

Rules & Regulations

COURSE UNIT SYSTEM AT THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The Faculty of Science conducts courses under a semester based course unit system and the details are given below.

1. THE MEANING OF SOME OF THE FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

- Semester:** An academic year is divided into two semesters, identified as the first semester and the second semester of a particular year such that each semester is of 15 weeks duration.
- Course Unit:** This is a complete course taught within a semester with one or more contact hours per week. A contact hour is defined as an hour of lectures, practical, tutorials etc.
- Levels:** Undergraduate courses will be conducted at 4 levels, namely 100 level, 200 level, 300 level and 400 level. The subject matter in courses gets progressively advanced as the levels go higher. However a student in any academic year may register for any course unit at any level, subject to the availability of space and conditions spelt out later in this document. The course units at 500 level or higher, although designed for postgraduate students, may be offered by undergraduate students with the approval of the Head of the relevant Department.
- Credit:** The abstract value assigned to a course unit on the basis of contact hours per week is called a credit. Usually, one credit is equivalent to 15 hours of lectures and/or tutorials or 30 - 45 hours of laboratory work, field classes etc. conducted in a single semester. Course units of one credit, two credits and three credits will be available. The contents of a three credit course unit for example will be approximately three times that of a course unit of one credit.
- Grade Point:** The range of marks is partitioned into a sequence of suitable sub-ranges (as decided by the Faculty) and the sub-ranges are designated by the symbols **A⁺, A, A⁻, B⁺, B, B⁻, C⁺, C, C⁻, D⁺, D** and **F**. These are called grades and grade points are assigned according to the following table:

A⁺ = 4.0	B⁺ = 3.3	C⁺ = 2.3	D⁺ = 1.3
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A⁻ = 3.7	B⁻ = 2.7	C⁻ = 1.7	F = 0

(Note: **A⁺** and **A** have the same grade point)

- Grade Point Average (GPA):** This is the credit weighted mean of grade points obtained by a student for the course units he/she has offered. It is calculated to the second decimal place and is an indicator of the academic performance of the student.
- Independent Study:** A study done by a student by means of research or by reading independently on a specific topic on the recommendation and guidance of a senior academic is termed an independent study. Provision for such courses will be available only at 400 and higher levels.
- Non Credit Courses:** A student may offer courses in addition to his normal course unit requirements with the consent of the instructor. The Faculty may also offer non-credit courses as part of its programme. These will not be considered in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree programme. Non-credit courses provide an opportunity to students to offer courses that arouse their interests and enhance their knowledge. No grade is given for such courses and these courses will not appear in the transcript.
- Prerequisites:** The subject matter in a course unit at a lower level is sometimes essential to follow a course unit at a higher level. The course unit at the lower level so needed is called a prerequisite of the course unit at higher level. A student is required to obtain at least a **D** grade for each of the prescribed prerequisite course units (if any) before offering the higher-level course unless this requirement is waived by the department offering the higher level course. Each department will announce at the beginning of the academic year the courses it will offer and their prerequisites.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

- I. The Faculty conducts courses on a semester basis. The medium of instruction shall be English. Students can seek the assistance of the academic counsellor and academic advisors who will help him/her to select appropriate subject combinations. Students are responsible for planning their programmes, but they will be guided by the academic counsellor and advisors to select course units required for the degree programme.

- II. Each Department will use a two-letter prefix together with a three-digit number to identify the course units offered by that Department. The first two letters will indicate the department/subject while the three digit number will indicate the level.
For example, a 100 level course unit offered by the Department of Geology may be named as GL101.
- III. The Head of a Department will advise the students on the mode of selection of the appropriate course combinations for a Special Degree programme.
- IV. There will be a minimum and a maximum number of students that could be accommodated in a given course. The department having taken into consideration the nature of the course unit, the departmental needs and facilities shall decide on these numbers.
- V. Grades for course units should be given within eight weeks of holding final examinations. Each department is responsible for conducting the relevant assessments and the final examination.

