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SECTION I

The Award of First Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

1. (a) In accordance with Statute 47, all students shall normally spend a minimum of three Academic years in The University of the West Indies before being eligible for the award of a First Degree.
- (b) In the case of Associate Degree all students shall normally spend a minimum of one academic year in The University of the West Indies before being eligible for the award of a An Associate Degree.
2. (i) The award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates of the University shall be deemed to be made on such date as the Board for Undergraduate Studies on behalf of Senate may approve.
- (ii) For the purpose of these regulations the word "Diplomas" does not include those postgraduate Diplomas which have been assigned by the Senate to the Board for Graduate Studies and Research.
3. After the Board for Undergraduate Studies has on behalf of the Senate of the University approved the Pass Lists, a Certificate for each Degree, Diploma or Certificate under the Seal of the University shall be delivered at a graduation ceremony or forwarded to each successful candidate on written request to the relevant Campus Registrar.
4. The Board for Undergraduate Studies, in the delegated exercise of Senate's powers as the academic authority for the University under Statute 25, makes the following regulations to govern the Grade Point Average system in the University.

5. (i) For purposes of these regulations, the following meanings shall apply, except where the context otherwise requires:
- (a) **Credit Hours Earned:**
“Credit hours earned” means the credits for each course that count toward the degree requirement and for which a passing grade is obtained.
 - (b) **Quality Hours:**
“Quality hours” means the credits for each course that is included in the GPA calculation. Quality hours shall be assigned even when a grade of F is obtained in a course. Courses that are not used in the determination of the GPA shall be assigned zero quality hours.
 - (c) **Quality Points:**
“Quality points” means the numerical value assigned to the relevant letter grade earned.
- (ii) For the purposes of these Regulations:
- (a) **Level I, II and III Courses:**
Levels I, II and III courses are courses so designated by the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
 - (b) **Grade Points:**
Grade points are determined by multiplying the quality hours by the quality points for a course.
 - (c) **Grade Point Average (GPA)**
Grade Point Average is the average obtained by dividing the total grade points earned by the total quality hours for which the student has registered for any stated period of time, excluding courses taken on a pass/fail basis, audited courses, courses taken for preliminary credit and courses for which the designation I or IP is awarded under GPA Regulation 6(iv).
 - (d) **Weighted Grade Point Average**
Weighted Grade Point Average is the average determined by applying appropriate weights for Levels I, II, and III courses to the grade points and the quality hours used in determining grade point average as set out at GPA Regulation 3(ii)(c).
 - (e) **Credit Hours:**
The credit values for courses, as well as for projects, laboratory sessions, foreign language classes or other contact hours, shall be determined by the Faculty Board and approved by the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
- (iii) **Pass/Fail Course Provision**
Credit hours earned in courses taken on a Pass-Fail basis shall not be included in calculating grade point averages.

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6. (i) The class of degree shall be awarded on the basis of the Weighted GPA as set out in these regulations.
- (ii) In determining the Weighted GPA, the weights to be used for each Level I, II and III course shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
- (iii) Except for the purpose of determining the class of degree the term GPA in these regulations shall mean the GPA as defined at GPA Regulation 3(ii)(c).
7. (i) First Degrees awarded by the University, with the exception of the BSc (Engineering), LLB, MBBS, DDS, and DVM, shall be classified as follows:
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| First Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 3.60 and Above) |
| Upper Second Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 3.00 – 3.59) |
| Lower Second Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 2.00 – 2.99) |
| Pass | (Weighted GPA 1.00 – 1.99) |
- (ii) First Degrees awarded by the University for the Bachelor of Science (Engineering) shall be classified as follows:
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| First Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 3.60 and Above) |
| Upper Second Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 3.00 – 3.59) |
| Lower Second Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 2.00 – 2.99) |
| Third Class Honours | (Weighted GPA 1.50 – 1.99) |
| Pass | (Weighted GPA 1.00 – 1.49) |
- (iii) First Degrees awarded by the University for the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) shall be classified as follows:
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| First Class Honours |
| Second Class Honours (Upper and Lower Division) |
| Pass |
- (iv) The Degrees of MB BS, DDS and DVM shall be classified as follows:
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| Honours with Distinction |
| Honours |
| Pass |
8. (i) The letter grades for completed courses used in the calculation of GPA shall be the following:
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| A | - | four quality points |
| B | - | three quality points |
| C | - | two quality points |
| D | - | one quality point |
| F | - | no quality points |
- (ii) Plus and minus modifiers may be used with letter grades A through D.
- (iii) In the determination of GPA, the defined grades with the corresponding quality points shall be:
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| A+ | = | 4.3 | C+ | = | 2.3 |
| A | = | 4.0 | C | = | 2.0 |
| A- | = | 3.7 | C- | = | 1.7 |
| B+ | = | 3.3 | D+ | = | 1.3 |
| B | = | 3.0 | D | = | 1.0 |
| B- | = | 2.7 | F | = | 0.0 |

(iv) The following designations may be assigned, but shall not be used in the calculation of Grade Point Average:

PC: Preliminary Credits – used for matriculation or academic disciplinary purposes only.

EC: Exemption with credit

E: Exemption

V: Audited – when the course has been taken in accordance with Regulation 14

NV: When a student has been permitted to audit a course but has not done so satisfactorily.

P: Pass – a pass obtained in a course taken on a Pass/Fail basis

NP: Not Passed – when a student has failed a course taken on a pass/fail basis.

FM: Failed Medical - when a student is absent from an examination for medical reasons or where failure in an examination is attributed to medical reasons as supported by a certificate from an authorized medical practitioner

AB: Absent - when a student is absent from an examination for acceptable reasons other than medical reasons

I: Incomplete - indicates that the student has made progress in a course but at the end of the semester has not finished the work required to receive a letter grade. An **I** designation is not counted in credit hours earned, or quality hours until a letter grade is reported. If neither a letter grade nor notification of an extension of time is received by the Registry from the Office of Dean, the **I** designation is replaced by an **F** letter grade at the end of the first six weeks into the next semester the student is registered. An extension of time may be granted but shall not normally extend beyond the end of the semester in which the extension is granted. Any remaining **I** symbol at the end of the period of extension will be deemed an **F**.

NR: Not Reported - when a lecturer fails to submit grades by the published deadline, through no fault of the student.

IP: In Progress - when a dissertation, thesis, project, student teaching, practicum, internship, proficiency requirement, or other course intended to last more than one semester is not completed during the semester in which the student is registered. The **IP** designation must be replaced with an appropriate grade on completion of the course.

9. The scheme to be used for conversion of numerical marks to letter grades shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
10. The courses to be used for the purpose of determining the Weighted GPA for the class of degree to be awarded shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.

11. (i) Where a course has been repeated, the penalty to be applied for failure, and the grade to be used in the computation of the student's GPA if the course is subsequently passed, shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
- (ii) Candidates repeating examinations or courses shall be not eligible for Honours except where Faculty Regulations so provide.
12. For the purpose of determining the Weighted GPA failed courses shall be treated as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.

