



SUPREME PRESIDENT'S DECISION NO. (2) FOR THE YEAR 2001
FOR THE AWARD OF THE BACHELLOR'S DEGREE ISSUED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE (2) OF THE BYLAWS OF LAW NO. (2) FOR
THE YEAR 2001 REGRDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

First, Bachelor's Degree of All University Colleges except the Colleges of
Medicine and Dentistry

SECTION 1 : Definitions

Article 1

These regulations are called Award of the Bachelor's Degree Regulations at the University of Sharjah. They shall come into effect as of the beginning of the academic year 2007/2008.

Article 2

These regulations apply to regular, registered students working for a bachelor's degree.

Article 3

Unless the context denotes otherwise, the following terms and phrases shall be taken in the senses given next to them:

University	:	The University of Sharjah
Chancellor	:	The University's Chancellor
Council	:	Council of Deans
College	:	The college specified in the context
Dean	:	The dean of the college concerned
Department	:	Academic department concerned
Registrar's Office	:	Department of Admission and Registration

SECTION 2 : Study Plans

Article 4

The Council shall approve the study plans leading to the award of the bachelor's degree in the specializations offered by the University's colleges upon the recommendations of the College and Department councils.

Article 5

- (a) The languages of instruction at the University are Arabic and English. The Council shall specify the language of instruction in each Department.
- (b) The Council may permit the use of some other language if the nature of the course(s) calls for it.

Article 6

- (a) The University shall follow the credit-hour system as the basis for its educational system. The academic year shall be divided into two semesters, and the study plans organized accordingly.



- (b) Credit hours for each course in the study plans shall be calculated so that one theoretical class hour is equal to one credit hour. Practical hours are calculated so that each credit hour is equivalent to at least two practical hours.
- (c) The academic year shall be divided into two semesters, each lasting for sixteen weeks. An eight-week summer session may also be offered. The Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the Council, shorten the semester provided that the number of class hours for each credit hour is no less than fifteen. Periods of time reserved for advisement, registration, and final examinations shall not be considered part of the duration of the semester.

Article 7

The minimum requirements for the award of the bachelor's degree in the various specializations offered by the Colleges shall be as follows:

College	Minimum Requirements
Shari'a	132 credit hours
Arts and Sciences	129 credit hours
Business Administration	129 credit hours
Engineering	140 credit hours
Health Sciences	140 credit hours
Law	132 credit hours
Fine Arts and Design	134 credit hours
Communication	129 credit hours
Pharmacy	175 credit hours

Article 8

The credit hours required for the award of the bachelor's degree in all specializations offered by the University colleges shall be distributed as follows:

1. University requirements 30 credit hours shall be distributed as follows:
 - Compulsory: 18 credit hours
 - Elective: 12 credit hours
2. College requirements: 15 – 50 credit hours
3. Specialization requirements: a maximum of 145 credit hours distributed as follows: (College of Pharmacy)
 - Compulsory
 - Elective
 - Ancillary or supporting
4. Free electives
5. Practical training as stipulated in the study plan in force.



Article 9

- (a) For each course a course description specifying its objectives, contents and outcomes shall be written, which accurately reflects the number of credit hours allocated to it.
- (b) Courses in the study plan shall be divided into four or five graduated levels in accordance with the number of years needed to complete the program.
- (c) Prerequisite or concurrent courses shall be specified for each course.
- (d) Theoretical and practical hours for each course shall be specified.
- (e) Students shall not be allowed to register in a course without having studied its prerequisite. In cases where this happens, the Registrar's Office shall cancel the course and inform the parties concerned. However, a student may, upon the approval of the Dean and the recommendation of the Department and the academic advisor, enroll concurrently in a course and its prerequisite if he/she expects to graduate in the same semester or if he/she has studied the prerequisite and failed in it, or if he/she sat for the final exam of the pre-requisite course but did not pass the course.
- (f) Each course shall be given a number denoting the College, the Department, the level, the area of specialization, and the number of the course in the series.

Article 10

- (a) Each Department shall prepare a model plan divided into eight or more semesters in accordance with the requirements of the study plan in each specialization.
- (b) Compulsory courses shall be offered at least once a year.
- (c) Elective courses shall be offered at least once in every period of four semesters.

SECTION 3 : Duration of Study and Academic Load

Article 11

First: Minimum and Maximum Duration of Study

- (a) The minimum residency requirement for all students at the University of Sahrjah in all the Colleges of Sharia, Law, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Fine Arts and Communication is six regular semesters, except at the Colleges of Engineering, Health Sciences and Pharmacy where it is eight regular semesters.
- (b) The minimum residency requirement for students transferred from another university is four regular semesters to receive a bachelor's degree.
- (c) No student may spend more than thirteen semesters in the University to obtain the bachelor's degree in the Colleges of Sharia, Law, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Fine Arts and Communication except students in the Colleges of Engineering, Health Sciences and Pharmacy who may not spend more than fifteen semesters to obtain their bachelor's degree.
- (d) Periods of permissible withdrawal from the University shall not be calculated as part of the duration of the student's study.
- (e) Each fifteen credit hours in the student's study plan transferred from within the University or from another university shall count for one semester.

Second: Minimum and Maximum Academic Load

- (a) The minimum load per semester shall be twelve (12) credit hours, the maximum eighteen (18). Under certain circumstances, the maximum may reach twenty-one (21).



- (b) The minimum load may be less than twelve (12) credit hours if he/she needs less than twelve (12) credit hours to graduate.
- (c) Under certain circumstances the Dean may exercise his/her discretion to increase the minimum load to thirteen (13) for students on academic probation and the maximum load to nineteen (19) credit hours for other special cases.
- (d) When necessary, and upon the recommendation of the academic advisor, the Dean may lower the load to Nine (9) credit hours.
- (e) The maximum load may reach twenty-one (21) credit hours in any of the following cases:
 - 1. if a student obtains an CGPA of no less than 3.60 or excellent;
 - 2. if this load is necessary for graduation at the end of the same semester.
- (f) The maximum load in the summer session shall not exceed two courses or a maximum of 7 credit hours. A student may enroll in three courses or a maximum of 10 credit hours if his/her CGPA is no less than 3.60 or if this can lead to his/her graduation at the end of the summer session.

