

7. STUDENT STATUS

7.1 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 programmes enrolled and/or the study load as described in Sections 7.2 to 7.5 below.

Full-time students:

7.2 Students enrolling on this programme with a study load of 9 credits or more in a semester are classified as *full-time* students. Students who wish to change their study load to less than 9 credits in a semester will have to seek prior approval from their Department. Students who have been given permission to take less than 9 credits in a semester will be given the option to pay by 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.

7.3 Full-time local students enrolled on UGC-funded programmes are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Government in the form of grant and loan. Government grant and loan may not be granted beyond the normal period of study for the programme.

Self-paced students:

7.4 Students who wish to study at their own pace instead of following the specified progression pattern will have to seek prior approval from their Department. These students are referred to as self-paced students.

Subject-based students:

7.5 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.