AEGROTAT DEGREE, DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE

13. Except where Faculty Regulations otherwise provide, a candidate may apply through the Campus Registrar* to the Board for Undergraduate Studies for the award of an Aegrotat Degree, Diploma or Certificate where he/she has been absent through illness from part of the examination in the final year of the degree programme. The number of credits obtained which will entitle the candidate to make such application shall be prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
14. (i) All applications from or on behalf of candidates must be accompanied by a medical certificate signed by the University Health Officer or by other Medical practitioners approved for this purpose by the University, and shall reach the Campus Registrar not later than thirty days from the last course examination which should have been taken by the candidate.
- (ii) All applications, together with reports from those who have taught the candidate in the courses concerned and a recommendation from the Board of Examiners of his/her Faculty, shall be referred to the relevant Faculty Board for a recommendation through the Dean to the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
15. An Aegrotat Degree, Diploma or Certificate shall be awarded without distinction or class.
16. Holders of an Aegrotat Degree, Diploma or Certificate shall not be permitted to re-enter for the same Degree, Diploma or Certificate. Holders of an Aegrotat Degree may proceed to a higher degree if accepted by the Board for Graduate Studies and Research.
17. Notwithstanding the provisions at Regulations 13-16, the University shall not award a posthumous Aegrotat degree except in cases where the decision to award such degree was made before the candidate's death.

SECTION II

27. (i) The dates of all examinations other than Special Examinations shall be as prescribed by the University Registrar in accordance with Faculty Regulations.
- (ii) The Examination Timetable in respect of written examinations shall be published at least one month before the series of examinations begins, or two weeks in the case of Supplemental/ Summer or Re-sit examinations. Any changes in dates after publication shall be posted on the campus official notice board at each Campus and each University Centre and all other sites at which classes are conducted by distance mode on the notice board and or on the WEB. Candidates will not be informed individually of such changes. In no circumstance will any such change be made later than one week prior to the commencement of the series of examinations.
- (iii) The dates of submission or conduct of coursework exercises which count towards the final assessment shall be posted on Faculty or Departmental Notice Boards AND OR ON THE WEB, University Centres in Non-Campus Countries and all other sites at which classes are conducted by the distance mode, at least two weeks in advance of the date(s) on which such exercises should be submitted or conducted.
- (iv) A Special Examination (see 30(v)), whether written, practical or coursework may be held on the authority of the Chairman of the Campus Committee acting on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty concerned.
- (v) A Special Examination may be granted only in exceptional circumstances such as grave or chronic illness and with the support of the department concerned.
- (vi) A Substitute Examination may be permitted by the Chair, Campus Committee on Examinations acting on the recommendation of the Faculty Board. Such examination may be offered where extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the student affect his/her performance and/ or attendance at an examination, and shall be held within the dates for examinations prescribed by the University Registrar.
30. No candidate shall be admitted to any examination unless:
- (i) He/she has satisfied all the requirements and passed all the qualifying examinations prescribed in the General and Faculty Regulations,
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- (ii) He/she has been exempted from any such requirements by the relevant Academic Board on the recommendation of the Faculty Board concerned..
31. Any candidate who has been absent from the University for a prolonged period during the teaching of a particular course for any reason other than illness or whose attendance at prescribed lectures, classes, practical classes, tutorials, or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit essays or other exercises set by his/her teachers, may be debarred by the relevant Academic Board, on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board, from taking any University examinations. The procedures to be used shall be prescribed in Faculty Regulations.

32. (i) Any student who, having registered for a course and examination, fails to take the examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination unless the relevant Academic Board shall approve otherwise on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board.
- (ii) Procedures governing absence from coursework tests or other coursework exercises shall be prescribed in Faculty Regulations. (Ref. General Regulations - Leave of Absence and withdrawal)
33. (i) If the performance of a candidate in any part of any examination is likely to have been affected by factors of which the examiners have no knowledge, the candidate may report the circumstances in writing to the Campus Registrar. If the candidate decides to report such circumstances, he/she must do so within seven days of that part of the examination, which may have been affected.
- (ii) In cases of illness the candidate shall present to the Campus Registrar (or in the case of candidates in the Non-Campus Countries in either Distance mode or TLIs through the Resident Tutor/Head university centre /TLI Coordinator/DEC Site Coordinator) a medical certificate, as proof of illness, signed by the University Health Officer or by any other medical practitioner approved for this purpose by the University. The candidate shall send the medical certificate within seven days from the date of that part of the examination in which the performance of the candidate is affected. A certificate received after this period will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.
- (iii) Where in the opinion of the Medical Practitioner concerned, a student is unable to submit a medical certificate in person, the medical adviser may do so on the student's behalf, within the prescribed time.
- (iv) The Campus Registrar shall pass on the information, as communicated in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners to assist the Board in the performance of its duties.
- (v) The Board of Examiner shall not take cognizance of illness or other circumstances, which have not been referred to them by the Campus Registrar.

34. (i) All examinations shall be conducted by means of any one or more of the following:
- (a) Written Examinations
 - (b) Oral Examinations
 - (c) Practical Examinations
 - (d) Coursework (which shall include written in-course tests, practical work, dissertations, essays, projects, studies and other forms of coursework exercise as approved by the Faculty Board, or the Campus Committee on Examinations or Board for Undergraduate Studies as appropriate).
 - (ii) Where it is intended that an oral examination shall form the whole or part of an examination, the students should be so advised at the beginning of the Semester by the Head of the Department.
 - (iii) In every case the examiners shall be at liberty to put oral questions to any candidate as prescribed by Faculty Regulations.
 - (iv) The use of multiple choice, true/false or one-word answer questions in examinations or in coursework, which count for more than 25% of the final mark, shall require the specific approval of the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
35. In the case of In-Course Tests, Written and Practical Examinations, every script, shall bear the candidate's identification number but not his/her name. In the case where a diskette is used, the diskette shall bear the candidate's identification number but not his/her name on both the diskette label and the electronic information on the diskette. In all other cases, the candidate's written work must bear his/her name.
36. The place at which a written examination shall be held shall be determined by the Campus Registrar or in the case of Distance mode or TLI candidates in the Non-Campus Countries by the Resident Tutor/ Head of TLI/DEC Site Coordinator. The place at which other examinations or in-course tests shall be held shall be determined by the Head of the Department concerned.
37. All examination results and Pass Lists shall be provisional until approved by the Board for Undergraduate Studies on behalf of Senate.
38. Pass Lists for individual courses may be issued by the office of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered, as soon as the First Examiner (or Primary Instructor) or, where applicable, the University Examiner has determined the marks/grades (See 13{i}).

