identified, and provided further that where such collective sentence takes the form of an imposition of a fine, no individual student shall be required to pay more than R2000 excluding any cost of damages.

(e) Precautionary Suspension of Student Pending an Inquiry

The Tribunal may, if it considers such a step to be in the interests of the student or the University, order any student against whom there is an allegation of breach of these rules to comply with one or more of the following directions until the expiry of a period not exceeding 60 days or until the final disposition of the inquiry under these rules, whichever shall occur first:

- (i) to cease attending lectures;
- (ii) not to enter the precincts of the University or such portion thereof as may be specified by the Tribunal;
- (iii) not to bring a motor vehicle into the grounds of the University; or
- (iv) to cease to reside in a residence of the University.

(f) Suspension of Sentences

The Tribunal may suspend the operation or execution of any sentence imposed by it or by any other tribunal (upon appeal or referral) for a period not exceeding 90 days and upon such conditions of good behaviour as it deems proper.

(g) Retention of sentences on academic transcripts of students

Should a student be found guilty of any misconduct, the statement of conduct on the academic transcript shall indicate the nature of the misconduct and the sentence. The statement shall be retained on the transcript of the student for the duration of the student's studies at the University, unless the Tribunal specifically directs:

- I. That the records of the student shall not be endorsed,

or

- 2 That the endorsement shall remain on the student's record after completion of the student's studies at the University and stipulate the period for such endorsement to remain.

SR6 APPEALS

(1) Hierarchy of Appeal

A student, who is found guilty by any tribunal discussed above, may appeal against the verdict or the sentence. Appeals against a verdict of a first level tribunal shall be heard by the Executive Dean/Dean of Students. Appeals against a verdict of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal will be heard by the Appeals Tribunal. There are no further internal appeals processes against decisions passed by the Appeals Tribunal.

(2) Procedure

As a result of a finding of guilty, a student may within a period of 10 days of the imposition of any sentence appeal in writing to the next higher tribunal, setting out fully the grounds for such appeal. The appeal body may call for any additional documentation or other evidence it deems relevant.

The appeal body shall, based on the evidence before it, have the power to confirm the decision of the tribunal *a quo* in all respects, or to alter it as to the findings and/or the sentence imposed.

(3) Suspension of Sentence during Appeals

The lodging of an appeal shall suspend the operation of any sentence by a tribunal pending the outcome of the appeal.

SR7 ENFORCEMENT AND NON-ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN SENTENCES

Whether the sentence imposed on a student in terms of these Rules consists of the payment of a fine or of reparation of damage caused or the performance of some other act, the student concerned may be excluded by the Vice Chancellor from the University until the payment is made or action performed.

If the operation or execution of any punishment has been suspended in terms of these Rules and the student has observed, throughout the period of suspension, all conditions specified, such punishment shall not be enforced.

SR8 PROCEEDS OF FINES

The proceeds of any fine or payment of reparation of damage caused imposed in terms of these Rules shall be paid into the general funds of the University.

SR9 APPEALS AGAINST EXPULSION

- (1) Should the Appeals Tribunal, in reviewing a case before it, impose a sentence of expulsion against a student, or decides to uphold a sentence of expulsion passed by the Student Disciplinary Tribunal, no further appeals may be made by the student until a period of four years has elapsed following the expulsion.
- (2) An appeal made in terms of SR9 must be made in writing to the Registrar and must provide a motivation with supporting evidence as to why the student should be reconsidered for admission to the University.
- (3) Should a student appeal an expulsion from the University after the four year period, such an appeal may be considered by an ad-hoc committee or individual appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

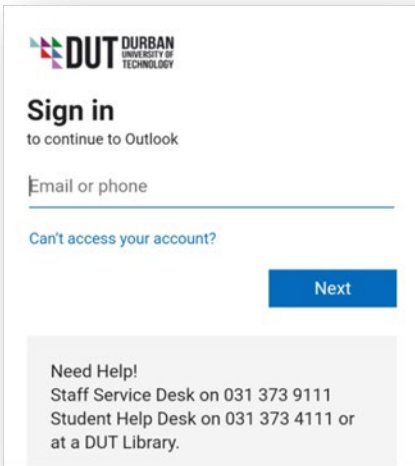
STUDENT IT SERVICES INFORMATION

I. Student IT Services

If you have registered as a student at DUT, an email account would have automatically been created for you upon enrolment and payment of fees. Log in using your student number that you have received via email or SMS and pin (pin must be entered starting with number 9, followed by your birth month and day), enter pin in this format: 9mmdd.

To gain access to your account on the e-mail system, you will need to know your DUT student number which is printed out on your identification card below the bar code.

