



# STUDENT HANDBOOK


## BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE PROGRAMME



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## INTRODUCTION

The handbook serves as an orientation and a reference guide for new students commencing the dental degree programme in the Faculty of Dental Sciences. It provides information regarding the curriculum and assessment by-laws of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) programme. It also includes useful information regarding a wide range of University and other resources available, guidelines for student conduct, support units and extra-curricular activities available within the University.

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS

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### **VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA**

Prosper lives through Education



### **MISSION OF THE FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

To be a centre of excellence in oral health and health care by maintaining the highest educational and research standards.



## BDS GRADUATE PROFILE

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At the conclusion of the undergraduate dental programme of the Faculty of Dental Sciences (FDS) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura the dental graduate should

1. be able to apply knowledge and skills in basic sciences in diagnosing, managing and preventing oral diseases.
2. be competent to manage medical emergencies that may arise in the dental clinic with the available resources.
3. be able to provide quality care to patients taking into consideration all relevant features related to dental, oral and maxillofacial disease in a holistic manner.
4. be aware of the limitations of professional skills, available facilities and recognize when referral is necessary.
5. possess skills to function effectively as a member of a health- care team.
6. be accountable, compassionate and empathic towards patients and their families
7. be able to engage with commitment and integrity in reflective practices and become an empathic, accountable and socially responsible health- care professional
8. develop appropriate characteristics and attitudes and human qualities to practice as a dental health professional in any part of the country.
9. possess communication skills to interact with the patient, patient's family, general public and media.
10. possess the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to promote and contribute to the oral health and well- being of the individual, the family and the community as a whole.

11. have knowledge on emerging diseases, changing patterns of disease, social, economic, cultural and behavioral practices of the community in the practice of dentistry.
12. be aware of patient rights, the legal implications of interacting with patients, relatives, health- care providers and other professionals and society in general.
13. be able to provide professional services in dentistry respecting individual rights, equity and equality.
14. be capable of continuing self- education, keeping abreast of advancing knowledge in dental science & technology, emerging & changing patterns of oral disease and developing an aptitude for scientific research.
15. be sensitive to the oral health needs of the environment and bring creativity and innovation to make changes and solutions to improve the level of oral health of the community

The graduates of undergraduate dental program in the Faculty of Dental Sciences of University of Sri Jayewardenepura are expected to play roles as Care Provider, Decision Maker, Communicator, Community Leader, Manager, Researcher, Creator and Innovator.





## CODE OF CONDUCT, DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR OF STUDENTS

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## 1. Dress Code

In accordance with the rich traditions of our culture and the importance of professionalism in the dental practice, the Faculty of Dental Sciences has to adopt strict clothing guidelines for students.

Dress and appearance at all times should be appropriate and confirm to the profession. The students are expected to adhere to an appropriate dress code and follow the same while attending all academic activities in the Faculty (i.e. lectures, practical classes, library, laboratory examinations etc.), clinical appointments in hospitals and all formal functions of the Faculty and University.

Students are expected to be clean, well groomed and dressed in a manner appropriate to the dental profession, for academic work as well as clinical work.

Recommended dress code for boys

- Trousers and collared shirts
- Shoes and socks

Recommended dress code for girls

- Dress / Skirt and Blouse (skirts must extend below knee level and blouses must extend to the waistband)
- Formal foot wear.

The following are strictly prohibited

- T-Shirts, shorts and trousers with extra pockets
- Caps, sports shoes
- Extra body adornment
- Extreme hair styles (e.g. "spiked hair", multi coloured), make-up, piercings etc.
- Revealing clothes such as miniskirts, sleeveless tops, tops with deep necklines etc.
- Wearing concealing clothes that prevent clear identification of the student (the face should be clearly visible at all times).

In case of violation of the dress code the student concerned will be asked to leave the academic session. If a student repeatedly violates the dress code, strict disciplinary action will be taken.

## **2. Punctuality and Attendance**

The students are expected to attend all scheduled lectures, tutorials, practical classes and clinical attachments on time. Selected lectures and tutorials may be conducted online. Minimum of eighty percent attendance is mandatory for tutorials (online or on-site), small group discussions (online or on-site), practical classes and clinical attachments. Students who do not fulfill this requirement will not be allowed to sit examinations.