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

39. (i) For each Faculty there shall be a Board of Examiners.
(ii) The Chairman of a Board of Examiners shall be the relevant Dean.
(iii) The quorum of each Board of Examiners shall be stated in the relevant Faculty Standing Orders as approved by the Board for Undergraduate Studies on behalf of Senate.
(iv) The results obtained by all candidates in each course examination shall be presented by the Co-ordinators to a Board of Examiners of the Faculty.
(v) Where programmes are common to more than one Campus there shall be consultation among the relevant Deans on the determination of the award of First Class Honours, Borderline and failing cases.
(vi) The Chairman of the relevant Campus Committee on Examinations may attend meetings of Boards of Examiners or Campus Committees of Boards of Examiners in order to advise on the interpretation of Examination Regulations.
40. The Faculty Board shall delegate to the Board of Examiners the responsibility for determining the examination results.
41. Lists of candidates and their results signed by the relevant Dean shall be forwarded to the Campus Registrar and to the University Registrar.
42. Pass Lists for finalising students, issued subject to approval by the Board for Undergraduate Studies on behalf of the Senate, shall be posted by each Campus Registry on the official Examination Notice Boards. Such posting shall be the only official notification of the results.
43. The University Registrar shall forward to the Board for Undergraduate Studies for approval on behalf of Senate, the lists of candidates for the award of Degrees, Diplomas or Certificates, and their results.
44. (i) All proceedings at meetings of examiners shall be strictly confidential. Except as provided in (ii) and (iii) below, examination results and grades shall not be communicated in advance of publication to anyone except the appropriate officers of the University. Copies of examination marks/grades circulated to Boards of Examiners shall be treated as secret and confidential. The First examiner (Primary Instructor) for the course may, after publication of the Official Pass List, disclose the marks/grades to the student. In the case of Distance Mode or TLI candidates this may be delegated to the Resident Tutor/Head, TLI/DEC Site Coordinator.
(ii) In respect of coursework, examiners shall inform students in writing, of their marks/grades for individual pieces of coursework. Such information shall be communicated to students within 3 weeks of the test or submission.
(iii) Deans of Faculties or Chairmen of Boards of Examiners are permitted, in cases where this is considered necessary; to advise students of their performance at examinations before or after the official pass lists are published.
(iv) After the publication of official pass lists, the Campus Registrar is authorised to issue final grades and points to individual students. Deans and Heads of Departments are also authorised to issue such information.
45. Any formal complaint which a candidate may make in connection with his/her examination must be referred to the Campus Registrar and **MUST NOT** be dealt with by an examiner.

46. (i) Any student who, for reason of permanent or temporary incapacity desires special arrangements during examinations should apply to the Campus Registrar/Resident Tutors/head TLI/DEC Site Coordinators. The arrangements desired should be specified and the Campus Registrar may require a Medical Certificate as proof of such incapacity. The Campus Registrar shall inform the Board of Examiners of the circumstances in which the examination was performed. In the case of DE or TLI candidates, the Resident Tutors/TLI/DEC Site Coordinators shall inform the Campus Registrar.
- (ii) Any amanuensis or secretarial assistance provided to candidates with disabilities shall first be approved by the Campus Registrar. Normally the University will defray the additional cost involved.
47. A candidate suffering from a disability which may inhibit the completion of an examination in the normal time may apply for extra time. A Medical Certificate may be required by the Campus Registrar as proof of such disability. Extra time may be granted on the authority of the Chairman of the Campus Committee. The quantum of such extra time shall be similarly determined but shall not normally exceed thirty minutes.

SECTION III

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

48. (i) All categories of staff are required to submit at the start of the academic year, or the start of Semester II as appropriate, a declaration of interest to the Campus Registrar if they have a relative writing an examination in which they are involved. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the candidate's results being declared null and void and the staff member being reported to the Disciplinary Committee under Ordinance 8.
- (ii) Where a member of academic staff has a relative writing examinations for a course taught by him/her, that member shall be debarred from the setting of the examination paper and another Examiner must be appointed to set the paper and examine a sample of the scripts including the script(s) of the relative. Such sample should comprise 10% of the total scripts but in no case fewer than five scripts.
- (iii) Where a member of the Administrative Staff is registered to write any examinations, he/she shall be debarred from all aspects of the examination process.
- (iv) Where a member of the Administrative Staff has a relative writing examinations he/she shall be debarred from all aspects of the examinations process in that course.
- (v) For the purpose of these Regulations, a person shall be deemed to be related to the candidate as a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent, step-child, sibling, spouse, fiancé, fiancée, or cohabitee, or any offspring of the above.

SECTION IV

ROLE AND DUTIES OF EXAMINERS

49. (i) For each course on each campus there shall be at least two Examiners: a First Examiner (Primary Instructor) and at least one Second Examiner appointed by the relevant Faculty Board.

USE OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS

53. (i) Where the examiners decide that electronic calculators may be used in examination rooms, this shall be stated in the rubric of the question paper.
- (ii) Only silent, cordless, non-programmable calculators may be used, except as permitted in Regulation 53(iii) below.
- (iii) The use of programmable calculators may be permitted by the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations if a specific request is made to him/her by the First examiner (Primary Instructor) of the course concerned, provided that the memory is cleared before the start of the examination. Such a request must be made not later than two weeks prior to the deadline date on which the question paper should be submitted to the Registry.
- (v) In all cases where the use of electronic calculators is permitted, the Head of the Department concerned shall ensure that a suitably qualified person attends at the examination room(s) to ensure that the calculators used therein conform to these regulations.

SECTION V

CONDUCT OF WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

(A) INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES TAKING A WRITTEN EXAMINATION

65. It is the responsibility of each candidate to ascertain the dates and times of the examination(s) for which he/she is registered.
66. (i) Candidates will be informed of the dates and times of written papers and practical examinations by means of the Examination Timetable published on the Official Examination Notice Board at each Campus, University Centres and all other sites at which classes are conducted by distance mode and on the WEB at least one month in advance, or two weeks in the case of Supplemental/ Summer or Re-sit Examinations. Any changes in dates after publication shall be brought to the attention of candidates by means of additional notices posted at each Campus, University Centres and all other sites at which classes are conducted by distance mode. Candidates will not be informed individually of such changes. In no circumstance will any such change be made later than one week prior to the commencement of the series of examinations. (Ref. Reg. 29 [ii])
- (ii) Candidates who are absent from an examination owing to a mis-reading of the time-table shall be liable to the normal penalties for absence from an examination and will have to await the next officially scheduled sitting to take the examination.
- (ii) Candidates shall collect their examination cards – where applicable - by the stated deadline before the commencement of each series of end-of-semester examinations, Supplemental/ Summer School.
- (iii) Any candidate who fails to comply with regulation 60(iii) shall be liable to a late fee of BDs\$10.00, TT\$30.00 and J\$200.00.
67. Candidates should be at the examination room fifteen minutes before the advertised time of any examination. Candidates shall be admitted up to half-an-hour after the start of the examination. Candidates arriving late shall not be allowed extra time. A candidate arriving more than half-an-hour late may be admitted to the examination room but his/her written or practical work will be accepted for marking only if he/she can satisfy the Campus Registrar that he/she has valid reasons for being late.
68. While in the Examination Room candidates are required at all times to comply with the instructions of the Chief Invigilator and/or Assistant Invigilators. Failure to comply may result in the candidate being disqualified from the examination. Disorderly behaviour may result in the candidate being expelled from the Examination Room. In such cases the Chief Invigilator shall write a report to the Campus Registrar.
69. Candidates may be permitted by the Chief Invigilator to leave the examination room during the course of an examination provided that:
- (i) No candidate shall be permitted to leave until half-an-hour has elapsed from the start of the examination. In cases where the examination is being held at Mona and at least one other site, the half-an-hour shall be reckoned from the start of the examination at Mona.
- (ii) Candidates who leave the examination room shall not be re-admitted unless throughout the period of their absence they have been continuously under the supervision of a responsible member of staff or Invigilator.

