

**The requirements to pass the Special Degree (Credit requirement for the completion of the programme):**

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 courses specified by the Faculty for the Special Degree Programme in Environmental Science, such that a minimum of 48 credits are from course units listed under Environmental Science at 300 and 400 levels. Not more than 12 credits are allowed from supplementary subject area.
- III. Obtain at least grade **C** for course units whose credits will add up to 102 (excluding those for foundation courses), and at least grade **D** for the remaining course units.
- 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. Obtain a *GPA* of at least 2.00.

**Note:** (a) Grades obtained by a student for all the course units offered by the student except foundation courses subject to the requirements stipulated in II above shall be considered in the computation of the final *GPA*.

(b) A student who has not fulfilled any of the above requirements may repeat the course units in order to fulfill the requirements.

**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:

- First Class
- (i) *GPA* of 3.70 and over  
At least grade **A** for at least half the 300 and 400 level course units and at least grade **C** for the remaining 300 and 400 level course units.

(ii) Completion of the degree programme within four years

Second Class

(Upper Division)

(i) *GPA* of 3.30 - 3.69

(ii) At least grade **B** for at least half the 300 and 400 level course units 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<sup>+</sup>**.

(iii) Completion of the degree programme within four years

Second Class

(Lower Division)

(i) *GPA* of 3.00 - 3.29

(ii) At least grade **B** for at least half the 300 and 400 level course units, 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<sup>+</sup>** 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.