When attending online teaching sessions, make sure you have the latest updated Zoom app downloaded. Find a quiet location from which to join your session, and make sure you have access to a fast internet connection with excellent signals. Log in to every session using your first and last name with DEN number in front of your name (Eg – DEN 0012 Sunil Perera). Students must log in 5 minutes before commencement of the online teaching session. Students should be able to switch on the video camera if the lecturer requests. At all other times please keep the camera off to preserve good network bandwidth. When video is enabled, speak to the camera (and not to the screen). Make sure your entire face is seen on the video. Mute your audio unless you are speaking (or waiting to speak next) to prevent background noise disrupting the lesson. If possible use a headset instead of speakers and a microphone. Students can use "hand raise" option, then unmute the microphone and speak when the time comes to ask questions, or alternatively can type your question in the chat box to clarify your problems. The links given by the academic staff to attend teaching or academic work should not be misused for any private meetings or business purposes after completing the particular academic session. The misuse of university cyber-property can lead to an inquiry followed by severe disciplinary action.

Absence is not permitted for academic and clinical attachments without a valid reason (as given in the by-laws). A valid medical certificate has to be produced through the University medical officer within 14 days if such absence is due to an illness.

### **3. Ragging and Conflict Resolution**

#### **Ragging**

Any form of ragging is not allowed within or outside the university premises. Disciplinary action will be taken against those students according to the University act if found guilty.

#### **Conflict Resolution**

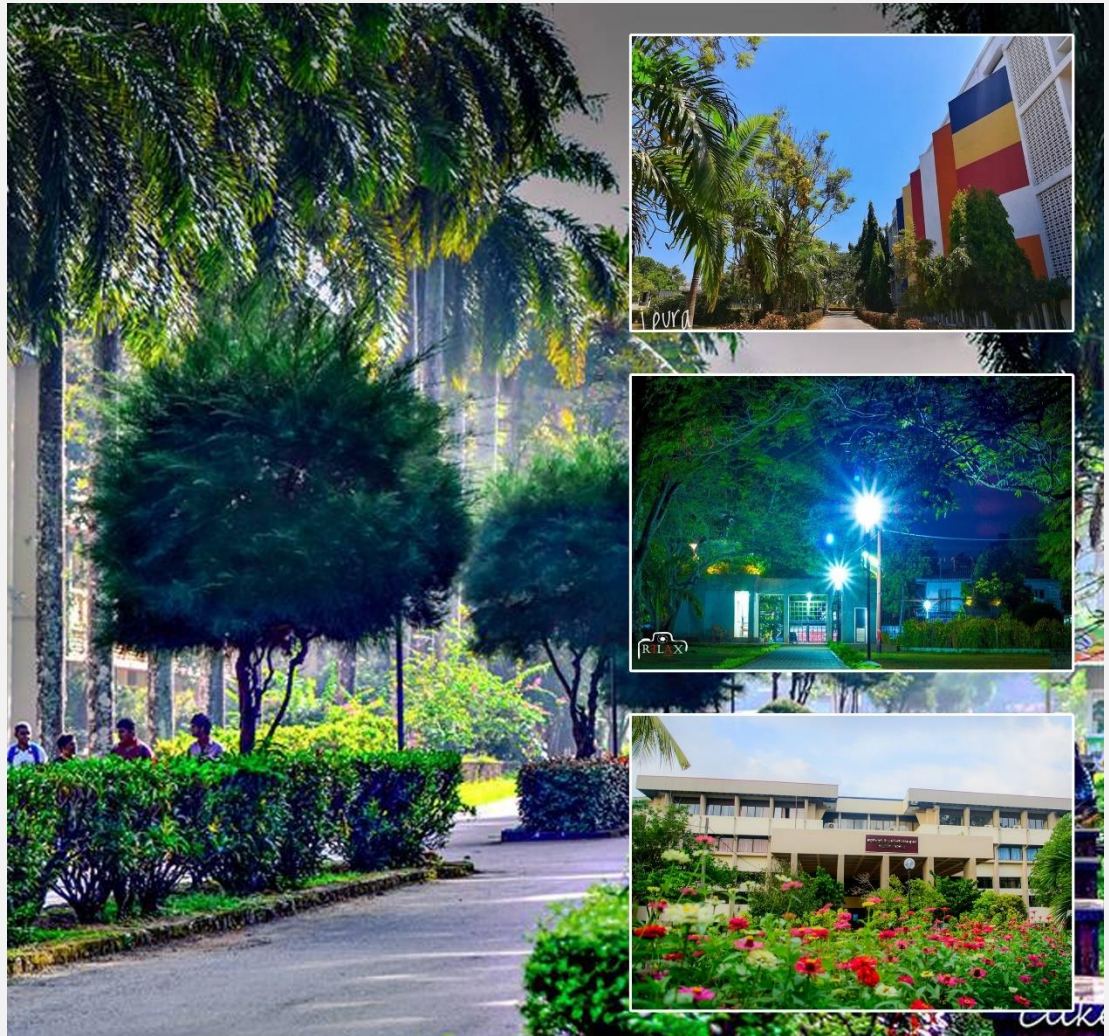
Students are always encouraged to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation. Resort to strikes / boycotting of classes, demonstrations and other protests to resolve the problems, is not recommended.