70. (i) Candidates are required to supply themselves with pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, and the usual geometrical instruments. Subject to regulation 65(i) no books, paper, printed or written document or pictures or any unauthorised aid or equipment including cellular telephones and pagers and, where applicable, electronic calculators and hand-held computers OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE may be taken into or be received in an examination room by any candidate, except as specifically permitted by the Faculty Board and stated in the rubric of the question paper.
- (ii) (a) Electronic calculators may be used in examination rooms where the examiners so decide and provided that this is stated in the rubric of the examination paper.
- (b) Only silent, cordless, non-programmable calculators may be used, except as permitted in Regulation 45(iii).
71. Candidates shall write their identification numbers and not their names, distinctly at the top of the cover of every answer book and/or separate sheet of paper which is handed in. Candidates shall not write their names anywhere on the answer book or supplementary book.
72. (i) Candidates shall bring their examination cards and their identification cards to each examination. They must display their identification cards and their examination cards in a prominent position on their desks.
- (ii) A candidate who has failed to identify himself/herself to the satisfaction of the Chief Invigilator shall be permitted to sit an examination provided that he/she signs an undertaking to produce satisfactory identification within a period prescribed by the Campus Registrar. The Chief Invigilator shall submit a report on the matter to the Campus Registrar. A candidate who fails to produce his/her UWI ID Card shall be advised that the fee is BDS\$5.00, J\$100.00 or TT\$15.00, (according to campus). In the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent the fee shall be US\$2.50
- (iii) The candidate shall be required to sign the relevant form undertaking to report to the Examination Section immediately after the examination.
- (iv) A candidate who fails to produce his/her examination card at an examination shall be provided with a substitute card at a cost of Bds\$15.00 or J\$300.00 or TT\$45.00 (according to campus), or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of US\$7.50.
73. Each candidate shall be required to complete a form bearing his/her number and name. These forms should be collected by the Chief Invigilator not later than half-an-hour after the start of each examination.
74. The use of scrap paper is not permitted. All rough work must be done in an answer book or in supplementary answer books which must be submitted to the Chief Invigilator together with the main answer book.
75. (i) A candidate shall not break, tear, soil or otherwise deface or mutilate any University property (other than the question paper) provided for his/her use in the examination room.
- (ii) A candidate shall not write anything on the Examination Card (where these are issued) except the Examination Timetable.

- (iii) A candidate shall not remove from the examination room any material supplied other than the question paper. The prohibition shall apply also to multiple choice and true/false papers and answer sheets.
 - (iv) Candidates shall not engage in any form of communication in the examination room with other candidates while an examination is in progress.
76. (i) Candidates who are permitted to leave before the end of the examination period must not leave scripts or other examination exercises on their desks, but must hand them in to the Chief Invigilator or an Assistant Invigilator.
- (ii) Candidates shall not begin to write until permission is given by the Chief Invigilator at the scheduled hour. There shall be no writing whatsoever prior to that permission except where the Chief Invigilator gives permission ahead of the start of the examination for the candidates to fill in the data required on the cover of the answer book, and any such writing shall be restricted only to that.
 - (iii) At the end of the time allocated, all candidates shall stop writing when instructed to do so by the Chief Invigilator and shall gather their answer books together in order. They shall not leave their desks until an Invigilator has collected their scripts and/or examination exercises.
77. (i) Any alleged infringement by candidates of the above "Instructions to Candidates Taking a Written Examination" (other than Regulations 65, 70(ii) and (iv), 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 which shall be dealt with under Regulation 79), shall be referred by the Campus Registrar to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations who, at his/her discretion, may call a meeting of a Committee comprising the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations, the Student Representative on the Campus Committee on Examinations or in his/her absence a student nominated by the President of the Student Society, and one other member of the Campus Committee on Examinations. The Committee shall invite the candidate for interview. The Campus Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Committee. A candidate who fails to attend for interview or who does not offer a satisfactory explanation for the alleged infringement of the above "Instructions to Candidates" may be fined an amount not exceeding Bds\$100.00 or J\$1800.00 or TT\$300.00 (according to campus), or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of US\$50.00.
- (ii) Where an alleged infringement of Regulation 66 or 67(i) or 70(i), 70(iii) is in question, the Campus Registrar, may at his/her discretion offer the candidate the option of paying a fixed fine of Bds\$25.00 or J\$500.00 or TT\$100.00 (according to campus) or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of US\$12.50, instead of referring the alleged infringement to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations under Regulation 72(i): provided that where the candidate declines this option, the Campus Registrar shall refer the allegation to the Chairman as provided in Regulation 72(i).

CHEATING

78. (i) Cheating shall constitute a major offence under these regulations.
- (ii) Cheating is any attempt to benefit one's self or another by deceit or fraud.
 - (iii) Plagiarism is a form of cheating.
 - (iv) Plagiarism is the unauthorised and/or unacknowledged use of another person's intellectual efforts and creations howsoever recorded, including whether formally published or in manuscript or in typescript or other printed or electronically presented form and includes taking passages, ideas or structures from another work or author without proper and unequivocal attribution of such source(s), using the conventions for attributions or citing used in this University.