3. TYPES OF COURSE UNITS AND SUBJECTS

Course Units are derived from the following categories:

- I. Foundation Courses
- II. Principal Subject Area
- III. Supplementary Courses
- IV. Applied Sciences Subject Area
- V. Statistics and Operations Research Subject Area
- VI. Computation and Management Subject Area
- VII. Inter-Faculty Courses

I Foundation Courses (available only at 100 level)

Foundation courses are compulsory for all students. They comprise of courses on English Language and Computer Applications each carrying 2 credits, a course on basic Biology or Mathematics also carrying 2 credits and a non-credit course on Introduction to Science and Society (SE 100). Those who have entered in the Science stream and have not offered Combined Mathematics or Mathematics at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination shall offer Mathematics for Biological Sciences (MT 100), while those who have not offered Biology at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination shall offer Basic Life Sciences (BL 100). Students admitted to the Computation and Management Course from the G.C.E. (A/L) Arts, Commerce or Biological Sciences streams shall offer Foundation Course in Mathematics (MT 120) while those from the Physical Science stream shall offer Culture and Environment 1 (FND 104) as Foundation Courses, they are not required to follow SE 100. The grades earned in foundation course units will not be counted in the computation of GPA.

Eventually, each department may conduct a basic course unit in the relevant subject for the benefit of those who have wider interests and for those who have not offered that subject at the G.C.E. (Advanced level) Examination.

II Principal Subject Area

100 level courses

Course units in the following subjects will be available at the 100 level

Biology*	Computer Science	Physics
Biology**	Geology	Statistics
Chemistry	Mathematics	

200/300/400 level courses

Course units in the following subjects will be available.

Biology	Physics
Botany	Mathematics
Chemistry	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Computer Science	Statistics
Geology	Zoology

III Supplementary Courses

- MG 201 Management Studies I (2 credits)
- MG 301 Management Studies II (2 credits)
- EC 201 Introductory Economic Theory (3 credits)
- EC 301 Sri Lankan Economy (2 credits)
- SE 201 Foundations in Science Education (2 credits)
- SE 202 Educational Philosophy and Educational Management (2 credits)
- SE 301 Methodology in Teaching Science (2 credits)
- SE 302 Teaching Practice (2 credits)
- SE 303 Assessing Students in the Learning Process (2 credits)

Supplementary courses are not compulsory. A student cannot offer more than 12 credits from the above supplementary courses.

IV Applied Sciences Subject Area (available only at 400 level)

Industry related course units, which are generally available only to students extending their General degree Course by a fourth year and offering the Applied Science Degree Programme.

V Statistics and Operations Research Subject Area

Course units which are available to students admitted for the Statistics and Operations Research course from a separate window by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

VI Computation and Management Subject Area

Course units which are being offered jointly by the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Arts and are available at either Faculty to students admitted for the Computation and Management course from a separate window by the UGC.

VII Inter-Faculty Courses

Course units offered by another faculty of this university may also be selected by the students provided these courses are approved by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Science as suitable for the course offered by the student

4. TYPES OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED

The Faculty conducts Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) General Degree programmes and B.Sc. Special Degree Programmes in most of the Principal Subjects. Initially, a student registers for a general degree programme, and at the end of the second year, he/she may continue to follow the general degree programme or register for a special degree programme in a principal subject. The second option is possible only if he/she fulfills certain criteria as stipulated in the section "Criteria for Selection to a Special Degree Programme". The duration of a general degree programme is normally three years, while that of a special degree programme is four years. General degree students may at the end of 3rd year be selected based on performance and given the option of following courses for an additional year with special emphasis on industry-related courses leading to a B.Sc. degree in Applied Sciences in place of a General Degree.

The Faculty also conducts four year B.Sc. degree programmes in Computation and Managements (jointly with the Faculty of Arts) and in Statistics and Operations Research for students admitted from a separate window.

5. SELECTION OF COURSE UNITS

The course units offered by each department will be available at the beginning of each semester, and the students are required to register using the appropriate form on or before a date specified by the Faculty. Late registrations may be accepted under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Faculty on payment of the prescribed fine. In each academic year, a student must register for not less than 27 and not more than 33 credits, excluding course units which are being repeated. Academic advisors will help students to select course units judiciously. Once the course units are selected, the students shall register for each course unit thus selected at the beginning of the semester and he/she can offer only these course units to earn credit.

