

17. PROGRESSION / ACADEMIC PROBATION / DEREGISTRATION

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 When a student has a Grade Point Average (GPA) (see Section 21.3 below) lower than 2.0, he/she will be put on academic probation in the following semester. If a student is able to pull his/her GPA up to 2.0 or above at the end of that following 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 the transcript of studies.
- 17.3 A student will have 'progressing' status unless he/she falls within any one of the following categories, 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/her 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.

When a student falls within the categories as stipulated above, the Board of Examiners shall de-register the student from the programme without exception.

- 17.4 The progression of students to the following academic year will not be affected by the GPA obtained in the Summer Term, unless Summer Term study is mandatory for all students of the programme and constitutes a requirement for graduation, and is so specified in this programme booklet.
- 17.5 A student may be de-registered from the programme enrolled before the time frame specified in Sections 17.3(ii) or 17.3(iii) above if his/her academic performance is poor to the extent that the Board of Examiners deems that his/her chance of attaining a GPA of 2.0 at the end of the programme is slim or impossible.
- 17.6 If the student is not satisfied with the de-registration decision of the Board of Examiners, he/she can lodge an appeal. All such appeal cases will be referred directly to Academic Appeals Committee (AAC) for final decision. Views of Faculties/Schools/Departments will be sought and made available to AAC for reference.