You can access your DUT mailbox either on campus or from home by typing the following URL into your web browser: <https://outlook.com/dut4life.ac.za> you will be prompted for a user login and password as shown below:



You will need to type in your student number and password to login, for example

Username: 20612345@dut4life.ac.za

Password: ***** your password will be as follows:

First Time Entering Students

DUT (password for the first time is in the format \$\$DutYYMMDD where “YYMMDD” is the first 6 digits of your id number). An example of this is:

Username: 20612345@dut4life.ac.za

Password: \$\$Dut760504

Returning Students

They must use the password that you have been using to access your email and or student portal Note that this password is case sensitive.

International Students

The Faculty Office along with the International office will assist with any queries in this regard.

The official email address that MUST be used for all student correspondence will be via the dut4life email address.

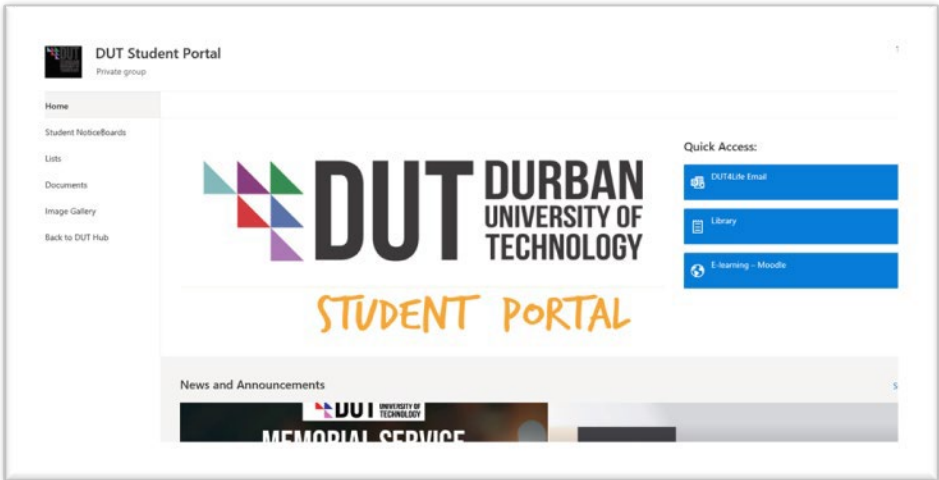
2. Student Portal

As a DUT student, you have access to the Student Portal which will consist of student related information and links to other systems.

To access the student use the following link:

<https://dut4lifeac.sharepoint.com/sites/dutstudentportal>

When the browser opens you will see the Student Portal which looks similar



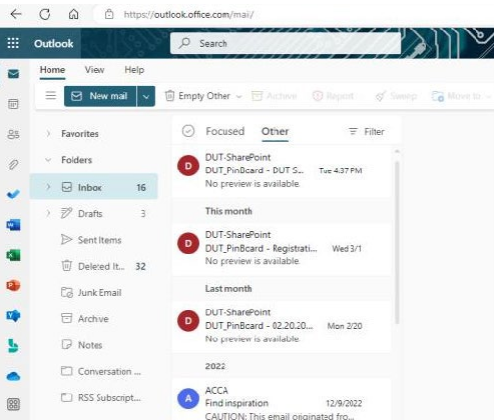
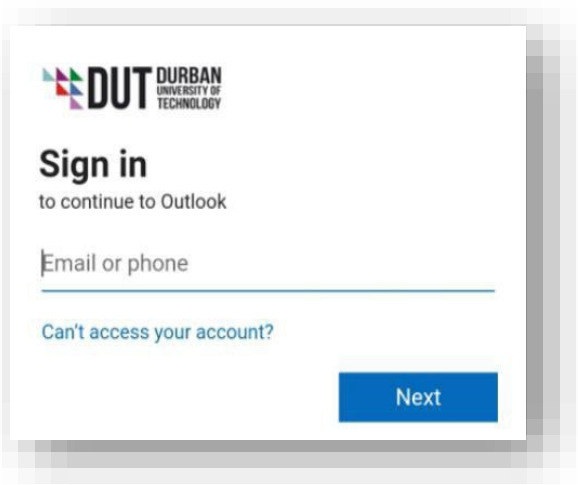
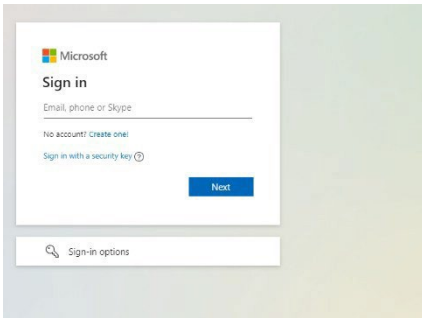
The Student Links on the Student Portal above are for the following applications:

- ITS (Student Information)
- DUT4LIFE
- DUT Internet Site
- Library
- Blackboard
- Detail User Guide (OWA)

3. DUT4life - Office 365 Suite

DUT4life is a branded collaboration suite, which is part of Microsoft's Live Services. The suite consists of e-mail, One Drive (on-line storage) and on-line office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint & OneNote). To access the office 365 suite, browse the following URL: <https://office.com> login with your email address

Note: ALL official DUT communication will be sent to your



DUT4life account.