79. (i) Candidates are required to deposit all unauthorised material including bags, briefcases, folders, clipboards, pencil cases, cellular telephones, pagers, alarm watches, earphones, notebooks and scrap paper at the place provided for this purpose before the start of each examination. Where a candidate fails to comply with this Regulation a report shall be made to the Campus Registrar who shall report the matter to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations.
- (ii) Any candidate who fails to comply with 79(i) above may be regarded as attempting to cheat and if so an inquiry shall be conducted as provided under Regulation 84.
- (iii) Any candidate who fails to comply with 79(i) above may be disqualified from the examination or fined a sum not exceeding Bds\$300.00 or J\$5,000.00 or TT\$900.00, (according to campus), or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of US\$150.00 by a Campus Committee constituted as in Regulation 84 (ii) below.
80. A candidate must not directly or indirectly give assistance to any other candidate, or permit any other candidate to copy from or otherwise use his/her papers.
81. A candidate must not directly or indirectly accept assistance from any other candidate or use any other candidate's papers.
82. Any writing or drawings or other work found with a candidate during an examination other than in his/her answer-book or supplementary answer book shall be regarded as an attempt to cheat.
83. If a candidate is suspected by an Invigilator of cheating, receiving assistance or assisting other candidates, he/she shall be warned by the Chief Invigilator that the matter will be reported to the Campus Registrar. The candidate shall be allowed to continue the examination
84. (i) If any candidate is suspected of cheating, or attempting to cheat, the circumstances shall be reported in writing to the Campus Registrar. The Campus Registrar shall refer the matter to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations. If the Chairman so decides, the Committee shall invite the candidate for an interview and shall conduct an investigation. If the candidate is found guilty of cheating or attempting to cheat, the Committee shall disqualify the candidate from the examination in the course concerned, and may also disqualify him/her from all examinations taken in that examination session; and may also disqualify him/her from all further examinations of the University, for any period of time, and may impose a fine not exceeding Bds\$300.00 or J\$5000.00 or TT\$900.00 (according to campus) or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of US\$150.00. If the candidate fails to attend and does not offer a satisfactory excuse prior to the hearing, the Committee may hear the case in the candidate's absence.
- (ii) When investigating allegations of cheating the quorum of the meeting of the Campus Committee on Examinations shall include the Chair of the Campus Committee on Examinations, at least two (2) other members of the Campus Committee and the student representative on the Campus Committee or in his/her absence a student nominated by the President of the Student Society, and one experienced member of the Campus Committee from another Campus. In the event that the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations is unable to attend, the Campus Principal shall appoint an Acting Chairman. The Campus Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Committee.
- (iii) Appeals against decisions of the Campus Committee on Examinations shall be received by the Campus Registrar within two weeks of the date on which the decision is communicated. Such appeals shall be heard by an Appeal Committee of Senate. The Appeal Committee may uphold or reverse the decision and may vary the penalty in either direction within the limits prescribed in (i) above. The decisions of the Appeal Committee of Senate shall be final.

DUTIES OF INVIGILATORS AT WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

85. At each Campus each examination room shall be under the specific direction of a senior member of academic staff: a Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer of some years standing, to be called the Chief Invigilator. Where the criteria cannot be fulfilled, a Chief Invigilator may be appointed at the discretion of the Registrar in charge of Examinations for that Campus. When an examination takes place in a non-campus country the Chief Invigilator shall be selected by the Resident Tutor from a panel of persons nominated by himself/herself and approved by the University Registrar. When an examination takes place at an off-campus site in a campus country the Chief Invigilator shall be appointed by the University Registrar.
86. The ratio of Invigilators to candidates shall be between 1:20 and 1:30, and except in the case of a single candidate the minimum number of Invigilators shall consist of the Chief Invigilator and one Assistant.
87. Invigilators shall be appointed by the Campus Registrar.
88. Having once accepted responsibility to invigilate in a particular examination, no Invigilator shall withdraw his/her services except in a case of emergency. In such emergency, it shall be the responsibility of the Invigilator to inform the Campus Registrar (i.e. the Registrarial Officer approved for the purpose) as soon as possible after such emergency arises.
89. The Invigilator(s) shall attend at the examination room at such time as shall be prescribed by the Campus Registrar, but in no case less than twenty minutes before the examination is due to begin.
90. Invigilators who do not arrive on time should explain their lateness to the Chief Invigilator who shall make a report to the Campus Registrar.
91. The Chief Invigilator shall collect the question papers and where necessary the key for the examination room at the Examinations Section of the Registry. He/she should check the titles of the question papers against the list of examinations provided by the Examinations Clerk and take the question papers to the examination room at least twenty minutes before the examinations are scheduled to begin.
92. It is the duty of each Chief Invigilator to arrange the distribution to candidates of suitable answer books, string and any other material recommended by the Faculty Board concerned for the particular examination. Answer books shall not be distributed before the arrival of an Invigilator.
93. No persons other than those officially concerned with the examination may be admitted to the examination room. Examiners may attend at any time during any examination in the course(s) for which they are responsible.
94. The Chief Invigilator is expected to see that candidates do not use or have access during the examination to articles, papers, books or aids (other than those permitted by the Faculty Board for the paper). Such material must be deposited by candidates before the start of the examination as prescribed by Regulation 72(i).
95. The Chief Invigilator shall admit candidates to the examination room in sufficient time so as to allow all candidates to be seated and question papers or laboratory materials to be distributed by the hour fixed for the start of the examinations.
96. Responsibility for the distribution of the question papers shall rest with the Chief Invigilator.
97. When the candidates are seated, the Chief Invigilator shall open the sealed envelope(s) and supervise the distribution of question papers and other approved examination material to each candidate. The Invigilator(s) must, on no account supply copies of the question papers to persons other than the candidates and the Examiners present except on written instructions from the Campus Registrar.

98. Before the start of the examination the Chief Invigilator shall:
- (i) Announce that all unauthorised material brought into the room by any candidate must be deposited at the place provided for this purpose and that any unauthorised material found subsequent to that announcement will be regarded as evidence of attempting to cheat;
 - (ii) Invite candidates to surrender to him/her any unauthorised material still in their possession.
 - (iii) Ask candidates to check their question papers to ensure that each has a complete paper.
 - (iv) Announce that any writing found on a candidate's examination card other than the time-table will be regarded as an examination irregularity.
99. Candidates shall not be permitted to write until permission is given by the Chief Invigilator at the scheduled hour.
100. The Invigilator(s) shall on no account give information to a candidate who asks questions about the contents of a question paper or doubts its accuracy, even though it may appear that there is a printing error. Where the examiner is not present in accordance with Regulation 63(i), the Chief Invigilator shall refer any question of this nature to the Campus Registrar who will ask an examiner in the subject to attend at the examination room (or in case of examinations at off-campus sites, to telephone the Resident Tutor or Site Coordinator) to clarify the point.
101. If the Chief Invigilator admits a candidate arriving more than half-an-hour late, he/she shall:
- (i) Make it clear to the candidate that the University reserves the right to refuse to accept work done in that examination;
 - (ii) Make a full report in writing to the Campus Registrar stating the time of admission, whether any candidate had previously left the room, and any special reasons given by the candidate for his/her lateness.
102. As soon as possible and not later than half an hour after the start of the examination, the Chief Invigilator shall check the candidates against the list of candidates provided by the Campus Registrar. Absentees shall be noted on the list, which shall be signed and returned to the Campus Registrar at the conclusion of the examination.
103. (i) Throughout the course of the examination, Invigilators shall maintain constant watchfulness to prevent candidates from availing themselves of unfair assistance, either by consulting books or notes (other than those agreed by the Faculty Board concerned) or by communicating with or copying from another candidate, or by any other means. Invigilators shall ensure that silence is maintained.
- (ii) Invigilators shall ensure that no disturbance interferes with the proper conduct of the examination. They shall report any irregularity to the Chief Invigilator who shall report same to the Campus Registrar in writing.
104. The Chief Invigilator shall require candidates who are permitted to leave before the end of the examination period to hand in their scripts directly to him/her before they leave.
105. The Chief Invigilator shall allow for each examination the time specified and no more.
106. At the conclusion of each period of examination the Invigilator(s) must collect from the desks, the candidates' answer books and whilst collecting the answer books he/she must see that each candidate's number and the title of his/her paper have been inserted upon his/her book, making and initialling any correction which may be necessary. The Invigilator(s) must be careful to see that any supplementary answer books, maps or any other document(s) forming part of the candidate's work are securely tied inside the cover, at the back of the main answer book.