### **4. Safeguarding the properties and the environmental sustainability of the University and Faculty**

It is the duty and the responsibility of the students to protect the properties of the University and Faculty. Students should ensure that the lecture halls, tutorial rooms, laboratories, libraries, dissection halls and the premises of the University and Faculty are clean and tidy.

Students should utilise the University and Faculty resources in such a way so that these resources are not depleted or permanently damaged, compromising the ability of

future generations of students to meet their needs. Students should be mindful of the use of electricity, water and the other resources while attending academic and extracurricular activities. Students should also consider reporting maintenance problems such as electrical faults, leaking water pipes, broken toilets etc should be reported to the relevant authorities.





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Library (Medical)	011 2758530	8530

## 2. Identity Cards and Student Record Books

All students are issued an identity card and a record book. The identity card contains a photograph with a registration number (DE number). This will be the only valid document for identification of the student, and should be kept with the student when attending classes at the Faculty, hospital or during field visits. The identity card is essential to enter the University premises and borrow books from the library. These should be kept safely until the degree course is completed.

The student record book documents the course work completed by the students (tutorials, practicals, small group discussions, clinical work etc.) and is a record of the attendance for curricular activities and the satisfactory completion of work. In addition, it is a record of examination results of the students.

The record book is considered the property of the University, until the graduation of the student. After graduation it will be handed over to the student.

In case of loss of a student identity card, it should be reported to the Deputy Registrar/FDS accompanied with a copy of the police complaint.

### 3. Library (Faculty of Medical Sciences)

The library is housed in the new building of the Faculty of Medical Sciences. The library comprises two sections: the reference and the lending sections. The reference section has the capacity to accommodate approximately 150 students and includes several computers for online use.

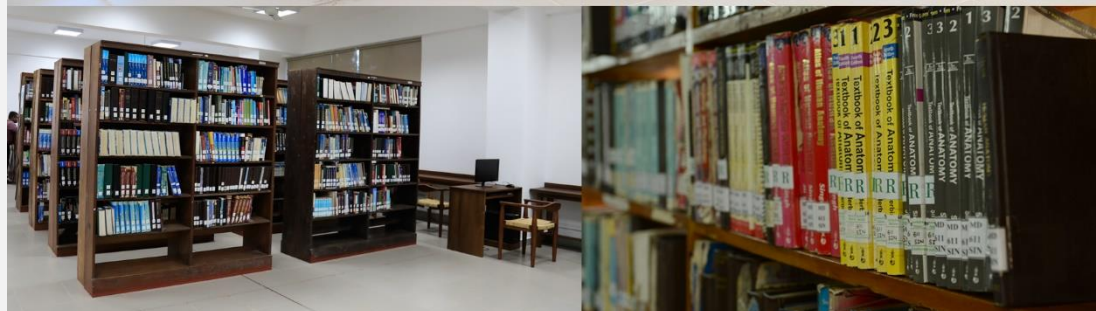
A varied selection of information resources are available in the library, including monographs, periodicals, e-sources, (CD-ROM and online sources) and audio visual material.

The library offers the following services:

- Reading facilities
- Reference and lending facilities
- Inquiry and referral
- Information retrieval services (Online databases and CD-ROM searching)
- Internet searching facilities and e-mail facilities for students and staff
- User education services through orientation programmes, lectures, workshops and seminars for all user categories
- Guidance for students in their academic activities especially research projects.
- The library is used by many, including
  - Undergraduates (MBBS, BDS, Human Biology and Allied Health Sciences)
  - Postgraduates
  - Academic staff
  - Academic support staff
  - Non -academic staff
  - Researchers

The library is open on weekdays from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm and on weekends and holidays (except Poya days) from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. During examination periods it is kept open from 8.00 am - 8.00 pm daily.

The library has an array of reading materials and books. Students are expected to use them carefully according to the rules and regulations of the library which will be explained during the orientation programme.