Upon successful logon, if prompted, enter the time zone or search for Pretoria/Harare. Thereafter your mailbox will open.

Send an e-mail, select New, and enter the recipient in the To: field, type in the subject, the body of the e-mail and select Send.

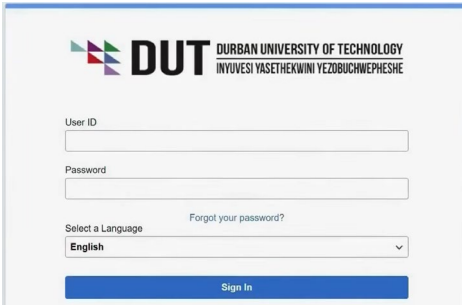
change the default password, Select Options, Select See all Options and Select Change your Password from the list of shortcuts.

For more details go to www.outlook.com/dutlife.ac.za

4. Student Information

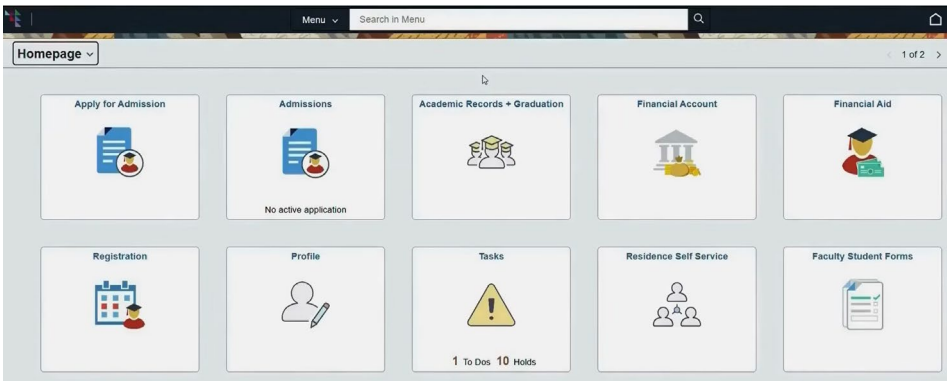
From the student portal click on 'Internal access to ITS student information system...' If you do not have a pin, first REQUEST A PIN by entering your student number and clicking on the [Request A Pin] tab in the screen that appears below.

A PIN will be emailed to your dut4life email account. Access your email from the student portal to retrieve your pin. Use your student number and the PIN provided to access the ITS system.



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Durban University of Technology (DUT) student portal. At the top left is the DUT logo with the text 'DUT DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY' and the Zulu motto 'INVUVESI YASETHEKWINI YEZOBUCHWEPHESHE'. Below the logo are two input fields: 'User ID' and 'Password'. A link for 'Forgot your password?' is positioned between the password field and a language selection dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently set to 'English'. At the bottom of the form is a blue 'Sign In' button.

The Online system allows you access to the following:



5. Student Kiosk

Some campuses have student kiosks that can also be used to access student information.

Requirements to use Kiosk

Students must have a PIN which is obtainable as mentioned previously in this document (see number 4 on the previous section regarding Request a Pin) or contact your faculty office or open access labs for assistance.

Steps to use Kiosk after obtaining pin code

Click on Student using the mouse or the touch screen

Swipe your student card, mag-strip facing you and swipe from left to right or

Type in your student number manually

Click on pin using the mouse and enter your pin code

If pin code does not work, click on help to obtain assistance

Click on login or touch on login button with your finger

You can now use the mouse to touch screen to explore using the student enquiry option Do not forget to logout.

NB: If the Kiosk is not working please report it to the nearest Faculty Office or Open Access Lab

6. Student SMS Services

Do you want your Financial Balance OR Examination Results SMS the following to 34763 For Financial balance:

DUT space STUDENT NUMBER space B For Exam results:

DUT space STUDENT NUMBER space R

7. Student MySite

What is a MySite

Student My Site is a personal site that gives you a central location to manage and store your documents, content, links, and contacts. My Site serves as a point of contact for other users in your organization to find information about you and your skills and interests.

How to Create your MySite

As a DUT student, you have access to the Student Portal. When you login to the student portal, you see a link to MySite on the top right-hand corner. When you click on it for the first time it will request you for a user id and password. Once you entered a valid user id and password, the system will create a mysite for you. Or if you already created your Mysite you would be able to login to your mysite.

See below for sample of a Student Mysite