Third: Students registered as candidates for the bachelor's degree shall be divided into four or five levels as follows:

First year:	00-30	credit hours
Second year:	31-64	" "
Third year:	65-98	" "
Fourth year:	99-130	" "
Fifth year:	131+	" "

SECTION 4 : Attendance

Article 12:

- (a) Students shall attend all theoretical lectures, laboratory hours, and training sessions. They shall also participate in research sessions and sit for all examinations required in the courses in which they are enrolled.
- (b) If a student's absences exceed 10% of total hours designated for one or more courses without an acceptable excuse, the instructor of the course shall issue a warning. If the absences reach 15% without an excuse acceptable to the College, the instructor shall issue a final warning with the Dean's approval.
- (c) If absences reach 20%, the student shall be barred from sitting for the final examination(s). If the absence is caused by ill health or some other cause acceptable to the Dean, the student shall be given a withdrawal mark (W) in his/her transcript. All such cases shall be reported to the Registrar's Office. However, students who represent the country or the University in official activities shall be allowed up to 25% absences.
- (d) All absences, whether with or without an excuse, are calculated as part of allowable absences.



SECTION 5 : Examinations, Grades, and Averages

Article 13

FIRST: TEACHING AND EVALUATION

- (a) The instructor shall prepare a detailed syllabus specifying the objectives, outcomes, content, teaching methods, evaluation, references, and additional readings required. The syllabus shall be handed out to students at the beginning of the semester and shall be kept in the course files in the college.
- (b) The Department shall appoint a coordinator for multi-section courses taught by more than one instructor. The coordinator shall prepare the syllabus and appoint dates for the uniform examinations in cooperation with the other instructor(s) of the course.

SECOND: EXAMINATION QUESTIONS SHALL BE

- (a) in line with the objectives and outcomes stated in the syllabus
- (b) commensurate with the time allocated for the examination
- (c) clearly formulated and weighted
- (d) varied to measure the students' aptitude and skills in terms of recall, comprehension, application, and analytical skill
- (e) in the language in which the course is taught

THIRD: ANSWER SHEETS OR BOOKLETS

- (a) The Council shall, upon the recommendation of the College and the academic departments, prepare procedures for documenting and storing final-examination answer sheets or booklets and for keeping them for a period of no less than four regular semesters, after which they shall be destroyed under the supervision of a committee formed by the College Council for this purpose.
- (b) The instructor of each course shall consult with his/her department's Chair to determine the form of the answer sheets or booklets suitable for the course and to put together the necessary instructions.
- (c) The instructor of the course shall keep the results of all his/her examinations for one regular semester.

FOURTH: EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE

- (a) The final grade in any course shall consist of the grade obtained in the final examination plus all the other grades obtained during the semester.
- (b) The general framework for examinations shall be as follows:
 - 1. Purely or mainly theoretical courses:
 - 40-50% shall be reserved for the final examination, which shall be in writing, covering the entire contents of the course and realizing its objectives and outcomes and held at the times announced in the University calendar.
 - 50-60% shall be given to course work consisting of two written examinations, reports, research papers, quizzes, and any other tasks. The relative weight of each of these two examinations and other tasks shall be determined by the concerned department. The first examination shall be held in the sixth week of the regular semester or the third week of the summer session, and the second shall be given in the twelfth week of the regular semester and the fifth week of the summer session.



2. Practical courses:
College Councils shall, upon the recommendation of departmental councils, determine the distribution of grades and inform the Registrar's Office of the procedures followed.
- (c) The above regulations shall not apply to courses that have a special nature of their own. Such courses and the methods of evaluation in them shall be specified by the College Council upon the recommendation of the Department Council. The Chancellor shall be informed of all decisions in this regard fully explained and justified.
- (d) The Department Council shall approve the method of evaluation for each course separately in accordance with the following:
 1. that the components of the course and its objectives are taken into consideration
 2. that self-instruction is duly recognized and evaluated so that students may be encouraged and motivated to engage seriously in this kind of activity
 3. that evaluation can be objectively implemented and fully documented, especially with reference to students' participation in class and other activities
 4. That the evaluation achieves the academic and Scientific objectives and outcomes of the course.
 5. that the evaluation procedures can be used in future to develop the educational process as well as student performance
- (e) The instructor shall be responsible for correcting the examination papers of the course he/she teaches, recording final grades in letters and percentages correctly.
- (f) Course examination sheets or booklets shall be returned to students within one week after the date of the examination and, a week later, the grades shall be reported to the Department's Chair.
- (g) Final grades for each course shall be calculated and recorded in letters, and the number of credit hours allocated for the course shall be specified.

FIFTH: The College Council shall establish policies and procedures to be followed in evaluating examinations in courses offered by the academic Departments in the College.

SIXTH: The instructor of each course shall correct the answer sheets or booklets of the final examination and submit the results fully documented in letter grades and percentages to the Department Chair within forty-eight hours of the date of the examination. The Chair shall then submit the results to the College Council for approval. The documents submitted shall include the following:

- (a) final examination sheets or booklets
- (b) attendance sheet
- (c) five copies of the final examination questions
- (d) the grades, with fractions rounded to the nearest integer.
- (e) all extra, unused answer sheets or booklets
- (f) a report on the results including:
 1. the number of students enrolled in the course
 2. the number of students allowed to sit for the examination
 3. the number of students failing to attend the examination
 4. the distribution of grades and their percentages
 5. the percentages of failing and passing grades



6. the number of students getting incompletes or forfeiting the right to attend the examination, and the percentages thereof.

Faculty members shall enter the grades electronically and directly into the registration system. The Registration and Admission Department shall document the results and announce them to students.