## 4. Skills Training Laboratories

The Resource Centre consists of 4 laboratories:

1. Dental Anatomy and Dental Skills Laboratory
2. Language and Communication Laboratory
3. Information Technology Laboratory
4. Skills Laboratory

### 1. Dental Anatomy and Dental Skills Laboratory

Skills training sessions are conducted in the skills laboratory, providing students with adequate time to master relevant clinical skills in a non-threatening environment. These sessions are conducted in small groups under the guidance of an academic staff member, giving each student an individualized attention and the opportunity to practice until he/she is confident in performing the task without supervision.

The laboratory consists of equipment such as models, simulators and mannequins, enabling students to acquire hands on practice in procedures.

### 2. Language and Communication Skills Laboratory (Faculty of Medical Sciences)

The Language and Communication Laboratory of the FMS has been made available for the usage of the students of the FDS.

The main aim of this laboratory is to facilitate the development of English language proficiency so that undergraduates may follow the degree course without language being a barrier. It also provides opportunities for students to improve English, Sinhala and Tamil conversational skills to communicate with patients and members of the health care team.



The language and communication development activities are conducted during the orientation programme and also during the course. The activities in the orientation programme are aimed at improving general English language proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Curricular time is also devoted to language activities during Phase I. These activities are subject based, closely related to the module content, with a focus on improvement of English language skills. Language teaching sessions include activity-book based classroom activities and IT based activities.

Language activities are compulsory. Students who need more assistance are encouraged to use the laboratory more frequently. The laboratory will be kept open after hours at their request.

### **3. Information Technology Laboratory (Faculty of Medical Sciences)**

The Information Technology Laboratory of the FMS has been made available for the usage of the students of the FDS.

Students can access general IT facilities at the IT laboratory which provides students with opportunities for computer assisted learning. The two laboratories contain over 75 computers and unlimited internet access. Programmes including audio-visual aids to learning and 3D animations are available. The laboratory maintains a data-bank of Power Point presentations of lectures, tutorial questions and practice questions that can be accessed by students and staff. The laboratory can also be used to carry out literature searches, prepare presentations and for any other educational activity. Students are initially offered a module on information Technology during the orientation programme to familiarize them with use of computers. Thereafter, time is allocated under each module for IT based learning activities, using audio-visual aids, 3D animations and interactive sessions to provide insight into new concepts in basic sciences.



#### **4. Skills Laboratory (Faculty of Medical Sciences)**

The relevant selected skills training sessions for dental students are conducted in the Skills Laboratory of the FMS. This enables students with adequate time to master relevant clinical skills in a non- threatening environment at their own pace.

The laboratory consists of state- of- the- art equipment such as models, simulators and mannequins, enabling students to acquire hands on practice in procedures such as venipuncture, urinary catheterization, skin suturing, etc.

## 5. Student Welfare Facilities

### **Student Welfare Committee**

The Students' Welfare Committee (SWC) comprises of two academic members, two student representatives and the Deputy Registrar of the Student Welfare Centre of the university. The committee meets monthly and discusses issues related to student welfare. The committee also identifies students with financial difficulties and the most deserving students are assisted either by finding sponsors or through the Students Financial Assistance Scheme.

### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

The BDS course is free of charge for locally qualified students selected by the University Grants Commission. Different financial assistance schemes are available for students of low-income families. The students are selected for scholarships and bursaries based on their local administrator's (GramaNiladhari's) recommendations and certification of income level. A student who receives 'Mahapola' is not eligible for a bursary.

### **Mahapola**

The 'Mahapola' scholarship is awarded by the Mahapola Trust Fund. Students are selected primarily based on their merit order and a small proportion on the parental income.

### **Bursary**

The bursary scheme is for students with low income. The recipient students are selected based on the criteria adapted by the university.

## **Accommodation Facilities**

The first year and final year students are eligible for University hostel facilities. Students may contact the student welfare centre for further details.

## **6. Physical Environment**

### **Lecture Halls and Tutorial Rooms**

The students of the BDS programme during their pre-clinical phase attend pre-clinical subjects, anatomy, biochemistry and physiology together with the parallel medical students of the Faculty of Medical Science, USJ. The five lecture halls; two lecture halls in the library building, the Anatomy Auditorium in the Anatomy block and two lecture halls in the ground and first floor of the phase IV building of the FMS will be used by the dental students in the phase I and phase II when they attend the lectures together with the medical students. The tutorial rooms and seminar rooms of the FMS are also made available for the use of the dental students as when necessary. One tutorial room is available in the second floor of the library building where the FDS Dean's office and the other dental departments are located.

### **Student Reading Rooms**

The dental students are allowed to share the spacious open reading areas of the FMS together with the medical students to unwind between lectures. Several other reading rooms are scattered within the FMS premises which can be used as quiet places for work and study.

