

## COVID 19:

### Regulations for the Conjoined Degrees of MBChB

The University's current regulations are temporarily qualified by this document for the 2019/20 academic year. The changes are represented by red underlined text.

1. For the purpose of these regulations 'the University' shall include those hospitals and outreach practices that the University may use regularly or occasionally.

#### Admission

2. To be eligible for admission to the MBChB programme, candidates shall have such qualifications and experience as described in the relevant Admissions Statement. Requests for transfers into the programme are not considered.

#### Programme Structure

3. The MBChB programme shall extend over not less than 4 years and 2 terms from the commencement of professional study in the University or other institution approved for that purpose by the University. The next year shall not normally be entered upon until the preceding year has been successfully completed.
4. The programme will be divided into five years of units. Students must attend the prescribed units and may not take courses elsewhere in place of units or elements provided unless approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences. Information on the programme structure and its units is provided in the University's Programme Catalogue.
5. During the academic years 2016/17 to 2020/21, the medical curriculum is changing. Any student who fails or suspends and is required to repeat a year, may be required to move curricula to the new programme. For ease, the new curriculum is referred to as MB21, as opposed to the existing MB16 curriculum. In 2019/20 this will impact year 4, and in 2020/21 this will impact year 5.

#### Fitness to Practice

6. Students on the MBChB programme are subject to the University's Fitness to Practise requirements.

#### Assessment

7. Each year shall comprise a range of assessments and shall cover those units or elements studied during the year. The Board of Examiners shall determine whether a candidate has satisfactorily completed a unit or element for the purpose of proceeding to the next year of the programme. Full details of examination and assessment are held in the Standing Orders and Management of Marks document, approved annually.
8. The failure of any student to show satisfactory progress in a unit of the MBChB programme or attend regularly any prescribed activity (including such lectures, discussion periods, tutorial and practical classes, clinical commitments, as may be required) or undertake prescribed written or

other work or to attend any examination or reach a satisfactory standard in any terminal, sessional or degree examination, or any part or parts thereof,

shall be reported to the Faculty Examination Board. The Board may, at its discretion, require the student concerned to complete additional work, repeat a unit/s or to re-sit an examination/s or to withdraw from the MBChB programme. The exact requirements for progression from year to year are provided in the University's Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes, the Standing Orders and the Management of Marks document for the programme and year concerned.

9. Distinctions or Merits may be awarded for units within year 1 to 4 in accordance with the Management of Marks.

#### **Awards**

10. The degree classification of a student shall be awarded in accordance with the regulations set out in the University's Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.
11. The unclassified degree of Bachelor of Science in the Science of Medicine may be awarded at the discretion of the relevant Board of Examiners. The BSc will only be obtainable by a student registered for the programme who has passed year 3, but who chooses to leave or is required to leave the programme after this point.
12. A candidate who has satisfactorily completed year 1 of the programme, but who either does not proceed or does not complete year 2 satisfactorily, may be awarded the Certificate of Higher Education. Similarly, a candidate who has completed year 2 satisfactorily, but who either does not proceed or does not complete year 3 satisfactorily, may be awarded the Diploma of Higher Education.

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor  
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