SEVENTH: DEPARTMENT'S CHAIR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department's Chair shall

- (a) receive the documents relating to the final examination from the instructor
- (b) make sure that the number of answer sheets or booklets corresponds to the number of students attending the examination
- (c) submit all documents related to all final examinations to the Dean as soon as they become available.
- (d) Prepare for the Dean a report on the examinations with an analysis of the results. The report shall include the following:
 1. the number of students enrolled in the course
 2. the number of students permitted to sit for the examination
 3. the number of student who were absent
 4. the distribution of grades and the percentages thereof
 5. the percentages of passing and failing grades
 6. the numbers and percentages of students getting incompletes and those barred from sitting for the examination
 7. three copies of the final examination questions

EIGHTH: MONITORING EXAMINATION RESULTS

The College Council shall study the comprehensive reports prepared by the academic Departments on the examinations in order for the College to monitor, develop, and improve the educational process.

NINTH: REVIEWING FINAL EXAMINATION ANSWER SHEETS OR BOOKLETS

A student may submit a written petition to the Dean of the College which offers the course within two weeks after the grades have been posted to have his/her final examination answer sheets or booklet reviewed. The petition shall be submitted through the Registrar's Office after payment of a fixed fee. If the petition is granted, the review shall be conducted by a committee formed by the Department's Chair consisting of himself/herself and two other members of the Department, one of whom shall be the instructor of the course. The review shall ascertain whether or not there is a material error in adding up the grades allocated to each question, copying the components of the grade, or forgetting to correct a question partially or wholly. If such an error exists, the instructor of the course shall correct it, and the corrected result shall be approved in accordance with standard procedures.

Article 14

- (a) No student shall be allowed to sit for the final examination without having settled all his/her financial obligations to the University.
- (b) If a student fails to attend a final examination without an excuse acceptable to the Dean of the College that offers the course, the student shall be considered to have failed in that course.



1. If failure to attend the final examination is caused by ill health or some other compelling circumstances acceptable to the Dean of the College that offers the course, the student shall be given a grade of Incomplete. The Dean shall notify the Registrar's Office of this grade.
2. Any student who has been given an Incomplete must remove this mark from his/her record within two weeks after the commencement of the next regular semester by sitting for a special examination given to him/her in arrangement with the instructor of the course and the Department. The result shall be submitted to the Registration and Admission Department within this period. Otherwise, the Registrar's Office shall give the student an F for the course in question.
3. If the reason for not attending the examination mentioned in (b1) above still exists, the College Council may allow the student to withdraw from the course(s) in question and have a mark of W in his/her record.
4. The mark obtained to remove the Incomplete shall be recorded in its proper place in the semester in which the course was taken.
5. If the graduation of a student depends on removing an Incomplete Grade of a course, the student shall be considered a graduate of the semester in which s/he removes the Incomplete grade.

Article 15

- (a) The minimum passing letter grade is D.
 (b) Letter grades shall be calculated as follows:

<u>%</u>	<u>Letters</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
90-100	A	4
85-89	B+	3.5
80-84	B	3
75-79	C+	2.5
70-74	C	2
65-69	D+	1.5
60-64	D	1
Below 60	F	Zero

- (c) Grade point averages shall be designated as follows:

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Designation</u>
3.60+	Excellent
3.00 – 3.59	Very Good
2.50 – 2.99	Good
2.00 – 2.49	Actory
Less than 2.0	Unsatisfactory

- (d) The averages listed above are obtained by multiplying the points obtained in each course by the number of credit hours allocated for the course and then dividing the result by the total number of credit hours of all the courses.
- (e) The semester average consists of the average of all points obtained in all the courses studied in that semester regardless of whether the student has passed or failed in any of them. The student shall have a cumulative grade point average by the end of his/her second semester at the University.
- (f) In addition to what is stated in Article 16 of this By-law, the accumulative grade point average at any point in time is the aggregate of points obtained in every course studied up to that date regardless of failing or passing.



- (g) The CGPA is rounded to the nearest two decimal digits.
- (h) Names of distinguished students shall be listed in three lists: Chancellor's list, Dean's list and List of the Deans of Students' Affairs (males/females) in accordance to the regulations and by-laws of honor lists at the University.

SECTION 6 : Academic Warnings and Termination of Studies

Article 16

- (a) IEP students shall be subject to special academic achievement regulations. Article (16) shall apply to all students enrolled in Bachelor's degree programs.
- (b) A student whose CGPA falls below 1.0 point at the end of any semester shall be obligatorily transferred to another program and shall not be allowed to return to the first program from which he was transferred. A student shall not be obligatorily transferred more than once throughout his entire study period.
- (c) A student is placed on academic probation if at the end of a semester the student's CGPA falls below 2.00. Students who incur the first probation must remove the probation status within the following two semesters.
- (d) A student on academic probation must observe the following rules:
 - 1. The maximum study load for a student on probation is 12 credits. However, the load may be increased to fifteen credit hours upon the recommendation of the student's academic department and in coordination with the Registrar's Office if this can lead to the graduation of the student in the same semester. The maximum study load may also be increased to 13 credit hours if one of the courses taken is a 4-credit course or is a 1 credit required lab course.
 - 2. The student must register through the academic advisor. Students on probation are not given access for on-line registration.
 - 3. The student must repeat failed courses within 2 semesters from receiving the failed grades. The student may also have to repeat courses with grade below "C" as advised by his/her academic advisor.
 - 4. The student may not take a course unless he/she passes all specified pre-requisite(s) of the course.
- (e) Second probation status is attained when a student fails to remove the first probation within the following semester. Students with two consecutive probations have the following two options:
 - (a) Continue in the same program with the approval of the College Council and realizing the consequences of paragraph (f). The student shall sign a written document to this effect.
 - (b) Change major: Courses and CGPA related to new major will be determined once a student gains acceptance in the new major. If the adjusted CGPA for the new major is equal or more than 2.00, then probation status will be removed as the student starts in the new major. However, if the adjusted CGPA for the new major is below 2.00, then probation status remains in effect in the new major.
- (f) A student will be dismissed from the university upon the decision of the Deans' council in the following cases:
 - 1. If the student receives three consecutive probations while studying in the same major.



