

## 11. “REGULAR” STUDENT, “SELF-PACED” STUDENT, AND STUDENT STATUS

- 11.1 Students’ eligibility for the range of services provided by the University will be governed by the students’ status, which is determined with reference to the mode of attendance of the academic programmes enrolled and/or the study load as described in Sections 11.5 to 11.7 below.
- 11.2 Students are normally expected to follow the specified progression pattern. These are referred to as “regular” students. Those students who have been given special approval by the Programme Leader and the Head of Department for not following the specified pattern are referred to as “self-paced” students.
- 11.3 Students who register on programmes without any specified progression pattern are also known as self-paced students.
- 11.4 Self-paced students, either accelerated or decelerated, are required to seek counselling and approval from the Programme Leader and the Head of Department.

Student status:

- 11.5 Students enrolling on full-time/sandwich programmes or mixed-mode programme, with a study load of 9 credits or more in a semester, are classified as full-time students. Students on full-time/sandwich programmes who wish to change their status, from full-time to part-time, i.e. enrolling for less than 9 credits in a semester, will have to seek prior approval from their Department [please also refer to Section 11.6 (i)].
- 11.6 (i) Students enrolling on part-time, distance learning, online, and mixed-mode programmes, with a study load of less than 9 credits in a semester, are classified as part-time students.
- (ii) Students who enroll on full-time programmes but have been given permission to take less than 9 credits in a semester will be given the option to pay credit fees. If students wish to exercise such option, they have to inform the Department before the end of the add/drop period of that semester. These credit-fee-paying students are classified as part-time students for that semester.
- 11.7 Students enrolling on mixed-mode programmes are classified as mixed-mode students. They may engage in a full-time or part-time study load and attend classes

either in the evening, in the daytime, or a combination of both. If the mixed-mode students take subjects with a study load reaching the minimum requirement of a full-time student, they will be given full-time status in that semester. Otherwise, they will be given part-time status.

- 11.8 Students who wish to take individual subjects, but do not wish to register as a candidate for an award, are classified as subject-based students.