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### Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

The University's current regulations are temporarily qualified by this document for the 2020/21 academic year. The changes are represented by red underlined font and struckthrough text.

1. For the purpose of these regulations 'the University' shall include those hospitals and outreach practices that the University may use regularly or occasionally.

#### **Admission**

2. To be eligible for admission to the BDS programme, candidates shall have such qualifications and experience as described in the relevant Admissions Statement. Requests for transfers into the programme are not considered.

#### **Programme Structure**

3. The BDS programme shall extend over not less than five years from the commencement of professional study in the University or other institution approved for that purpose by the University. The next year shall not normally be entered upon until the preceding year of study has been successfully completed.

4. The programme will be divided into five years of units or elements. Students will be admitted to units or elements only at the beginning of those units or elements. Students must attend the units or elements in the prescribed order ~~and in the years of the curriculum in which they are scheduled~~. Students may not take courses elsewhere in place of units or elements provided unless approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences. Information on the programme structure and its units are provided in the University's Programme Catalogue.

5. During the academic years 2019/20 to 2023/24, the BDS curriculum is changing. Any student who fails and is required to repeat a year, may be required to move curricula to the new programme. For ease, the new curriculum is referred to as BDS21, as opposed to the existing BDS18 curriculum.

#### **Fitness to Practise**

6. Students on the BDS programme are subject to the University's Fitness to Practise requirements.

#### **Assessment**

7. Each year will comprise a range of assessments and shall cover those units or elements studied during the year or in previous years. The Board of Examiners will determine whether a candidate has satisfactorily completed a unit or element for the purpose of proceeding to the next year of the curriculum. Full details of examination and assessment are held in the Standing Orders for the programme.

8. The failure of any student to

- show satisfactory progress in a unit or element of the BDS programme, or

- attend regularly any prescribed activity (including such face-to-face or online lectures, discussion periods, tutorial and practical classes, clinical commitments, as may be required), or
- undertake prescribed written or other work, or
- attend any examination, or
- reach a satisfactory standard in any terminal, sessional or degree examination, or any part or parts thereof,

shall be reported to the Faculty Examination Board, which may, at its discretion, require the student concerned to complete additional work, repeat a unit or element, re-sit an examination, or withdraw from the BDS programme. The exact requirements for progression from year to year are provided in the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes and in the Standing Orders for the programme.

### **Online Proctored Examinations**

When necessary, students will be required to undertake online proctored examinations away from University premises. Proctored exams are timed exams that you take while proctoring software monitors your computer's desktop, webcam video and audio.

Online proctoring will be used by the University when invigilation is required for accreditation and compliance reasons to maintain academic integrity, but in-person examination facilities are not available.

Exceptionally, if a student has a valid reason, that has been agreed by the Faculty Education Director, to not undertake the proctored examination online they will be required to either:

- Take the examination at the same time but on University premises, or
- Defer the assessment to the next assessment period.

### **Awards**

9. The degree classification of a student shall be awarded in accordance with the regulations set out in the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.

10. The unclassified degree of Bachelor of Science in the Science of Dentistry may be awarded at the discretion of the Faculty Examination Board. The BSc will only be awarded to a student registered for the BDS programme who has passed three years of the programme, but who chooses to leave or is required to leave the programme after this point.

11. A candidate who has satisfactorily completed year 1 of the BDS Degree, but who either does not proceed to, or does not complete year 2 satisfactorily, may be awarded the Certificate of Higher Education. Similarly, a candidate who has completed year 2 of the BDS degree satisfactorily, but who either does not proceed nor does not complete year 3 satisfactorily, may be awarded the Diploma of Higher Education.

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor  
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