2. If the number of probations reaches five throughout the entire period of the student's study.
 3. If a student receives two academic probations in a study program and transfers to another program and then receives two consecutive probations directly after transferring to the new program, he shall be dismissed. In such a case, no transfer to any other program shall be allowed.
 4. If the CGPA of a student drops to below 1.0 point more than once during their study at the University.
- (g) Summer sessions shall not count in terms of academic probations.
- (h) The Registration and Admission Department shall inform the student and his department of the decision of giving the student an academic probation or dismissal from the University. A copy of either decision shall be kept in the student's file.
- (i) If a student completed more than 90 credits with a CGPA of (1.95) or above, and received the fifth probation, he shall be given an exceptional chance to study one more semester in order to raise his CGPA to the required level.



SECTION 7: Repeating Courses

Article 17

- (a) Students shall repeat all compulsory courses in which they have failed.
- (b) Students shall enroll again in the elective courses in which they have failed or in substitute courses listed in the study plan in force. In such a case the substitute course/s shall be considered a repeated course of the course in which the student failed in terms of calculating the semester and the cumulative averages.
- (c) To improve their CGPA, students may repeat a course they have already passed with an average of no more than C+.
- (d) No course may be repeated more than once if a student has obtained a passing grade in it.
- (e) When a student repeats a course, the higher grade is counted for him.
- (f) In all cases, all courses taken and grades obtained by a student shall be included in his/her academic record, with special mark attached to courses which he/she failed or repeated, and which do not count for purposes of calculating his/her CGPA.
- (g) When a course is repeated, the credit hours allocated to it are calculated only once for purposes of graduation.

SECTION 8: Drop and Add

Article 18

- (a) A student may, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, drop or add a course or more within one week after the commencement of a regular semester or three days after the commencement of the summer session.
- (b) A student may, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, drop a course or more within a period of ten weeks after the commencement of the regular semester or a period four weeks after the commencement of the summer session. In such cases a mark of W for withdrawal without failure is recorded in the student's academic record. If the student does not withdraw within the time limits mentioned, he/she shall be committed to the course, and, in any case, a student may not be registered for less than nine credit hours in any regular semester.



SECTION 9: Deferral of Admission

Article 19

- (a) Any student admitted into a College shall register at the beginning of each semester within the time limit stated in the University's calendar. In the special registration card prepared for this purpose, he/she shall, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, list the courses he/she will be studying and which are part of the study plan in the specialization he/she has been admitted into.
- (b) The Registrar's Office may decide to defer a student's admission upon his/her request and upon payment of all fees for the semester in which he/she was admitted and for one semester or a maximum of two semesters. Such a deferral shall be justified by a compelling excuse rendering completion of registration procedures impossible. This shall be done within a period of four weeks after the commencement of the semester in which the student has been admitted, and the College concerned shall be duly notified. If the student does not register afterwards, his/her admission shall be canceled.
- (c) Taking the provisions of paragraph (b) above into consideration, the new student's admission shall be canceled if he/she does not register in the semester in which he/she is admitted and if he/she does not request deferral of admission.

SECTION 10 : Suspension of Registration and Withdrawal from the University

Article 20

- (a) The Registrar's Office may, upon the request of a student who has been a regular student for at least one semester, suspend his/her registration and keep his/her grades obtained before the suspension if there is a compelling reason for doing so. The decision shall be taken within a period not exceeding four weeks after the commencement of the semester in which suspension of registration is to take effect. The student's College shall be notified of the decision.
- (b) If the reason for suspending registration continues after the period of four weeks mentioned in paragraph (a) above, the decision shall rest with the College Council. The Registration and Admission Department shall be notified.

Article 21

- (a) If a student temporarily discontinues his/her studies at the University without requesting suspension of registration within the four-week period mentioned in Article 20, his/her registration shall be suspended as a matter of course by the Registrar's Office. This decision shall not contravene attendance regulations. Grades obtained before the suspension takes effect shall be kept on record, and the student's College shall be notified of the decision.
- (b) The College Council may allow a student whose registration has been suspended in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this article to register again if the temporary discontinuation of studies was caused by compelling circumstances. The Registrar's Office shall be notified of this decision.
- (c) Suspension of registration taking effect in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 shall not exceed four continuous or discontinuous semesters throughout the student's candidacy for the bachelor's degree. Semesters in which the student is given a withdrawal without failure by the College Council shall constitute part of this period of four semesters.



- (d) If the period of suspension mentioned in paragraph (c) above exceeds the four-semester limit, the student's registration shall be canceled and this cancellation shall be duly recorded in the student's academic record. The same result shall be recorded if the student requests that he/she be allowed to withdraw from the College or Center.
- (e) A student whose registration has been canceled because of temporary discontinuation or withdrawal may request that he/she be reinstated as a new student if he/she is sufficiently qualified. In this case, the Council may, upon the recommendation of the College Council concerned, permit the student to have his/her grades obtained prior to the cancellation of his/her registration as part of his/her record if the period of temporary discontinuation does not exceed six regular semesters. Otherwise, courses previously studied shall not be recognized.
- In general, students who apply for re-admission as new students shall need to obtain the approval of the Deans' Council after considering their previous records at the University.
- (f) A student whose registration has been suspended in accordance with the provisions of Articles (20) and (21) shall have forfeited the right to have credit for courses studied at another university, community college, or other institution of higher education transferred.
- (g) The period of suspension of registration shall constitute part of the maximum period of study at the University.
- (h) Disciplinary suspension of registration shall be obligatory and the suspension period shall be counted as part of the maximum period of study at the University.

SECTION 11: Transfer Students

Article 22

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the Dean decide to permit a student to transfer from another recognized university or a college to one of the University's colleges in accordance with the following rules:
1. The student has successfully spent a minimum of two semesters or one academic year at a recognized university and his/her CGPA is not below 2.50 out of 4.00.
 2. The student meets the conditions for admission into the University and the special conditions for admission into the College he/she wants to transfer to.
 3. There are vacancies in the College the student wants to transfer to in light of the admission policies of the College and the framework of general admission policies of the University.
 4. The maximum number of credit hours that can be transferred from another recognized university within the framework of the study plan applicable to the student at Sharjah University shall not exceed 60 credit hours in all Colleges except the Colleges of Engineering, Health Sciences and Pharmacy, where the maximum number shall not exceed 70 credit hours.
 5. For a transfer to be considered, the university transferred from must be one that requires full-time attendance and the transfer student shall not have been expelled from that university as a disciplinary measure.



