

# OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR FACULTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS ON ASSESSMENTS AND ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLES AS ADOPTED BY SENATE

1. All students will be allowed to participate in the mid-year assessments and supplementary assessments even if they do not qualify

CAM sub-minimum rules to be waived, as approved by SAP and Senate

Rules as per General Calendar which are now waived:

# **UNDERGRADUATE**

- (c) Except where Senate, on the recommendation of the Senate Assessment Committee, determines otherwise, or as provided for in (d) below, a student shall not be allowed to write the examinations or summative or comprehensive assessment task in a module unless he/she has obtained a continuous assessment mark of at least 40 per cent for that module. In the case of professional programmes, faculties may require a higher continuous assessment mark for practical or clinical work.
- (d) The 40% minimum in the continuous assessment required in (c) above is not applicable to first semester modules at the first year level.

# **POSTGRADUATE**

- (b) Except where Senate, on the recommendation of the Senate Assessment Committee, determines otherwise, a student shall not be allowed to undertake the examinations or summative or comprehensive assessment task in a module unless he/she has obtained a continuous assessment mark of at least 50% for that module.
- (c) Students who attain a continuous assessment mark of less than 50% in a module may be permitted to do the final assessment in that module if he/she has
  - i. attained a continuous assessment mark of at least 50% in all the other concurrent modules required for a particular programme with the further proviso that where a programme consists of more than 5 modules, a student may be permitted to do the final assessment in two modules for which he/she did not obtain a continuous assessment mark of 50%, and
  - ii. attained continuous assessment mark of at least 40% in that module.



# Supplementary rules to be waived as approved by SAP and Senate

Rules as per General Calendar (undergraduate/diploma/certificate students only) which are now waived:

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a student shall be admitted to a supplementary examination in respect of a module in which he/she has written the final examination, or completed the final assessment task, and did not meet the pass requirements, but has obtained –

- an overall mark for the module of at least 45%, or
- a continuous assessment mark of at least 50%, and at least 30% in the examination or final assessment task for the module, or
- a final mark of 50% or more but an examination mark of less than 40%.

Students may therefore write a supplementary assessment even if they have not written the final assessment or achieved any of the requirements above.

- 2. Inactive students will participate in the catch-up period for Term 2 (Dec 2020-Jan 2021) and will be flagged as deferred and be permitted to write in Jan 2021.
- 3. Any student who has qualified to write the first semester assessments but has not been able to, will be flagged as deferred and be permitted to write in Jan 2021.
- 4. Students who have failed the first online mode may participate in the catch-up period for Term 2 (Dec 2020-Jan 2021).

Any student, who has participated during this period and has failed, i.e. not obtained 50% or above as a **FINAL MARK**, will be allowed to redo Term 2 in Dec and Jan. They may be allowed to complete the examination only, if the CAM is satisfactory, or vice versa.

5. Students who have passed the first online mode may not participate in the catch-up period for Term 2 (Dec 2020-Jan 2021), to improve their results.

A pass will be a final mark of 50%, or more i.e. a final mark of at least 50%, computed in the relevant ratio from the continuous assessment mark and the examination or final assessment mark



Rules as per General Calendar which are now waived (only 50% final mark rule remains):

#### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Unless otherwise approved by Senate, a student shall obtain credit for a module by gaining-

- (a) a final mark of at least 50%, computed in the relevant ratio from the continuous assessment mark and the examination or final assessment mark; and
- (b) at least 40% in the examination or final assessment task.

# **POSTGRADUATE**

On application by the student, in order to pass a module, the student must obtain a final mark of at least 50%, as well as a sub-minimum of 50% in the examination or final assessment task, provided that Senate, on recommendation of the Departmental Chairperson/Director may accept a sub-minimum of not less than 40% in the examination or final assessment task for—

- (a) one module where the programme consists of 5 modules or less.
- (b) two modules where the programme consists of more than 5 modules

Senate will not accept the lower sub-minimum in a case where it would result in a final mark of less than 50 % for the module.

- 6. There will be no academic exclusions for the 2020 academic year.
- 7. SDAs for promotion, completion purposes current rules will apply.
- 8. Faculties and Departments have the flexibility to allow students to do catch-up (in particular if it is just an assessment that would lead to them passing) prior to the actual catch-up period. This must be approved by the Faculty and accepted by the student/s.