107. If a candidate, having appeared, has nevertheless left no work, a memorandum signed by the Chief Invigilator must be substituted for the answer book and submitted together with the other scripts or other examination exercises.
108. The Chief Invigilator must then check the answer books or other examination exercise by the list of candidates.
109. The Chief Invigilator must ensure that no answer book or other examination exercise has remained uncollected and that no spare question paper or spoilt book is left on the desks.

SECTION VI

REGULATIONS CONCERNING ASSESSED COURSEWORK

112.
 - (i) Methods of coursework assessment counting towards the final mark for a course shall be subject to the approval of the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
 - (ii) Within the framework of approved methods of assessment Faculty Boards may approve coursework counting for up to 40% of the final mark.
 - (iii) Campus Committees on Examinations may approve coursework, which exceeds 40% but does not exceed 60% of the final mark.
 - (iv) The Board for Undergraduate Studies may approve coursework exceeding 60%.
113. The Head of each Department in which coursework is assessed for an examination must advise the students in writing about the coursework requirement:
 - (i) in the case of a course taught in the first semester, before the end of the second week of that semester.
 - (ii) in the case of a course taught in the second semester, before the end of the first week of the semester.
 - (iii) Copies of this advice must be posted on the appropriate notice board and sent to the relevant Dean. The information must include the nature, amount and weighting of the coursework.
114. The dates of coursework exercises shall be posted on Faculty or Departmental notice boards at least two weeks in advance of the date(s) on which such exercises should be submitted.
115.
 - (i) The Head of each Department in which coursework in the form of written test(s) is assessed, shall ensure that the test(s) is/are invigilated. Invigilators appointed by the Head of the Department must be of at least Teaching Assistant grade.
 - (ii) The procedure to be adopted when a candidate is absent from a coursework test for certified medical reasons shall be as prescribed in the Faculty regulations.
116. In respect of coursework, examiners shall inform students in writing of their marks/grades for individual pieces of coursework. Such information shall be communicated to students within 3 weeks of the test or submission.

117. (i) Each First examiner (Primary Instructor) responsible for coursework is required **BEFORE** the end-of-semester examinations to submit to the relevant Dean a coursework mark-sheet/grade-sheet indicating marks/grades for each component, and the final percent and grade for the coursework.
- (ii) Heads of Department shall monitor the compliance of First examiners (Primary Instructors) with recording and submitting coursework marks/grades.
118. Course work may be submitted by e-mail subject to the agreement of the lecturer. The procedure for submission of course work assignments by email shall be as prescribed in the faculty regulations.
119. In respect of those courses in which the students collaborate in teams and submit reports on their coursework projects, the report of each team shall identify which portions of its contents have been contributed by which student, and each student shall be assessed on that individual contribution of his/hers, without prejudice to the coursework regulations of the Faculty of Engineering.
120. All coursework shall be written work except as provided below:
- (ii) Oral tests authorised for the examination of certain courses in languages and MEDIA AND Communication;
- (iii) Oral components specifically authorised by the relevant Campus Committee on Examinations on the following conditions:
- (a) The marks/grades to be allocated to an oral presentation shall not exceed 20% of the coursework;
- (b) The minimum number of examiners required to be present shall be two;
- (c) Faculty Regulations shall provide guidance on the conduct of oral presentations.
- (iv) Special formats authorised by the Board for Undergraduate Studies for specific disciplines such as visual arts and theatre arts.
121. (i) Where a student is set a coursework project/ research paper, in which he/she is offered a choice of topic, he/she shall not choose a topic which entails work which he/she has already submitted or intends to submit in relation to another course. If all of the topics from which he/she must choose entail the use of such work, he/she shall not be treated as having been offered a choice.
- (ii) A student who fails to comply with Regulation 113 (i) shall be denied the credit for the work in one of the courses, which shall be chosen by himself/herself.

SECTION VII

REVIEW OF EXAMINATION RESULTS

122. (i) A student who is dissatisfied with the results of his/her examination should report his/her dissatisfaction in writing to the Campus Registrar. Such a report must be made, in the case of the First Semester, by the first Friday of the Second Semester or within five days of the issuing of publication of results whichever is later. In the case of the Second Semester, such a report must be made within two weeks of the publication of results, and in the case of Supplemental/Summer School or re-sit examinations within five days of the publication of results. For Distance Education, NCC and TLI students may communicate their dissatisfaction in writing through the Resident Tutor or TLI/DEC Site Coordinator by the deadline above.
- (ii) The Campus Registrar shall forward the student's **request** to the Dean of the Faculty concerned.
- (iii) The student may request:
- (a) to go through his/her **FAILED** script with the Examiner; (utilising UWIDEC or other approved electronic teleconferencing system if necessary);

- and/or;
- (c) to have his/her script(s) re-marked.
123. (i) In carrying out the process of going through examination scripts with students who have failed courses, the examiner may disclose the marks/grades.
- (ii) The process at 123 (i) should include failed answers in multiple-choice examinations.
124. A student who wishes to have his/her script remarked must **pay a fee of Bds\$125.00 or J\$2000.00 or TT\$375.00**, (according to campus) or in the case of candidates in the non-campus countries, the equivalent of **US\$62.50** to have his/her script re-marked by a new Examiner.
125. Where re-marking of a script under Regulation 124 above results in a higher mark than that previously recorded, the fee shall be refunded provided that the increased mark results in a change of grade;
126. (i) Where a re-marking is requested, the Campus Registrar shall request the Head of the Department concerned or, in his/her absence the Dean, to select a new and Independent Examiner from the panel. Such person shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations, to re-mark the script. The appointment shall be made within one week of the date on which the request is made. Where the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations deems it necessary, more than one Examiner may be nominated and appointed. Such recourse shall not normally be used except where a team of Examiners has already been involved in the initial examination of the candidate involved. **(See Reg. 28)**
- (ii) Where the Head of the Department is an Examiner, the selection shall be made by the Dean and vice versa. Where both the Dean and the Head of the Department are Examiners, the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations shall make the appointment after such consultation, as he/she considers appropriate.
- (iii) The new examiner(s) no later than 10 days after receiving the script(s) shall return the re-marked script(s) with a written report and where applicable, signed mark-sheet/grade-sheet to the Campus Registrar.
127. In the case of the re-marking of a script under Regulation 122, the mark of the new and Independent examiner(s) shall be regarded as the final mark.
128. Re-marking shall not apply to coursework which counts for 60% or less of the total assessment of the course and when such coursework consists of more than one piece, none of which individually exceeds 40% of the total assessment provided that where a single piece of coursework counts for more than 40%, re-marking shall be allowed for that piece.
129. The Campus Registrar shall inform the candidate of the result of the re-marking.
130. The results of the re-marking shall be conveyed by the Campus Registrar to the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations, the Chairman of the Board of Examiners and the Head of the Department concerned.
131. The Chairman of the Board of Examiners shall, if necessary, issue an amended Pass list for submission to the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
132. The Campus Registrar shall make an annual report to Academic Board and the Board for Undergraduate Studies on cases where scripts have been re-marked.