## **Canteen**

The two canteens located one in the Anatomy block of the FMS and the open canteen in the phase IV building of the FMS is open for the dental students.

There are nine other student canteens common to students of all faculties, located within the University premises.

## **Laboratories**

Dental Anatomy and Dental Skills Laboratory is located in the FDS. The laboratories in the FMS (ie: pathology laboratory, microbiology laboratory etc) are also available for student teaching/ learning and skills development purposes.

## **Recreation Facilities**

The University has a well-equipped gymnasium, swimming pool and two grounds which are used for various sports. These activities are conducted by the Physical Education Division of the University.



## 7. Health and Counselling Facilities

### **Medical Centre**

The University Medical Centre caters to all the students of the University, free of charge, as the first contact and continuing care. The medical centre also offers counseling service which is carried out by 5 qualified counsellors.

When a student is absent from an examination or from tutorials, practicals or clinical sessions a medical certificate issued from the Medical Centre or a medical certificate issued by a qualified medical practitioner has to be provided within 14 days of the illness. In the latter case the medical certificate has to be approved by the University Medical Officer before it is accepted.

### **Student Counsellors**

Faculty appoints student counsellors annually to provide counselling and guidance to students. Students are encouraged to meet the student counsellors regularly to discuss their problems.

### **Personal Tutor Scheme**

The Faculty has introduced a personal tutor scheme, where each student is assigned to academic staff members.

Students are provided dedicated curricular time within the orientation programme to meet their respective personal tutors. Thereafter, students are encouraged to meet their tutors regularly to discuss academic and personal problems.



## **Student Guidance on Academic Matters**

Details about the curriculum including assessments are given in the student handbook. During the orientation programme a detailed overview of the curriculum and assessments is given in addition to this. The website of the Faculty will also provide information to students. Students are requested to read these before the commencement of the course and at different stages during the course.



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## 1. Introduction

A variety of extra-curricular activities are available within the University providing students with ample respite from academic work. The undergraduates are encouraged to take part in the available wide range of sports and aesthetic activities.

As the current students of the FDS follow the 1ST BDS pre-clinical programme with the medical students of the FMS, the dental students participate in all the extracurricular activities organized by the different clubs and societies of the FMS together with the medical students. These include activities conducted by Arts Circle, Religious Societies, Sports Club and Nature & Photography Club.

The FMS annual variety performance, 'Talents', is a blend of eastern and western cultures, where the students display their talents in music, dance and drama. The Nature and Photography Club organises regular excursions and photography exhibitions and the Sports Club holds numerous sports events throughout the year. These social activities are organised entirely by students and it is encouraging to observe their organisational abilities, leadership skills and the spirit of team work displayed in conducting such events.

## 2. Voluntary Community Projects of Students

Annual blood donation campaign: The most junior batch of the medical students together with the 1<sup>st</sup> year dental students organizes a blood donation campaign annually. The donated blood is given to the blood bank of the National Cancer Institute Maharagama.

### 3. Arts Circle

The Arts Circle of the FMS organizes "Talents" a variety performance, with items ranging from songs, music, dance and drama, involves the participation of both students and staff. The dental students also take part in organizing and performing at the "Talents" show.



## 4. Religious Societies

The different religious activities are conducted in conjunction with different religious societies of the FMS and similar societies in the University.

### **Buddhist Society**

The Buddhist Society organises several annual activities including dharma discussions, bhakthigeetha programmes. One of the main events organised by the society is the annual pirith ceremony, conducted for the merit of those who have donated bodies to the Anatomy Department for the purpose of dissection.

### **Hindu Society**

The Hindu students of the FDS join with the Hindu society of the FMS to foster religious and social harmony with the other religious societies of the FMS and the university.

### **Muslim Majlis**

The Muslim students of the FDS joins with the Muslims students of the FMS in the Muslim Majlis which is an organization for Muslim students. The motto of the organization is to achieve a peaceful environment in the University which consists of different religious and cultural backgrounds.

### **University Catholic Students' Movement**

University Catholic Students' Movement (UCSM) functions under the norms and regulations of the University. The dental students can join the UCSM. During Christmas, the UCSM organises a carol service.

## 5. Sports Club and Sports Activities

The Department of Physical Education of the university provides all the facilities for a wide variety of sports activities enhancing the quality of sports within the university. It encourages the university students to participate in sports and provide the necessary sports equipment.

The facilities for the following sports are available at the Physical Education Department.

