

14. SUBJECT EXEMPTION

Students may be exempted from taking any specified subjects, including mandatory language or general education subjects, if they have successfully completed similar subjects previously in another programme or have demonstrated the level of proficiency/ability to the satisfaction of the subject offering department. Subject exemption is normally decided by the subject offering department (for “Broadening” GE subjects and for all subjects at admission stage, the decision will be made by the programme offering department). However, for applications which are submitted by students who have completed an approved student exchange programme, the subject exemption is to be decided by the host department in consultation with the subject offering departments. In case of disagreement between the host department and the subject offering department, the two Faculty Deans/School Board Chairmen concerned will make a final decision jointly on the application. If students are exempted from taking a specified subject, the credits associated with the exempted subject will not be counted towards the award requirements (except for exemptions granted at admission stage). It will therefore be necessary for the students to consult the host department and take another subject in order to satisfy the credit requirement for the award.