SECTION VIII

LOST EXAMINATION SCRIPTS

133. In cases where it is verified that the candidate has taken an examination and the script/coursework paper is deemed to have been lost prior to the declaration of results the relevant candidate shall be permitted one of the following options: -
- (v) Completing a substitute Examination, the form to be authorised by the Chairman of the Campus Committee on Examinations.
- OR
- (vi) Writing the next scheduled examination in the course (eg a supplemental or repeat examination), and abiding by the grade obtained therefrom.
- OR
- (vii) Accepting the recommendation of the relevant Board of Examiners after consultation with the appropriate persons, in relation to the result.
134. In cases where a re-mark has been requested and the relevant script cannot be retrieved, the candidate shall be permitted one of the following options
- (iv) The final grade should be an average of the student's overall performance in the relevant course,
- OR
- (ii) The candidate should be allowed a re-sit, without penalty,
- OR
- (iii) Accepting the recommendation of the relevant Board of Examiners after consultation with the appropriate persons, in relation to the result.
- OR
- (iv) The candidate should be awarded the minimum pass mark if the original mark fell within 5 marks of the pass mark/grade,
- OR
- (v) The candidate should be allowed to take an oral examination.

SECTION IX

135. The conduct of examinations in conformity with these Regulations and the decisions of the Senate shall be under the overall administrative control of the University Registrar. However, in an emergency affecting the conduct of an examination, the Campus Registrar shall act on the advice of the Chairman of the relevant Campus Committee on Examinations, who shall consult the relevant Dean(s).
136. A Campus Principal is authorised to waive the following Regulations, as set out below:
- REGULATION 58(i):** The one-month's notice (in respect of a single campus question paper);
 - REGULATION 85:** The minimum qualification required of a Chief Invigilator;
 - REGULATION 114:** Authority to reduce the period of notice for coursework exercises.
137. An Examination Regulation may be waived by the Chairman, Board for Undergraduate Studies who shall report his/her action to the next meeting of the Board.

**GRADE
POINT
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REGULATIONS**

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

GRADE POINT AVERAGE REGULATIONS
REVISED MARCH 2006

Please Note: These Regulations are subject to change and as such all interested parties will be given due notice of any changes.

1. The Board for Undergraduate Studies, in the delegated exercise of Senate's powers as the academic authority for the University under Statute 25, makes the following regulations to govern the Grade Point Average system in the University, effective 2003/2004 academic year for all candidates newly entering a programme. Persons who enter the system prior to **2003/2004** academic year to pursue first degrees will be considered under the GPA scheme effective 2006/2007. All students entering the Faculty of Law in the academic year **2005/2006** and The Faculty of Medical Sciences in the academic year **2006/2007** shall be governed by the GPA Regulations in the calculation of the award of their respective degrees. However, students entering the Faculty of Law prior to 2005/2006 and the Faculty Medical Sciences prior to 2006/2007 will be treated under the old system of classification. *A student who entered the University prior to 2003/2004 and changes his/her major subsequent to the introduction of GPA will be considered to be "newly entering a programme"*
2. In accordance with Statute 47 and subject to these regulations all students shall normally spend a minimum of three academic years in the University of the West Indies before being eligible for the award of a First Degree.
3. (i) For purposes of these regulations, the following meanings shall apply, except where the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) **CREDIT HOURS EARNED**
"Credit hours earned" means the credits for each course that count toward the degree requirement and for which a passing grade is obtained.
 - (b) **QUALITY HOURS**
"Quality hours" means the credits for each course that is included in the GPA calculation. Quality hours shall be assigned even when a grade of F is obtained in a course. Courses that are not used in the determination of the GPA shall be assigned zero quality hours.
 - (c) **QUALITY POINTS:**
"Quality points" means the numerical value assigned to the relevant letter grade earned.
- (ii) For the purposes of these Regulations:
 - (a) **LEVEL I, II AND III COURSES:**
Levels I, II and III courses are courses so designated by the Board for Undergraduate Studies.
 - (b) **GRADE POINTS:**
Grade points are determined by multiplying the quality hours by the quality points for a course.
 - (c) **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**
Grade Point Average is the average obtained by dividing the total grade points earned by the total quality hours for which the student has registered for any stated period of time, excluding courses taken on a pass/fail basis, audited courses, courses taken for preliminary credit and courses for which the designation I or IP is awarded under Regulation 6(iv).
 - (d) **WEIGHTED GRADE POINT AVERAGE**
Weighted Grade Point Average is the average determined by applying appropriate weights for Levels I, II, and III courses to the grade points and the quality hours used in determining grade point average as set out at Regulation 3(ii)(c) above.

(e) **CREDIT HOURS**

The credit values for courses, as well as for projects, laboratory sessions, foreign language classes or other contact hours, shall be determined by the respective Faculty Board and approved by the Board for Undergraduate Studies.

(iii) **PASS/FAIL COURSE PROVISION**

Credit hours earned in courses taken on a Pass-Fail basis shall not be included in calculating grade point averages.

4. (i) The class of degree shall be awarded on the basis of the Weighted GPA as set out in these regulations.
- (ii) In determining the Weighted GPA, the weights to be used for each Level I, II and III course shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
- (iii) Except for the purpose of determining the class of degree the term GPA in these regulations shall mean the GPA as defined at Regulation 3(ii)(c) above.
5. (i) First Degrees awarded by the University, with the exception of the BSc (Engineering), The Bachelor of Science (Petroleum Geoscience), the Bachelor of Science (Surveying and Land Information), LLB, MBBS, DDS, and DVM, shall be classified as follows:
First Class Honours (Weighted (GPA 3.60 and Above)
Upper Second Class Honours (Weighted GPA 3.00 – 3.59)
Lower Second Class Honours (Weighted GPA 2.00 – 2.99)
Pass (Weighted GPA 1.00 – 1.99)
- (ii) First Degrees awarded by the University for the Bachelor of Science (Engineering), the Bachelor of Science (Petroleum GeoScience) and the Bachelor of Science (Surveying and Land Information), shall be classified as follows:
First Class Honours (Weighted GPA 3.60 and Above)
Upper Second Class Honours (Weighted GPA 3.00 – 3.59)
Lower Second Class Honours (Weighted GPA 2.00 – 2.99)
Third Class Honours (Weighted GPA 1.50 – 1.99)
Pass (Weighted GPA 1.00 – 1.49)
- (iii) First Degrees awarded by the University for the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) shall be classified as follows:
First Class Honours
Second Class Honours (Upper and Lower Division)
Pass
- (iv) The Degrees of MB BS, DDS and DVM shall be classified as follows:
Honours with Distinction
Honours
Pass
6. (i) The letter grades for completed courses used in the calculation of GPA shall be the following:
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| A | - | four quality points |
| B | - | three quality points |
| C | - | two quality points |
| D | - | one quality point |
| F | - | no quality points |
- (ii) Plus and minus modifiers may be used with letter grades A through D.