- Athletic
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Carom
- Chess
- Cricket
- Elle
- Football
- Hockey
- Karate
- Netball
- Road race
- Rugby
- Swimming
- Table Tannins
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Weightlifting
- Wrestling

## 6. English Literary Association (ELA)

The ELA of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, is a student club that provides a platform for students to develop their English language competency and related soft skills which prove to be quintessential in the current global context. It also provides training to students to achieve in competitions at National and International level. Creative writing abilities of students are expressed through the English Magazine, the blog, the Facebook page and inter-faculty competitions organized by the ELA annually.





## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

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## 1. Introduction

The duration of the BDS degree course is five years. Each academic year comprises 3 terms and each term is 10 weeks in duration. The curriculum delivery is synchronized, system-based and is divided into three phases: Phase I (Preclinical), Phase II (Para-clinical) and Phase III (Clinical).

Phase I comprises four main subjects, teaching the normal structure and function of the human body. The Personal and Professional Development (PPD) Stream commences in Phase I and runs throughout the course.

Phase II consists para-clinical subjects where students learn the various diseases affecting the human body and the related abnormal bodily structure and function in each condition. They also learn Community Dentistry and Dental Materials during this phase.

Phase III comprises the final part I & II during which the clinical Dentistry is learned. Clinical teaching and skill development would take place at the National Dental Teaching Hospital Sri Lanka, Colombo South Teaching Hospital and Welisara Navy Hospital. During part I they will learn and develop skills in 8 main subject areas in Dentistry. During the last year a comprehensive advanced patient management with familiarization of treatment protocols would take place.

### **Overview of the BDS Study Programme**

Each academic year consists of three terms, and each term is 10 weeks in duration. Phase I consist of 5 terms, Phase II, 3 terms and the Phase III, 6 terms.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
Orientation	Phase I Subjects		Phase II Subjects	Phase III Subjects	Phase III Subjects
	Clinical Skills Training Phase I		Clinical Skills Training Phase II	Clinical Skills Training Phase III	Clinical Skills Training Phase III
	Personal and Professional Development Stream				

## 2. Organisation of Academic Content

### Phase I

Phase I (Basic Sciences) begins with the orientation programme and then spans over 5 terms. Students will learn Anatomy, Biochemistry, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology and Physiology during this phase and will learn integration of these into clinical situation. The PPD stream also commences in Phase I.

### Orientation Programme

The orientation programme is conducted in the first 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the first term. The main aim of the programme is to guide the students to become self-directed learners and to improve their language, communication and information technology (IT) skills. Well-structured language and IT

modules are conducted at the purpose built, state-of-the-art, Language and IT Laboratories in the Resource Centre of the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

The students will be assessed on English language Competency in reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in English at the end of First Examination for BDS. The students should pass this English Language Competency Test to obtain the degree certificate. Students who fail to obtain pass marks in the first attempt can sit the examination with the subsequent batches.

Special lectures are conducted to promote student awareness on rules and regulations of the University, mission and objectives of the Faculty, Dental curriculum, library facilities and access, student welfare facilities, sports and recreational activities as well as student societies.

PPD activities are also incorporated in the orientation programme. In addition, special sessions on coping strategies, time management, and relaxation techniques are included to empower students to cope with the stresses of campus life.

Academic activities begin soon after completion of the orientation programme with delivery of the "Commencement Lecture" by an invited speaker.

## **Clinical Skills**

Acquiring clinical and manual dexterities will commence from the first year. During Phase I this will be achieved through sessions in the skills laboratory and a few hospital visits to Dental Consultant units. Introduction to subjects will take place with the participation of a clinician, highlighting the clinical relevance to basic sciences.

Before the commencement of Phase II and clinical appointments there will be lectures by the Phase II and Phase III coordinators regarding the curriculum and assessments. In addition, there will be some lectures on PPD on social etiquette and gender-based violence.

## **Phase II**

Phase II (Para-clinical Sciences) spans over 3 terms and during Phase II, students will concentrate on para-clinical subjects like Pharmacology & General Medicine, General Surgery & General Pathology, Microbiology, Dental Materials together with Community Dentistry. They will have a basic knowledge in General Medicine & Surgery in managing their routine patients & also be competent in managing the medical emergencies in Dental practice. They will have clinical sessions at a teaching hospital (Colombo South Teaching Hospital) as afternoon sessions and Basic Dental skills training at the skills laboratory.

