

21. PROGRESSION / ACADEMIC PROBATION / DEREGISTRATION

- 21.1 The Board of Examiners shall, at the end of each semester (except for Summer Term unless there are students who are eligible to graduate after completion of Summer Term subjects), determine whether each student is
- (i) eligible for progression towards an award; or
 - (ii) eligible for an award; or
 - (iii) required to be deregistered from the programme.
- 21.2 When a student has a Grade Point Average (GPA) (see Section 25.3 below) lower than 2.0, he/she will be put on academic probation in the following semester. Once when a student is able to pull his GPA up to 2.0 or above at the end of the probation semester, the status of “academic probation” will be lifted. The status of “academic probation” will be reflected in the examination result notification but not in transcript of studies.
- 21.3 A student will have ‘progressing’ status unless he falls within the following categories, either of which may be regarded as grounds for deregistration from the programme:
- (i) the student has exceeded the maximum period of registration for the programme as specified in this programme booklet; or
 - (ii) the student’s GPA is lower than 2.0 for two consecutive semesters and his Semester GPA in the second semester is also lower than 2.0; or
 - (iii) the student’s GPA is lower than 2.0 for three consecutive semesters.
- 21.4 The progression of students to the following academic year will not be affected by the GPA obtained in Summer Term, unless the programme enrolled falls into the category described in Section 21.5 below and otherwise specified in this programme booklet.
- 21.5 Exceptions to Section 21.4 above could only be made if the Summer Term study is mandatory for all students of the programme and that the study constitutes a substantial requirement for graduation.
- 21.6 Notwithstanding Sections 21.3(ii) and 21.3(iii) above, a student may be deregistered from the programme enrolled before the time specified in Sections 21.3(ii) and 21.3(iii) above if his academic performance is poor to the extent that the Board of Examiners deems that his chance of attaining a GPA of 2.0 at the end of the programme is slim or impossible.
- 21.7 In the event that there are good reasons, the Board of Examiners has the discretion to recommend that students who fall into categories as stated in Sections 21.3(ii) or

21.3(iii) above be allowed to stay on the programme, and these recommendations should be presented to the relevant Faculty/School Board for final decision.

21.8 Under the current procedures, a student can appeal against the decisions of Boards of Examiners to deregister him/her. If such an appeal was upheld by the Department, the recommendation (to reverse the previous decision to deregister the student) will also be presented to the relevant Faculty Board for final decision.