- (b) Taking the provisions of paragraph (a) of this article into consideration, the Vice-Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the College Council, the Department Council, approve the transfer of a student fulfilling all conditions except that of the average in his/her secondary school certificate.
- (c) The Department Council may transfer credit for all or some of the courses taken in the university transferred from provided that the grade in each is no less than C.
- (d) Grades or averages transferred from another university shall not be included in the student's CGPA at the University.
- (e) The Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the College Council and the Department Council, approve the transfer of students from a recognized institute of higher education or community college to one of the University's colleges in accordance with the following rules:
 - 1. The student has successfully spent a minimum of two semesters or one academic year in a recognized institute of higher education or community college and obtained an CGPA of no less than 3.00 out of 4.00.
 - 2. The qualifications of the student meet the requirements of the University and the special requirements of the College he/she wishes to join.
 - 3. Vacancies are available in the College he/she wishes to join. Such vacancies are determined by the special admission policies of the College, which in turn are determined within the framework of the overall admission policies of the University.
 - 4. The student must complete the Bridging Program by transferring from his program to an equivalent program offered by the University.
- (f) Taking the above-mentioned into consideration, the Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the College Council, the Department, and the Registrar's Office, permit the transfer of students fulfilling all conditions except that of the average in the secondary school certificate.
- (g) Students transferred from other universities or from community colleges or institutes of higher education shall be treated as new students for purposes of suspension of registration, probation, and expulsion.
- (h) Students transferring from other universities or from community colleges or institutes of higher education shall not benefit from their academic record if they have discontinued their studies for a period of four regular semesters or more.

Article 23

- (a) Taking students' wishes into consideration, each College shall assign its students to the various specializations in it in accordance with the approved rules and with reference to the maximum number of students admissible in each specialization no later than the beginning of the third regular semester after their joining the University.
- (b) Having completed 15 credits, a student may submit an application to the Registrar's Office to change his/her specialization during the last two weeks of the Fall or Spring semester. The Registrar's Office shall receive all such applications, and submit them to the Dean for a decision to be taken no later than the beginning of the next semester.
- (c) The College Council shall prepare procedures for change of specialization within the College, which shall be issued by a decision from the Dean.
- (d) No student shall be transferred from one department to another from which the student has been transferred due to an academic warning.



- (e) Students in their third year or later and who are not under the effect of an academic warning shall not be allowed to transfer to another department.

Students shall not be given the option to change their specialization more than once throughout the duration of their study at the College.

Article 24

- (a) Without contravening the provisions of Article 23 above, students may be transferred from one college to another in light of the University's general policies and in accordance with the rules and regulations determined by the College Council.
- (b) Application submitted by students with a technical secondary school certificate in which they request transferral from one college to another may be accepted on approval of the College they want to transfer to and the recommendation of the academic department concerned.
- (c) The applications shall be submitted to the Registrar's Office during the last two weeks of the Fall or Spring semester. The Registrar's Office shall receive all such applications, and submit them to the Dean for a decision to be taken no later than the beginning of the next semester.
- (d) Students shall not be allowed to change their college more than once throughout the duration of their study at the University.
- (e) The Registrar's Office shall transfer credits earned in the compulsory courses studied in the Department transferred from, which are required in the new department, and to include grades obtained therein in the semesterly averages and the CGPA.
- (f) The Registrar's Office shall transfer credits earned in the elective courses studied in the Department transferred from if the student so wishes and if these courses are required in the new department. Grades earned therein shall be included in the semesterly average and the CGPA.

SECTION 12 : Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Article 25

- (a) Passing all the courses required for graduation in the study plan
- (b) Accumulating an average of 2.00 or more and completing all the other requirements of the study plan
- (c) Spending the minimum period stipulated for the award of the bachelor's degree and not exceeding the maximum.
- (d) Issuing the graduation decision by the relevant councils.

SECTION 13 : General Provisions

Article 26

- (a) If a student's graduation is contingent upon completing a compulsory course which happens not to be offered in the semester at the end of which the student expects to graduate or is offered at a time conflicting with that of another compulsory course, the student, upon the approval of the Dean and the recommendation of his/her department and the Department offering the course may be allowed to study another substitute course which is similar to or higher than the required course in level and number of credits. The Dean shall notify the Registration Department of his approval.
- (b) If a student's graduation is contingent upon completing one course only, which the student has failed three times, the student, upon the approval of the Dean and



the recommendation of his/her department and the Department offering the course may be allowed to study another substitute course which is similar to or higher than the required course in level and number of credits. The Dean shall notify the Registration Department of his approval

- (c) Pleading ignorance of these regulations, of publications issued by the University, or of notices posted on the notice boards in the various buildings of the University pertaining to these regulations shall not exonerate students from responsibility to abide by them.
- (d) Students shall be responsible for arranging their schedule and taking the prerequisite courses in consultation with their academic advisors.
- (e) Students shall obtain a clearance from the University in order for the procedures of graduation or withdrawal from the University to be completed.
- (f) Graduation requirements shall be considered complete once a student has removed all Incompletes.
- (g) No course taken by a new student at the University shall count for credit if he/she has already taken it at another university, community college, or institute of higher education from which he/she has obtained a certificate.

Artical 27

Graduation certificates shall be issued when earned at the end of each semester, and the graduation ceremony shall be held once a year.

Artical 28

The Council shall decide on cases not covered in these regulations and on problems arising from their application.

Artical 29

All previous regulations conflicting with the present ones shall be deemed invalid.

Artical 30

The Chancellor, Vice Chancellors , Deans, and Registrar shall be responsible for the implementation of these regulations.



Secondly: Bachelor's Degree of Medicine and Surgery and the Bachelor's Degree of Dental Surgery

Section 1 Definition

ARTICLE (1)

These regulations are called Award of Bachelor's Degree of Medicine and Surgery and Bachelor's Degree of Dental Surgery Regulations at University of Sharjah. They come into effect as of the beginning of the academic year 2007 – 2008.

