

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DOUBLE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LAW) [BBA(LAW)] AND BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)**

These regulations apply to candidates admitted to the BBA(Law) and LLB integrated double-degree curriculum in the academic year 2017-18 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

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### **Admission to the degree**

**BBA(LAW) L1** To be eligible for admission to the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) and Bachelor of Laws candidates shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
  - (c) satisfy all the requirements of the curriculum in accordance with these regulations and syllabuses.
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### **Period of study**

**BBA(LAW) L2** The curriculum for the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) and Bachelor of Laws shall normally require ten semesters of full-time study, spreading over five academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of eight academic years.

**BBA(LAW) L3** Candidates who opt not to proceed to the LLB programme before the end of the second semester of the second year of study shall from the next semester on refer to and comply with the relevant Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) applicable to students who are admitted to the BBA(Law) and LLB integrated double-degree curriculum but opt out of the LLB degree to pursue the 4-year BBA(Law) only.

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### **Curriculum requirements and progression in curriculum**

**BBA(LAW) L4** To complete the curriculum, candidates

- (a) shall satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula<sup>1</sup>;
- (b) shall enroll and attempt examination in not fewer than 300 credits of courses, in the manner specified in the syllabuses, including either 72 credits of courses for the Business major and 36 credits of free electives or 108 credits of courses for the Professional Core in Accounting; and 156 credits of the Professional Core in Law including 126 credits of compulsory law courses and 30 credits of disciplinary electives;
- (c) shall normally be required to enroll in at least 60 credits of courses in an academic year<sup>2</sup>, in a manner as prescribed in the syllabuses;
- (d) shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 30 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester), or except in the last semester of study when candidates may be required to take fewer than 24 credits to satisfy the outstanding curriculum requirements;
- (e) may, of their own volition, take further credits during the regular or summer semesters<sup>3</sup> accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year<sup>2</sup>;
- (f) may, with the approval of the Board of Studies in Business Administration and Law, exceed 72 credits in an academic year<sup>2</sup> provided that the total number of credits taken shall not exceed 360

credits; or where courses taken to make up for failed credits are inclusive, the total number of credits shall not exceed 576 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in BBA(LAW) L2;

- (g) may select not more than 12 credits of courses in each summer semester<sup>3</sup>, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of Studies;
  - (h) shall select courses accumulating not fewer than 156 credits for a Professional Core in Law and not fewer than 72 credits for a major in Business, as prescribed in the syllabuses, and to take electives to make up the balance of 300 credits; candidates who opt to pursue the Accounting stream shall select courses accumulating not fewer than 108 credits for a Professional Core in Accounting and not fewer than 156 credits for a Professional Core in Law, as prescribed in the syllabuses; and
  - (i) may be required by the Board of Studies to take a reduced study load of not fewer than 24 credits per semester if their academic progression is unsatisfactory.
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### **Advanced standing**

**BBA(LAW) L5** Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully, in accordance with UG 2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. The maximum number of advanced standing credits that may be granted is up to one-half the number of credits required for the award of the degrees. Advanced standing credits granted shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA nor taken into consideration for the honours classifications of the degrees to be awarded unless permitted by the Board of Studies but will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

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### **Exemption**

**BBA(LAW) L6** Candidates may be exempted, with or without special conditions attached, from any of the requirements in the syllabuses by the Board of Studies. Candidates who are so exempted must replace the number of exempted credits with courses of the same credit value.

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### **Selection of courses**

**BBA(LAW) L7** Candidates shall select courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabuses before the beginning of each semester. Changes to the selection of courses may be made during an add-drop period designated for each semester, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidates. Requests for changes after the designated add-drop period of a semester shall not be considered, and candidates withdrawing from any course without permission after the designated add-drop period of a semester shall be given an F grade.

**BBA(LAW) L8** Candidates shall not be permitted to select a course for which the failed course forms a prerequisite unless permission is given by the department concerned to sit a qualifying examination in the failed course and satisfy the examiners in this.

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### **Assessment**

#### **BBA(LAW) L9**

- (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any one or any combination of the following manners: written examinations or tests, continuous assessment of performance, laboratory work, field work, research or project reports, or in any other manner as specified in the syllabuses.

- (b) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment in accordance with UG 7(e) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
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### **Grades**

**BBA(LAW) L10** Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG 8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

**BBA(LAW) L11** Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat courses for which they have received a pass grade for the purpose of upgrading.

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### **Absence from examination**

**BBA (LAW) L12** Failure to take the examination as scheduled will automatically result in course failure under normal circumstances. Candidates who are unable, because of illness or other acceptable reason, to be present at any examinations of a course, may apply for permission to present themselves for a supplementary examination to be held not later than the beginning of the first semester of the following academic year. Failure to attend the supplementary examination as arranged shall automatically result in course failure. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

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### **Failure to pass a course**

#### **BBA(LAW) L13**

- (a) Any candidate who has failed to pass a course or courses in the manner provided for in these Regulations may be permitted by the Board of Examiners
- (i) to undergo re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
  - (ii) to re-submit failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction (for Law courses); or
  - (iii) to repeat the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
  - (iv) for elective courses, to take another course in lieu and satisfy the assessment requirements.
- (b) Where candidates are permitted or required to present themselves for re-assessment/re-examination/assessment in an alternative course under (a) above, the new grade obtained together with the previous F grade shall be recorded on the transcript and shall be included in the calculation of the GPA for the purposes of determining the eligibility for award of the degrees and the honours classifications.

**BBA(LAW) L14** The maximum number of attempts for a particular course or requirement is three.

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### **Unsatisfactory performance**

**BBA(LAW) L15** Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provisions of General Regulation G 12 and UG 4(e) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula if they have:

- (a) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or

- (b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
  - (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in BBA(LAW) L2.
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### **Award of degree**

**BBA(LAW) L16** To be eligible for the award of the degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) and Bachelor of Laws, candidates shall have

- (a) achieved a Graduation GPA of 1.0 or above;
  - (b) accumulated a minimum of 300 credits and passed all the compulsory courses required in the syllabuses; and
  - (c) satisfied the requirements in UG 5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula<sup>1</sup>.
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### **Degree classification**

#### **BBA(LAW) L17**

- (a) Honours classifications for the respective degrees of Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) and Bachelor of Laws shall be awarded in five divisions: First Class Honours, Second Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two, Third Class Honours, and Pass. The classification of honours shall be determined by the Boards of Examiners for the two degrees in accordance with the following Graduation GPA (GGPA) scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying weightings which are proportionate to their credit values, among which at least 240 credits shall be counted towards each of the two degrees respectively in the manner as set out in the syllabuses:

<u>Class of Honours</u>	<u>GGPA Range</u>
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
Division One	3.00 – 3.59
Division Two	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

- (b) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Graduation GPA and the Boards of Examiners for the two degrees may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Graduation GPA falls below the range stipulated in BBA(LAW) L17(a) of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.
  - (c) A list of candidates who have successfully completed all degree requirements shall be posted on Faculty noticeboards.
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<sup>1</sup> Specific requirements are spelt out in the syllabuses.

<sup>2</sup> An 'academic year' comprises two regular semesters, with dates as prescribed by the Senate each year. A 'summer semester' may be organised in addition to the two regular semesters.

<sup>3</sup> Candidates are normally not allowed to take summer course(s) in their final year of study.