During the first year, students other than those who have been admitted from a separate window shall select three subjects from the principal subject area and select the course units coming under these subjects (subject combinations

will be offered are listed end of this section). Students should follow all the components of the selected subjects, i.e. theory, practicals, field work etc. During the second year of the degree programme, students shall select at least two subjects from the principal subject area at 200 level (refer to the "Requirements to Pass the General Degree"). The remaining credits require, if any, shall be selected from the other subjects in the principal subject area/supplementary courses. During the third year of the general degree programme, the students shall select the respective course units at 300 level as in the second year. In case a student selects only two principal subjects, he/she should select at least 6 credits each at 200 and 300 levels from principal subject area/supplementary courses other than course units from the two principal subjects.

General degree students who at the end of 300 level are selected to the fourth year of the programme leading to the B.Sc. degree in Applied Sciences shall select atleast 30 credits at the 400 level from the Applied Sciences subject area. The 30 credits shall include a four month 8 credit industrial training course in industry.

During the third and fourth years of the special degree programme, the students shall select course units from the subject of specialisation at 300 and 400 levels, so that their credits will add up to at least 12 per semester. The relevant department may specify the remaining course units that should be offered. Further, the special degree students will do a research project, in addition to following course units, which will carry a maximum of 6 credits.

Students following the Statistics and Operations Research or the Computation and Management degree programmes shall select course units specified for these programmes.

Following subject combinations will be offered under Physical and Biological Science streams (There should be a minimum number of 10 student enrollments to offer a combination).

Principal Subject Combination	Combination No.	<i>Special Degrees Available</i>
Biology**, Chemistry	1 – BBC	Botany, Chemistry, Mol. Biol & Biotech., Zoology
Biology*, Chemistry, Statistics	2 – BCS	Botany, Chemistry, Mol. Biol & Biotech. Zoology, Statistics
Biology*, Chemistry, Computer Science	3 – BCC	Botany, Chemistry, Mol. Biol & Biotech. Zoology
Biology*, Chemistry, Physics	4 – BCP	Botany, Physics, Chemistry, Mol. Biol& Biotech. Zoology
Biology*, Chemistry, Geology	8 – BCG	Botany, Geology, Chemistry, Mol. Biol& Biotech. Zoology
Chemistry, Geology, Physics	15 – CGP	Chemistry, Geology, Physics
Chemistry, Mathematics**	18 – CMM	Chemistry, Mathematics
Chemistry, Mathematics*, Physics	19 – CMP	Chemistry, Physics
Chemistry, Computer Science, Statistics	21 – CCS	Chemistry, Computer Sc, Statistics
Chemistry, Mathematics*, Statistics	22 – CMS	Chemistry, Statistics
Mathematics*, Computer Science, Statistics	26 – MCS	Comp. Sc., Statistics
Physics, Mathematics**	27 – PMM	Physics, Mathematics
Physics, Computer Science, Geology	28 – PCG	Physics, Comp. Sc., Geology
Physics, Mathematics*, Computer Science	31 – PMC	Physics, Comp. Sc.
Physics, Mathematics*, Statistics	32 – PMS	Physics, Statistics

6. ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES, GRADE POINTS AND GPA

The grades submitted by the instructor will be reviewed by a three member committee comprising of the Head of the Department, instructor and another faculty member. The Head of the Department will submit the grades obtained by the students for all the course units under his purview to the Dean's Office. The GPA of each student is calculated using the formula $GPA = \sum c_i g_i / \sum c_i$, where c_i and g_i are the number of credits and the grade point for the i^{th} course unit respectively.

Other Types of Grades

- I. **Grade W:** Withdrawal from a course unit within the first two weeks of registration is allowed provided that the minimum credit requirement is not violated. Withdrawals after this period cannot be effected, except on medical grounds or other valid reasons. These courses will be assigned a grade **W**. Failure to complete a course unit, which has not been recorded as a withdrawal, will be graded as **F**.

- II. **Grade I:** A grade I may be given, if the student was unable to complete the course due to acceptable reasons, and the work in the course unit is sufficiently completed and of good quality. Records should be kept in the respective department regarding the reasons for this grade and a scheme for its removal. A student should remove the grade I within one year of its recording. If the student fails to upgrade the grade I at least to a grade D, within the stipulated time, the Dean will declare that it is changed to a grade F. If the grade I was given because the student was unable to sit the final examination, he/she may be allowed to upgrade it by sitting the examination at a later stage with the approval of the relevant instructor in consultation with the department.

7. EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The assignment of the grades for a course unit is the responsibility of the Instructor who in consultation with the Head of the Department shall announce, at the commencement of the course unit, how the course unit will be evaluated. A course unit may be evaluated by means of assignments, quizzes, mid-semester and end-semester examinations, etc. There will be no second marking or rescrutiny of answer scripts at any level.

To earn credit for a course unit, the student should obtain at least a D grade for that course unit.

8. ATTENDANCE AND REPETITION OF A COURSE UNIT

University regulations require 80% attendance for all components of a course. Absence on medical grounds or any other valid reason must be approved by the Faculty Board. The instructor should report to the Head of the Department, the names of students, who are excessively absent. The Department will decide whether the missed work/examination could be made up. Where absence from classes of a course is not approved, such courses will be graded F.

A student who obtains grades of C⁻, D⁺, D or F for a course unit may (i) follow that course unit again or (ii) may take part in the mid-semester and final examinations of that course unit again (i.e. mid-semester and final examinations), in order to improve his/her grade. For this purpose only three more attempts will be given and the maximum grade given shall be a grade C. However, repeat candidates will not be allowed to attend practical classes. They may be allowed to sit a repeat practical examination.

9. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO THE APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAMME

The Applied Sciences Degree programme will be offered to a restricted number of students as decided by the Faculty. Selection of students for this four year degree programme shall be made at the end of the third academic year from students admitted to the General Degree programme. The minimum requirements necessary to apply for selection to the Applied Sciences degree programme are:

- I. Satisfy requirements 1, 2 and 3 given under the section titled "Requirements to Pass the General Degree"
- II. At least a GPA of 2.75.

Students selected for the Applied Science Degree programme must be prepared to undertake four months industrial training in any part of the island at the discretion by the Faculty. They will not be eligible for financial assistance or University Hall accommodation during the fourth year.

10. REMOVAL/WITHDRAWAL FROM THE APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME

In the event a student wants to opt out from the applied sciences degree programme he/she may inform the Coordinator of his/her decision before the beginning of the second semester of the 4th year. Performance of such students will be considered for the award of a General degree under the section titled "Requirement to Pass the General Degree" at the next meeting of the Board of Examiners

11. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO A SPECIAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

Selection of students to opt for a special degree programme shall be made at the end of the second academic year. The students may apply to follow a special degree programme in any one of the following principal subjects: Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Physics, Statistics and Zoology.

The minimum requirements necessary to apply for selection to the special degree programme are:

At least a *GPA* of 2.5 from the 100 and 200 levels in the selected subject of specialization.

At least 16 credits for course units (32 credits for Mathematics) from the subject of specialization of which at least 8 credits (16 credits for Mathematics) should be at the 200 level.

At least grade **C** for each of the foundation courses offered.

Course units from Biology* can be counted as 100 level course units under Botany,. Course units from either Biology* or Biology** can similarly be considered for Zoology. Specified course units from Botany, Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, and Zoology can be counted as 200 level course units for selection to Special Degree in Biology.

12. REMOVAL/WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SPECIAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

In the event a student wants to opt out from a special degree programme he/she may inform the relevant Head of Department before the beginning of the second semester of the third academic year and revert to a general degree programme. On the other hand, if the department of study finds in the first semester of the third academic year that a student is unable to reach the expected standards stipulated by the Department to follow the special degree programme he/she will be required to revert to a general degree programme. In such cases the course units followed under the subject of specialization will be considered as those from a principal subject.

13. REQUIREMENT TO PASS THE GENERAL DEGREE.

The Board of Examiners will meet to consider the performance of the candidates. To pass the General Degree, candidates have to fulfill the following requirements:

- I. Obtain at least grade **C** for the three foundation courses
- II. At least 84 credits (excluding those for foundation courses) with the following minimum credit requirements:

24 credits from each principal subject should be earned by selecting courses subject to a minimum of eight credits at 100 level, eight credits at 200 level and eight credits at 300 level. The remaining requirements can be met by following courses in another subject or by taking a number of courses in different subjects. Students who offer only two principal subjects should offer a minimum of 6 credits each at 200 and 300 levels from principal subject area/supplementary courses other than course units from the two principal subjects. Not more than 12 credits are allowed from the supplementary courses.

