

8. SUBJECT REGISTRATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- 8.1 In addition to programme registration, students need to register for subjects at specified periods prior to the commencement of a semester. An add/drop period will also be scheduled for each semester. Students may apply for withdrawal of their registration on a subject after the add/drop period, if they have a genuine need to do so. The application should be made to the relevant programme offering Department and will require the approval of both the subject lecturer and the host Department Programme Leader concerned (or an alternate academic staff authorised by the programme offering Department). Applications submitted after the commencement of the examination period will not be considered. Once the application of subject withdrawal is approved, the tuition fee paid for the subject will be forfeited and the withdrawal status of the subject will be shown in the examination result notification and transcript of studies, but will not be counted in the calculation of the GPA.
- 8.2 The pre-requisite requirements of a subject must have been fulfilled before a student registers for that subject. However, the subject offering Department has the discretion to waive the pre-requisite requirements of a subject, if deemed appropriate. If the pre-requisite subject concerned forms part of the requirements for award, the subject has to be passed in order to satisfy the graduation requirements for the programme concerned, despite the waiving of the pre-requisite.
- 8.3 Subject to the maximum study load of 21 credits per semester and the availability of study places, students are allowed to take additional subjects on top of the prescribed credit requirement for award before they become eligible for graduation. Students will be allowed to take additional subjects for the following semester for broadening purpose, after they fulfil the graduation requirements. However, they will still be subject to the maximum study load of 21 credits per semester and the availability of places in the subjects concerned. They will enrol as subject-based students only and be subject to the rules on 'Admission of Subject-based Students', except that graduates from UGC-funded programmes will not be restricted to taking only subjects from a self-financed programme.