## **3. Personal and Professional Development (PPD) Stream**

The Personal and Professional Development Stream focuses on strengthening Dental professionalism to facilitate better health-care delivery in the country. The stream continues throughout the dental curriculum and is taught in the form of "themes" relevant to each topic, such as communication, counselling, teamwork, leadership, including principles of empathy & sympathy. In addition, familiarization with Dental clinical settings, visits to Hospital Specialist Units and OPD clinics and Basic skills development in the skills & Dental Technology Laboratories are arranged

## **4. Clinical Training and Phase III**

### **Phase III (Clinical Training in Dentistry)**

spans over 6 terms. Clinical skills in Dental problem listing, diagnosis and treatment planning in different disciplines will start in phase III and continue throughout the phase.

Clinical training involves rotational appointments in Oral Surgery, Oral pathology, Oral Medicine, Restorative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Periodontology, Pedodontics, and Orthodontics in the relevant clinical departments during Phase III Part I. During Phase III Part II students are trained in Comprehensive care, Geriatric Dentistry & Maxillo-Facial Surgery. During Phase III the main emphasis will be on clinical training, which will be complemented by hands on, skills development tutorials and lectures relevant to clinical Dentistry.

Clinical Rotations during Final part I in Phase III

Specialty	Duration
Oral Medicine	4 weeks
Oral Surgery	4 weeks
Restorative Dentistry	4 weeks
Pedodontics	4 weeks
Periodontology	4 weeks
Prosthodontics	4 weeks
Oral Pathology	3 weeks
Orthodontics	3 weeks

### Body Systems and Recommended Reading

The curriculum is delivered in a synchronized, system-based manner. The individual body system booklets providing information on objectives, contents, teaching/ learning activities and the recommended reading material for the relevant system is

uploaded to the Learning Management System (LMS). The students can access the information through LMS.

### **Change of Study Programmes for Unsuccessful Candidates**

Students who fail the First and Second Examinations for BDS degree who are unable to complete these examinations during the stipulated time given in the by-laws of the Faculty, can be allowed to switch to the BSc. Human Biology General degree programme of the FMS.

### **Academic Guidance for Students with Special Needs**

Attendance at small group discussions, tutorials and practical classes is regularly monitored and students with poor attendance are requested to meet the relevant Heads of the departments to discuss the reasons for such and to take remedial action when necessary. Marks of the in-course assessments are also monitored and special attention will be given to those who obtain low marks before the final examination in the relevant phase. Remedial teaching by way of lectures, small group discussions and practical classes can be arranged with the respective Heads of departments. The students who fail the main examinations are counselled and assisted with revision tutorials and revision lectures and also individual training on case presentations.





# **ASSESSMENTS AND EXAMINATION BY-LAWS**

## **EXAMINATION BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**For**

**First, Second and Final Examination for  
Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Degree  
of**

**UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA**

(BY-LAWS MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA

UNDER SECTION 135 OF THE UNIVERSITIES ACT NO.16 OF 1978)

## **ASSESSMENTS AND EXAMINATION BY-LAWS**

### **BY-LAWS**

1. These By-Laws may be cited as the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree By-Laws
2. Subject to these By-Laws a student may be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery if he/she
  - a) has been admitted as an internal student of the University, and
  - b) has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 5 years, and
  - c) has completed the courses of study prescribed by the By-Laws, rules and regulations, to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor, and
  - d) has passed the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), and
  - e) has passed the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), and
  - f) has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), and
  - g) has paid such fees or other dues as may be prescribed by the University, and
  - h) has fulfilled any other conditions or requirements as may be prescribed by the University
3. The Examinations leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) shall be
  - i. First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS),
  - ii. Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), and
  - iii. Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) respectively.

4. The subjects/ streams within the courses of study and syllabi for the examinations leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery and the number of papers, oral examinations and other forms of evaluation in each subject/ stream shall be prescribed by the Regulations made by the Senate.
5. Each of the examinations prescribed by these By-Laws and the Regulations there under shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners constituted for the conduct of that examination.
6. A candidate shall present himself/herself for each examination leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery on the first occasion at which he/she is required to do so provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare that he/she is eligible to appear for that examination on a subsequent occasion.
7. A candidate may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt on the basis of a valid excuse\* submitted and accepted by the Senate and the attempt at which he/she sits the examination after the postponement shall be regarded as the attempt for which he/she has submitted a valid excuse.
8. In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination.
9. The candidate must have been issued a valid admission pertaining to a particular examination before being eligible to sit all the components/subjects of an examination. The candidate will not be allowed to sit for a separate component/subject in a particular examination if he/she has not been referred in that component/subject.
10. The candidate should have a minimum of 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals, within each term for each subject/stream assessed for the term, and satisfactory

completion of clinicals (where applicable) to be eligible to sit for the relevant subject/stream examination.