ARTICLE (2)

These regulations apply to regular, registered students working to obtain a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery or a Bachelor's degree in Dental Surgery.

ARTICLE (3)

Unless the context denotes otherwise, the following terms and phrases shall be taken in the senses given next to them:

University	: The University of Sharjah
Chancellor	: The University's Chancellor
Council	: Council of Deans
College	: The College specified (College of Medicine and/ or College of Dentistry)
Dean	: the dean of the college concerned
Department	: Academic department concerned
Registrar's office	: Department of Admission and Registration in the University of Sharjah

Section 2 Study and Teaching Plans

ARTICLE (4)

The Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Sharjah, follow an outcome based, integrated problem-based learning curriculum.

The educational approach, builds up the ability of students for self learning, and analytical thinking. This educational philosophy reflects on the study plans, department plans, timetable system and exams.

After the Foundation year, both Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry shall follow a yearly based system in the implementation of the program of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and that of Bachelor of Dental Surgery. Credit-hour system shall not be undertaken, nor its subsequent academic, financial or administrative by-laws except in the foundation year and for the university requirements. Students in both colleges shall study all allocated courses for each phase and for each academic year. They shall also complete the graduation requirements adopted in the academic plan of the college.



ARTICLE (5)

- a. The council shall approve the study plan leading to the award of the bachelor's degree in the specializations offered by the college upon recommendations of the College Council and Department Councils.
- b. The college shall provide a detailed teaching plan for each phase and for each year, specifying its objectives, contents, didactic methods, calendar, references and required reading sources. This plan shall be handed to students at the commencement of each academic year.
- c. Since the curriculum is horizontally and vertically integrated and is not set around individual disciplines, supervision of curriculum teaching and implementation shall be undertaken by the heads of departments, the college curriculum committee, and the course and unit coordinators.

ARTICLE (6)

The main language of instruction at the colleges is English.

Section 3 Duration of Study and Academic Load

ARTICLE (7)

The duration of study in the program of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and in that of Bachelor of Dental Surgery is five academic years preceded by a foundation year. The program is divided into 3 phases:

Phase 1: Foundation year (Pre- Medical)

This is considered as the first phase of study in the College of Medicine and in the College of Dentistry. Study in the foundation year shall follow the credit-hour system as followed by other colleges in the university. It shall, thus, follow the existing university by-laws as practiced by other colleges and students' registration shall be carried accordingly.

Phase 2: Pre-Clerkship

This includes years one, two and three of study in the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

Phase 3: Clerkship

This includes years four and year five of study.

ARTICLE (8)

In addition to the specific curriculums in each college, students in Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry shall study the university requirements (30) for credit hours distributed as follows:

Compulsory requirements : 18 credit hours
Elective requirements : 12 credit hours



ARTICLE (9)

Students of the colleges of Medicine and Dentistry shall be allowed to enroll in more than two summer courses with maximum of nine (9) credit hours. Students may thus terminate the study of university requirements by the end of year three of the program in the colleges of Medicine and Dentistry and before the commencement of clerkship phase.

ARTICLE (10)

- a. The minimum duration of study to achieve a Bachelor Degree of Medicine and Surgery or a Bachelor Degree of Dental Surgery is six years including the foundation year.
- b. No student shall exceed a study period of nine years in either the College of Medicine or the College of Dentistry to obtain their bachelor's degree.
- c. Periods in which students withdraw from the University shall not be calculated as part of the duration of their study, and not be more than two academic years.

Section 4 Attendance

ARTICLE (11)

- a. Students shall attend all theoretical lectures, laboratory hours and practical training sessions. They shall also participate in research sessions and sit for all examinations required in the course in which they are enrolled.
- b. If the student's absences exceed 10% of the total hours designed for one or more courses, the instructor of the course shall issue a warning. If the absences reach 15% without an excuse acceptable to the college, the instructor shall issue a final warning with the dean's approval.
- c. If absences reach 20%, the student shall be barred from sitting for the final examination (s). If the absence is caused by ill health or some other cause acceptable to the Dean, the student shall be given a withdrawal mark (W) in his / her transcript. All such cases shall be reported to the Registrar's Office.
- d. All absences, whether with or without an excuse, are calculated as part of allowable absences.

SECTION 5 Examinations, Grades, and Averages

ARTICLE (12)

FIRST: EXAMINATION QUESTIONS SHALL BE

- a. In line with objectives stated in the syllabus.
- b. Commensurate with the time allocated for the examination.
- c. Varied to measure the students' aptitude in terms of recall, comprehension, application and analytical skill.



d. In the language in which the course is taught.

SECOND: ANSWER SHEET OR BOOKLETS

- a. The Council shall, upon the recommendation of the college and the academic departments, prepare procedures for documenting and storing final-examination answer sheets or booklets and for keeping them for a period of no less than two years, after which they shall be destroyed under the supervision of a committee formed by the College Council for this purpose.
- b. The college shall keep the examination results for a period of three years.

ARTICLE (13)

- 1) No student shall be allowed to sit for the final examination without having settled all his/her financial obligations to the university.
- 2) If a student fails to attend a final examination without an excuse acceptable to the Dean, the student shall be considered to have failed in that course. If failure to attend the final examination is caused by medical reason or some other excuse acceptable to the Dean, the student is given a mark of Incomplete. The Dean shall notify the Registrar's Office of this mark. The student shall then sit for the exam with other students in the August session.