(iii) In the determination of GPA, the defined grades with the corresponding quality points shall be:

A+ = 4.3	C+ = 2.3
A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.7	C- = 1.7
B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.7	F = 0.0

(iv) The following designations may be assigned, but shall not be used in the calculation of Grade Point Average:

PC: Preliminary Credits – used for matriculation purposes or the satisfying of prerequisites only

EC: Exemption with credit

E: Exemption

EQ: Examination Query

AM: Absent Medical

IM: Incomplete Medical

(v) The following designations may be assigned and shall count towards the GPA:

EI: Examination Irregularity – Candidate disqualified from examination on account of breach of the Regulations

FA: When a student is absent from an examination without a valid reason

FC: Failed Coursework – indicates that a candidate has failed to satisfy the Examiner in the coursework component of the course

FE: Failed Examination – when a candidate has successfully completed the coursework requirement but has failed to satisfy the Examiners in the examination component of the course

FO: Failed Oral (where an oral examination forms part of the assessment of the course)

V: Audited – when the course has been taken in accordance with Regulation 14

NV: When a student has been permitted to audit a course but has not done so satisfactorily.

P: Pass – a pass obtained in a course taken on a Pass/Fail basis

NP: Not Passed – when a student has failed a course taken on a pass/fail basis.

I: Incomplete - indicates that the student has made progress in a course but at the end of the semester has not finished the work required to receive a letter grade. An **I** designation is not counted in credit hours earned, or quality hours until a letter grade is reported. If neither a letter grade nor notification of an extension of time is received by the Registry from the Office of Dean, the **I** designation is replaced by an **F** letter grade at the end of the first six weeks into the next semester. An extension of time may be granted but shall not normally extend beyond the end of the semester in which the extension is granted. Any remaining **I** symbol at the end of the period of extension will be deemed an **F**.

IP: In Progress - when a dissertation, thesis, project, student teaching, practicum, internship, proficiency requirement, or other course intended to last more than one semester is not completed during the semester in which the student is registered. The **IP** designation must be replaced with an appropriate grade on completion of the course.

7. The scheme to be used for conversion of numerical marks to letter grades shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations as follows:

EXTRACTS FROM THE
EXAMINATION REGULATIONS FOR FIRST DEGREES, DIPLOMAS
AND CERTIFICATES AND GPA REGULATIONS

GRADE	GPA	MARKS %
A+	4.3	86 and Over
A	4.0	70 – 85
A-	3.7	67 – 69
B+	3.3	63 – 66
B	3.0	60 – 62
B-	2.7	57 – 59
C+	2.3	53 – 56
C	2.0	50 – 52
C-	1.7	47 – 49
D+	1.3	43 – 46
D	1.0	40 – 42
F	0.0	0 – 39

8. The courses to be used for the purpose of determining the Weighted GPA for the class of degree to be awarded shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
9. (i) Where a course has been repeated, the penalty to be applied for failure, and the grade to be used in the computation of the student's GPA if the course is subsequently passed, shall be as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
10. For the purpose of determining the Weighted GPA failed courses shall be treated as prescribed in Faculty Regulations.
11. (i) Where credit for a course taken at another institution is requested, it is the student's responsibility to provide all the information needed by the University to enable it to assess the course.
(ii) Credit hours earned from another institution at the time of admission to the University of the West Indies will not be used in the computation of a grade point average.
12. The following shall apply to credits earned by a UWI undergraduate from another approved institution:
 - (i) A UWI student who wishes to take academic courses elsewhere and apply those credits toward the UWI degree must obtain approval in advance from the relevant Academic Board on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty in which he/she is registered.
 - (ii) A student must have obtained a minimum UWI GPA of 3.00 to be approved to take courses as an exchange or study abroad student.
 - (iii) Only the grade equivalent as determined by the Board for Undergraduate Studies of the results achieved and not the marks or grades so earned at another institution shall be used in the computation of the student's GPA.
13. (i) Except where otherwise prescribed in Faculty Regulations, a student whose GPA for a given semester is less than or equal to 0.75 shall be deemed to be performing unsatisfactorily, and shall be placed on warning. A student on warning whose GPA for the succeeding semester is less than or equal to 0.75, will be required to withdraw. However, a student may be reinstated if his/her GPA improves beyond 0.75 by credits obtained in Summer School. Then the credits would be rolled in to the GPA of the preceding Semester of the academic year.
(ii) A student on warning shall be counselled by the Dean or a designated faculty advisor. Such a student may, except where otherwise prescribed in Faculty Regulations, be permitted by the Academic Board on the recommendation of Faculty Board to carry a reduced course load.
14. (i) A registered student may be permitted to audit a course on the approval of the Dean and the Head of Department.

- (ii) Auditing means recorded attendance at the lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions for a given course without the requirement of sitting the final exam.
 - (iii) Satisfactory attendance certified by the Head of Department shall be awarded the designation V. In absence of such certification, the designation NV shall be recorded.
 - (iv) No academic credit may be granted for auditing a course.
15. (i) A student who voluntarily withdraws from the University and who applies for re- admission within five (5) years shall be granted exemption and credit for courses previously passed, subject to the time limit for the maintenance of credits stipulated in the relevant Faculty Regulations and subject to the stipulation that the courses previously passed are not determined by the Board of the relevant Faculty to be obsolete.
- (ii) Where exemption and credit are granted in accordance with (i) above, the grades obtained at previous attempts at such courses, shall be used in the determination of the student's GPA.
16. A student who was required to withdraw for reasons of failure to progress as prescribed in Faculty Regulations may be readmitted on the following conditions:
- (i) A minimum of one (1) year must have passed since the date of withdrawal;
 - (ii) All grades previously obtained shall continue to apply for the purpose of determining the student's GPA;
 - (iii) Work done during the period between the student being required to withdraw and being granted readmission may be eligible for credit under Regulation 11.
17. Where there is a conflict between Faculty Regulations and these regulations, these Regulations shall apply.

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