

## 25. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BSC(HONS) IN INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAMME

All students qualifying for a 2-year Full-time Articulation Degree offered from 2017/18 onward must meet:

- (i) the University Graduation Requirements, as explained in [Section 25.1](#) below; and
- (ii) the specific graduation requirements of their chosen programme of study, as stated in [Section 25.2](#) below.

### 25.1 University Graduation Requirements

- (i) Satisfy the following requirements in general education (GUR):
  - (a) 3 credits of Service-Learning.
  - (b) 6 credits of Cluster Areas Requirement (CAR) from two different cluster areas.
  - (c) 3 of the 6 CAR credits being designated as “China-related” (China Studies Requirement).
  - (d) Fulfilment of the English and Chinese reading and writing requirements in CAR subjects.
  - (e) Having met the equivalent standard of the Undergraduate Degree Language and Communication Requirements (LCR) as set out in [Section 4.2](#) <sup>Note 1</sup>.
- (ii) Earn a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above at graduation.
- (iii) Obtain at least 2 WIE credits as set out in [Section 8.2](#).
- (iv) Satisfy the residential requirement for at least 1/3 of the credits to be completed for the award the student is currently enrolled, unless the professional bodies stipulate otherwise.

Further details about the University Graduation Requirements can be found in [Appendix 2](#).

Note 1: Non-Chinese speakers and those students whose Chinese standards are at junior secondary level or below will by default be exempted from the DSR - Chinese and CAR - Chinese Reading and Writing requirements. However, this group of students would still be required to take one Chinese LCR subject to fulfil their Chinese LCR.

25.2 Specific Graduation Requirements for the **BSc(Hons) in Information Security** Programme

- (i) Complete successfully a minimum of 64 academic credits composed of the following:
  - (a) 9 credits of General University Requirements (GUR) as set out in Section 25.1 (i).
  - (b) 55 credits of Discipline-Specific Requirements (DSR), of which 43 credits from subjects categorized as COM (compulsory) and 12 credits from subjects categorized as ELE (elective) as stated in Table 4.1.
- (ii) Obtain a total 2 credits in TRN (Training) as stated in Table 4.1.
- (iii) Satisfy the residential requirement for at least 1/3 of the credits to be completed for the award the student is currently enrolled, unless the professional bodies stipulate otherwise.

25.3 Remedial subjects are designed for new students who are in need of additional preparations in a particular subject area, and only identified students of a programme are required to take these subjects. These subjects should therefore be counted outside the regular credit requirement for award.

25.4 In addition, students may be required to take subjects that are designed to enhance their skills in particular subject areas to underpin their further advanced study in the discipline. These underpinning subjects could be of different subject areas (e.g. Mathematics, science subjects), and the number of credits each student is required to take in a particular underpinning subject area may vary according to the different academic backgrounds of the students.

25.5 In the case that students have already taken certain subject(s) in their previous Associate Degree/Higher Diploma studies, exemption may be given from these subjects and students should take other electives (including free electives) instead to make up the minimum credits required. For students who are exceptionally admitted before 2017/18 on the basis of academic qualification(s) more advanced than Associate Degree/Higher Diploma, such as the advanced stage of a 4-year degree curriculum programme, Departments can continue to grant credit transfer as appropriate when admitting them to an Articulation Degree programme, to give recognition to the advanced study taken. These students can take fewer than 60 credits for attaining the award. The proportion of these students should remain low. As from the 2017/18 intake cohort, all students admitted to an Articulation Degree or Senior Year curriculum, irrespective of the entry qualifications they held when applying

for admission to the programmes, are required to complete at least 60 credits to be eligible for award.

- 25.6 Level-0 subjects and training subjects (including clinical/field training) will not be counted to fulfill free elective requirement for graduation purpose.
- 25.7 A student is required to graduate as soon as he/she satisfies the graduation requirements as stipulated in Sections 25.1, 25.2 and 25.6 above. The student concerned is required to apply for graduation, in the semester in which he/she is able to fulfil all his/her graduation requirements, and after the add/drop period for that semester has ended.