ARTICLE (14)

Foundation Year:

- 1) The minimum passing letter grade in the Foundation year and in the Compulsory and Obligatory Courses is D.
- 2) Letter grades shall be calculated as follows:

%	Letters	Grade Points
From 90 to 100	A	4
From 85 to less than 90	B ⁺	3.5
From 80 to less than 85	B	3
From 75 to less than 80	C ⁺	2.5
From 70 to less than 75	C	2
From 65 to less than 70	D ⁺	1.5
From 60 to less than 65	D	1
Below 60	F	Zero

- 3) Grade Point Averages shall be designated as follows:

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Designation</u>
3.60 or more	Excellent
From 3.0 to less than 3.60	Very Good
From 2.50 to less than 3.00	Good
From 2.0 to less than 2.50	Satisfactory
Less than 2.0	Unsatisfactory

For the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Years of the Program of Medicine and of Dentistry



Letter grades shall be calculated as follows:

%	Letters
From 90 to 100	A
From 85 to less than 90	B ⁺
From 80 to less than 85	B
From 75 to less than 80	C ⁺
From 70 to less than 75	C
From 65 to less than 70	D ⁺
From 60 to less than 65	D
Below 60	F

4) Requirements for promotion to the first year of the Program of Medicine or Program of Dental Surgery are as follows:

i. Passing the following core courses of the Foundation Year:

- Physics,
- Physics-lab
- Chemistry – I
- Chemistry – II
- Chemistry Lab
- Biology – I
- Biology – II
- Biology –Lab
- Introduction to Medical Sciences Education
- Medical English I
- Medical English II

ii. Attaining a Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.5 .

iii. Attaining a Cumulative GPA in Chemistry and Biology and respective labs ≥ 2.5

5) For the subsequent years of the course, the colleges of Medicine and Dentistry shall express results as percentages. The minimum passing score allowing promotion to the following year of study shall be 70 % of combined result of theoretical and practical exams of each year.

6) The graduation average is calculated from that of the final two years (Fourth and Fifth years) in the Program of Medicine and that of Dentistry.

7) Students with a percentage of 85% and above in any semester shall be included in the College Honor List provided that he/she has not been subject to any disciplinary measures provided for in the disciplinary bylaws of the University.

ARTICLE (15):

Examination Dates

The Final Examinations in the Programs of Medicine and Dental Surgery shall be held in May of the respective academic year. Remedial Examinations shall be held in August of the same academic year.

The final Summative Integrated Exam at the end of the Fifth year shall be held in May. The Remedial exam session of the final Summative Integrated Exam shall be held in November of the same academic year.



ARTICLE (16):

FIRST: The College Assessment Committee supervises the examinations. This Committee shall be formed yearly upon the College Council decision that is approved by the Vice Chancellor for the Medical Colleges & Health Sciences. The members of The Assessment Committee shall be faculty members representing their concerned scientific departments and its responsibility shall cover all aspects of examinations in the college at all stages and levels of curriculum.

SECOND: The Assessment Committee shall follow the examination process and shall allocate the faculty in charge of correcting and reporting the final results & percentages to be presented to the College Council for approval.

ARTICLE (17):

$\frac{3}{4}$ The College council shall, upon the recommendation of departmental councils and the Assessment Committee, determine the distribution of grades and shall inform the registrar's office of the procedures followed.

$\frac{3}{4}$ The College Council shall approve the method of evaluation for each course separately in accordance with the following:

1. that the components of the course and its objectives are taken into consideration
2. that self-instruction is duly recognized and evaluated so that students may be encouraged and motivated to engage actively in this activity
3. the evaluation can be objectively implemented and fully documented, especially with reference to students' participation in class and other activities
4. that the evaluation achieves the academic and scientific objectives of the course
5. that the evaluation procedures can be used in future to develop the educational process as well as student performance

ARTICLE (18):

FIRST: The Assessment Committee in the college shall supervise the correction of answer sheets or booklets of the final examination and submit the results fully documented in letter grades and percentages to the Dean within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of examination. The Dean shall then submit the results to the College Council for approval. The documents submitted shall include the following:

- a. final examination sheets or booklets
- b. attendance sheets
- c. five copies of the final examination questions
- d. the grades, with fractions rounded to the nearest integer
- e. all extra, unused answer sheets or booklets
- f. a report on the results including:
 1. The number of students enrolled in the course
 2. The number of students allowed sitting for the examination
 3. The number of students failing to attend the examination
 4. The distribution of grades and their percentages
 5. The percentages of failing and passing grades
 6. The number of students getting incompletes or forfeiting the right to attend the examination, and the percentages thereof.



- a. Any student scoring less than 70% in May examination session is eligible to sit for a remedial examination in August of the same academic year. Any student scoring less than 70% in the remedial examination shall not be promoted and shall repeat the year and receive a first academic warning.
- b. Students failing to attain a pass (70%) at the end of the repeated year (at May examination session) shall receive a second academic warning and will be given, on the recommendation of the College Council, a last attempt to re-sit the examination in August of the same academic year.
- c. If a student fails to achieve the expected pass score (70%) after this final attempt, they will be withdrawn from the medical or dental program. He/she will be given the option to transfer to another program in the University.

C. FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS (PHASE III : CLERKSHIP PHASE)

- a. Successful completion and passing of all the Clerkship rotations is a requirement for taking the final Summative Integrated MBBS or BDS Examination. Pass score in clerkships is 70% on aggregate of continuous clerkship assessments and end of clerkship rotation examination. Students securing less than 70% on the aggregate shall be offered, based on the recommendation of the department, a remedial examination.
- b. A minimum score of 70% on the aggregate scores of continuous clerkship assessment and final MBBS examination is required. Students who fail to attain the passing score will receive a first academic warning and have a remedial examination, written and clinical, in November of the same calendar year. If the student fails to attain 70% in the November exam, he/she will receive a second academic warning and is allowed a final remedial exam in the following May. Any student who fails to score 70 % in May remedial session will be withdrawn from the Medical or Dental program. He/she will be given the option to transfer to another program in the University.

SECTION 7

Registration, Dropping and Adding Courses

ARTICLE (20)

REGISTRATION IN THE FOUNDATION YEAR

- a. The bylaws of registration, drop and add apply to the Foundation Year and to the compulsory and elective university requirement courses.
- b. Registration for the Medical and Dental programs is an annual process and the regulations for dropping and adding courses apply only in the Foundation Year and the elective and compulsory University requirements.
- c. During the Foundation Year, a student may, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, drop or add one or more courses within one week after the commencement of a regular semester or three days after the commencement of the summer session.
- d. During the Foundation year, a student may, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, drop one or more courses within a period not exceeding ten weeks after the commencement of the regular semester or a period not exceeding three weeks after the commencement of the summer session. In such cases a mark of W for withdrawal without failure is recorded in the student's academic record. If the student does not withdraw within the time limits mentioned, he/she shall be committed to the course, and, in any case, a student may not be registered for less than nine credit hours in any regular semester.