In the case of Botany, course units from Biology* can be counted as 100 level course units under Botany. Similarly for Zoology, course units from either Biology* or Biology** can be considered for Zoology.
- III. Obtain at least grade **C** for course units whose credits will add up to 72 (excluding those for foundation courses).
- IV. Obtain at least grade **D** in the compulsory course units specified for the General Degree in the Principal subjects offered.
- V. **F** grades should not appear within the minimum number of credits required.
- VI. Obtain a *GPA* of at least 2.0.

- Note:**
- (i) Grades obtained by a student for all the course units offered by a student except foundation courses subject to the requirements stipulated in II above shall be considered in the computation of the final *GPA*.
 - (ii) Students who fulfill all the above requirements may apply for the award of the Bachelor of Science Degree (General Degree).
 - (iii) A student who has not fulfilled any of the above requirements may repeat the course units in order to fulfill the requirements.

14. AWARD OF HONOURS FOR THE GENERAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

A student who has fulfilled all the conditions stipulated in "The requirements to pass the General degree" shall be awarded honours, if he/she fulfills the following additional requirements:

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| First Class | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.75 and over
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 80
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within three years |
| Second Class
(Upper Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.30 – 3.74
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 72
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within three years |
| Second Class
(Lower Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 2.75 - 3.29
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 72
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within three years |

Award of honours will be decided by the Board of Examiners using the above criteria as guidelines.

15. REQUIREMENT TO PASS THE APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE

The Board of Examiners will meet to consider the performance of the candidates to pass the Applied Sciences Degree, candidates have to fulfill the following requirements:

- I. Obtain at least grade **C** for the three foundation courses.
- II. At least 84 credits (excluding those for foundation courses) from the 100, 200 and 300 levels together with the compulsory courses as specified in Section 13 (Requirements to Pass the General Degree Examination)
- III. An additional 30 credits at 400 level from the course units in the Applied Sciences subject area including the compulsory courses and the industrial training component.
- IV. Obtain at least grade **C** for course units whose credits will add up to 102 (excluding those for foundation courses).
- V. Obtain at least grade **C** for the industrial training component.
- VI. **F** grades should not appear within the minimum number of credits required.
- VII. Obtain a *GPA* of at least 2.0.

- Note:**
- (a) Grades obtained by a student for all the course units offered by a student except foundation courses and the industrial training component subject to the requirements stipulated in II and III above shall be considered in the computation of the final *GPA*.
 - (b) Students who fulfill all the above requirements may apply for the award of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Sciences.
 - (c) A student who has not fulfilled the requirements at 400 level will be considered for the Bachelor of Science Degree (General Degree) using the criteria in Section titled Requirement to Pass the General Degree.

16. AWARD OF HONOURS FOR THE APPLIED SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAMME

A student who has fulfilled all the conditions stipulated in "The requirements to pass the Applied Sciences degree" shall be awarded honours, if he/she fulfills the following additional requirements:

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| First Class | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.75 and over
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 110
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Upper Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.30 – 3.74
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 102
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Lower Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 2.75 - 3.29
(ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 102
(iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |

Award of honours will be decided by the Board of Examiners using the above criteria as guidelines

17. REQUIREMENTS TO PASS THE SPECIAL DEGREE

The Board of Examiners will meet to consider the performance of the candidates. To pass the Special Degree, the candidates have to fulfill the following requirements:

- I. Obtain at least grade **C** for the three foundation courses.
- II. At least 114 credits (excluding those for foundation courses) with the following minimum credit requirements:

105 credits from the Principal Subject Area with at least 72 credits from the subject of specialisation including courses in other subject areas specified by the department of study. Such that a minimum of 48 credits are from course units at 300 and 400 levels. Not more than 12 credits are allowed from supplementary courses.

Course units from Biology* can be counted as 100 level course units under Botany, while course units from either Biology* or Biology** can be considered as 100 level course units for Zoology. Course units from Chemistry and from Basic Biology course unit, BL 101 from Biology* or Biology** can be considered for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- III. Obtain at least grade **C** for course units whose credits will add up to 108 (excluding those for foundation courses)
- IV. Obtain at least grade **D** in the compulsory course units specified for the General Degree for the Principal subjects offered at 100 and 200 levels and the compulsory course units specified for the Special degree in the subject of specialization.
- V. Obtain at least grade **C** for the research project.
- VI. **F** grades should not appear within the minimum number of credits required.
- VII. Obtain a *GPA* of at least 2.0.

- Note:**
- (a) Grades obtained by a student for all the course units offered by a student except foundation courses subject to the requirements stipulated in II above shall be considered in the computation of the final *GPA*.
 - (b) Students who fulfill all the above requirements may apply for the award of the Bachelor of Science (Special Degree).
 - (c) A student who has not fulfilled any of the above requirements may repeat the course units in order to fulfill the requirements.

18. AWARD OF HONOURS ON COMPLETION OF THE SPECIAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

A student who has fulfilled all the conditions stipulated in "The requirements to pass the Special Degree" shall be awarded honours, if he/she fulfills the following additional requirements:

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| First Class | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.75 and over |
| | (ii) At least A grades for at least 50% of the credits in 300 and 400 levels and at least grade C for the remaining 300 and 400 level course units |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Upper Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.30 - 3.74 |
| | (ii) At least grade B for at least 50% of the credits in 300 and 400 levels and at least grade D for the remaining 300 and 400 level course units subject to a maximum of 3 credits with grade D/D+- |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Lower Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 2.75 - 3.29 |
| | (ii) At least grade B for at least 50% of the credits in 300 and 400 levels, and at least grade D for the remaining 300 and 400 level course units subject to a maximum of 6 credits with grade D/D+ obtained from a maximum of 3 courses- |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |

Award of honours will be decided by the Board of Examiners using the above criteria as guidelines.

19. REQUIREMENTS TO PASS THE B.Sc. IN STATISTICS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND THE B.Sc. IN COMPUTATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Board of Examiners will meet to consider the performance of the candidates. To pass the Degree, the candidates have to fulfill the following requirements:

- I. Obtain at least grade **C** for the three foundation courses.
- II. At least 114 credits (excluding those for foundation courses) among those course units specified for the relevant degree programme.
- III. Obtain at least grade **C** for course units whose credits will add up to 102 (excluding those for foundation courses).
- IV. Obtain at least grade **D** in the compulsory course units specified for the course.
- V. Obtain at least grade **C** for the project, if any.
- VI. **F** grades should not appear within the minimum number of credits required.
- VII. Obtain a *GPA* of at least 2.0.

- Note:**
- (a) Grades obtained by a student for all the courses offered by a student except foundation courses subject to the requirements stipulated in II above shall be considered in the computation of the final *GPA*.
 - (b) Students who fulfill all the above requirements may apply for the award of the relevant Bachelor of Science degree.
 - (c) A student who has not fulfilled any of the above requirements may repeat the course units in order to fulfill the requirements.

20. AWARD OF HONOURS ON COMPLETION OF B.Sc. IN STATISTICS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND B.Sc. IN COMPUTATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

A student who has fulfilled all the conditions stipulated in "Requirements to pass the B.Sc. in Statistics and Operations Research and the B.Sc. in Computation and Management" shall be awarded honours, if he/she fulfills the following additional requirements:

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| First Class | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.75 and over |
| | (ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 110 |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Upper Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 3.30 - 3.74 |
| | (ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 102 |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |
| Second Class
(Lower Division) | (i) <i>GPA</i> of 2.75 - 3.29 |
| | (ii) At least grade C for all the course units whose credits will add up to at least 102 |
| | (iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years |

Award of honours will be decided by the Board of Examiners using the above criteria as guidelines.

21. COMPLETION OF DEGREE

Students should complete all three year degree programmes within five academic years from the date of admission to the Faculty. In the case of students offering a four year degree, this period will be six academic years.

22. ENTRIES IN THE TRANSCRIPT

Course units with the corresponding grades and grade points obtained will appear in the transcript. **F** grades which have been upgraded will not appear but the credit earned of the repeated course unit will appear under the particular semester when the unit was completed with a label (**R**) to indicate that the course was repeated. **F** grades which have not been upgraded will appear in the transcript. The final *GPA* and the Class (if any) will also appear in the transcript. The transcript will be issued upon application and the payment of a prescribed fee.

Note: Changes to these rules and regulations may be made by the Faculty Board with the approval of the Senate of the University of Peradeniya