SECTION 8



Deferral of Admission

ARTICLE (21)

- a. Any student admitted into the Medical or Dental programs shall register at the beginning of each semester of the Foundation Year and at the beginning of the academic year for the subsequent years of the program within the time limit stated in the University Calendar. In the special registration card prepared for this purpose, he/she shall, upon approval of his/her academic advisor, list the courses he/she will be studying during the Foundation Year and the University requirements which are part of the study plan in the specialization he/she has been admitted to.
- b. The Registrar's Office may decide to defer a student's admission upon his/her request and upon payment of all fees for the semester in which he/she was admitted and for one semester or a maximum of two semesters. Such a deferral shall be justified by a compelling excuse rendering completion of registration procedures impossible. This shall be done within a period of four weeks after the commencement of the semester in which the student has been admitted, and the College concerned shall be duly notified. If the student does not register afterwards, his/her admission shall be cancelled.
- c. Taking into consideration the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the new student's admission shall be cancelled if he/she does not register in the semester in which he/she is admitted and if he/she does not request deferral of admission.

SECTION 9

Suspension of Registration and Withdrawal from the University.

ARTICLE (22)

- a. The Registrar's Office may, upon request of a student who has been a regular student for at least one semester, suspend his/her registration and keep his/ her grades obtained before the suspension if there is a compelling reason for doing so. The decision shall be taken within a period not exceeding four weeks after the commencement of the semester in which suspension of registration is to take effect. The student's college shall be notified of the decision. This shall be the case concerning the Foundation year.
- b. If the reason for suspending registration arises after the period of four weeks mentioned in paragraph (a) above, the decision shall rest with the College Council upon recommendation from the Registrar's Office.

- c. Regarding study years one through five, suspension of registration shall be done for a full academic year.

ARTICLE (23)

- a. If a student temporarily discontinues his/her studies at the University without requesting suspension of registration within the four week period mentioned in

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Article (22), his/her registration shall be suspended as a matter of course by the Registrar's Office. This decision shall not contravene attendance regulations. Grades obtained before the suspension takes effect shall be kept on record, and the student's College shall be notified of the decision. Maximum period of discontinuation shall be two semesters in the Foundation year and two years if the student is in study years one to five of the programs of Medicine or Dentistry.

- b. The College Council may allow a student whose registration has been suspended in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this article to register again if the temporary discontinuation of studies was caused by compelling circumstances. The Registrar's Office shall be notified of this decision.
- c. Suspension of registration taking effect in accordance with the University bylaws shall not exceed two semesters throughout the students candidacy in the Foundation year. Semesters in which the student is given a withdrawal without failure by the College Council shall constitute part of this period.
- d. The period of Suspension for students in the First through the Fifth years shall not exceed two full years.
- e. If the period of suspension mentioned in the above paragraphs is exceeded, the student's registration shall be cancelled and this cancellation shall be duly recorded in the student's academic record. The same result shall be recorded if the student requests that he/she be allowed to withdraw from the College.
- f. A student whose registration has been cancelled because of temporary discontinuation or withdrawal may request that he/she be reinstated as a new student if he/she is sufficiently qualified. In this case, the Council may, upon the recommendation of the College Council concerned, permit the student to have his/her grades obtained prior to the cancellation of his/her registration as part of his/her record if the period of temporary discontinuation does not exceed two regular semesters of the Foundation year or two full academic years of the study years one through five.
- g. A student whose registration has been suspended in accordance with the provisions of Articles (22) and (23) shall have forfeited the right to have credit for courses studied at another university, community college, or other institution of higher education.

SECTION 10

Transfer Students

ARTICLE (24)

Due to the nature of the Medical and Dental programs, it is possible to consider transfer students from similar programs to the Foundation Year or to the first year ONLY in

accordance with the following regulations:

- 1) The student's high school score is not below the score required (in the respective year) for admission into the Medical or Dental programs.
- 2) The student has successfully spent a minimum of two semesters or one academic year in a recognized institute and obtained an CGPA of no less than C⁺ (2.5 out of 4.00).

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- 3) The qualifications of the student meet the requirements of the University and the special requirements of the College.
- 4) Vacancies are available in the college he/she wishes to join. Such vacancies are determined by the special admission policies of the College, which in turn are determined within the framework of the overall admission policies of the University.
- 5) A transfer student may be exempted from taking Foundation year courses and some university requirements if he/she has previously studied their equivalents.
- 6) That the institute from which the student wishes to transfer requires full time attendance, and the student has not been expelled as a disciplinary measure.
- 7) The College Council may, upon the recommendation of the Department, approve the transfer of credits for some or all courses of the university requirements successfully passed in the institute from which the student is being transferred. This is provided that the student's grade in each of the required courses in the study plan adopted is no less than C.
- 8) Grades obtained in transferred courses are not included in calculating the student's CGPA.

SECTION 11

Graduation Requirements

ARTICLE (25)

The degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery or Bachelor of Dental Surgery shall be awarded to the students who:

- a. Successfully completed all the courses required for graduation in the study plan and obtained 70% or more in the combined results for years 4 and 5 (Phase III).
- b. Successfully completed all the other compulsory and elective requirements of the study plan.
- c. Spent the minimum period stipulated for the award of the bachelor's degree and did not exceed the maximum.

SECTION 12

General Provisions

ARTICLE (26)

- a. Pleading ignorance of these regulations, or publications issued by the University, or of notices posted on the notice boards in the various buildings of the University pertaining to these regulations shall not exonerate students from responsibility to abide by them.
- b. Students shall obtain a clearance from the University in order for the procedures of graduation or withdrawal from the University to be completed.

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Graduation certificates shall be issued when earned at the end of each academic year, and the graduation ceremony shall be held once a year.

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All previous regulations conflicting with the present ones shall be deemed invalid.

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The Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Medical and Health Science Colleges, Deans, and Registrar shall be responsible for the implementation of these regulations.

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