11. If the absence for tutorials / practicals / clinicals is covered by a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate will be eligible to sit for the next scheduled examination only after completion of 80% attendance for tutorials, practicals within each term and satisfactory attendance at clinicals. If this scheduled examination is the candidates first attempt he/she will be eligible for distinctions and Honours.
12. If the candidate fails to sit for a component of a main examination without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate will receive zero marks for that component/subject and will fail the whole examination. A candidate should take the entire examination next time as his/her second attempt. The candidate therefore would not be eligible for Honours and distinctions.
13. In the event a candidate fails to sit one or more sub components of a component/subject of an examination due to a valid excuse, the results of the components/subjects that the candidate sat for would be withheld until the results of all the components/subjects can be released. The maximum marks the candidate will be given for that particular component/subject at the next scheduled exam will be 50%.

or

the candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and take all the components/subjects at the next examination, which would be considered as his/her first attempt. The candidate would therefore be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

14. When a candidate sits an examination in the second or subsequent attempt, continuous assessment marks will not be taken into consideration.

**15.** A candidate who is absent with a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence for a continuous assessment, should sit another continuous assessment.

**16.**

16.1 Should a candidate be unable to sit for the examination at the first scheduled attempt due to his /her being repeated in a clinical appointment on account of a valid excuse, he/she may be allowed to sit for the next examination after completion of the repeat clinical appointment. If the missed examination is the candidate's first attempt he/she will be eligible for Honours and distinctions at the next scheduled examination.

16.2 If the candidate is unable to sit for a scheduled examination due to his/her being repeated in a clinical appointment not on account of a valid excuse, the candidate will not be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

**17.**

17.1 A candidate who has been successful at the First Examination for BDS degree, Second examination for BDS degree and Final Examination for BDS degree may be awarded First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper division) or Second Class Honours (Lower division) or a pass, as the case may be.

17.2 A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours unless he/she has taken the examination on the earliest occasion on which he/she is qualified to do so, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare, for some specified reason, that he/she is eligible for Honours at a subsequent attempt.

17.3 A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours unless he/she has passed the examination at his/her first scheduled attempt.



## **First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree**

- 18.** The First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree consists of examination of Phase I subjects Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology and Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, and any other subject approved by the Senate.
- 19.** A candidate for the First Examination for BDS degree should have
  - 19.1 followed the prescribed course of study in each of these subjects, to the satisfaction of the Faculty Board & the Vice-Chancellor
  - 19.2 completed the specified continuous assessments, and
  - 19.3 should have a minimum of 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals within each term.
- 20.** The course shall be of five terms duration and the First Examination for BDS degree will be held at the end of the fifth term, and a repeat examination will be held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.
- 21.** The examination immediately following the completion of the course shall be deemed to be the first due or scheduled attempt.
- 22.** A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been actually attempted or not, unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
- 23.** If the excuse has been accepted, the examination immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement recommended by the Senate shall be the candidate's first attempt.
- 24.** In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.



- 25.** A student should sit for the first attempt of the First Examination for BDS degree within four years of his/her registration with or without a valid excuse.
- 26.** A student must complete the First Examination for BDS degree in not more than four scheduled attempts not counting attempts with a valid excuse.
- 27.** Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the First Examination for BDS degree
- 27.1 A candidate who obtains 45% or above in theory and an overall average of 50% or above for each of the four subjects Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology shall be considered to have passed the First Examination for BDS degree.
- 27.2 A candidate who has passed at least in one subject of the First Examination for BDS degree and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for the other subject/s will be referred in the latter subject/s of the First Examination for BDS degree.
- 27.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any subject in the First Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt, he/she will be considered as having failed the whole examination of the First Examination for BDS degree.
- 28.** Award of classes for the First Examination for BDS degree
- 28.1 A candidate who passes the First Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components, shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 28.2 A candidate who passes the First Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).

28.3 A candidate who passes the First Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).

**29. Award of Distinctions for the First Examination for BDS degree**

29.1 A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology with a minimum of 65% or above in the theory component in that particular subject will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the First Examination for BDS degree in the first attempt.

## **Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree**

**30.** A student shall not be competent to enter the course for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree **unless and until** he/she has passed the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.

**31.** A candidate for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree shall have

- i. passed the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree,
- ii. thereafter completed, the prescribed courses of study in each of the subjects/streams specified for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor,
- iii. completed the continuous assessments,
- iv. a minimum of 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals and other specified educational activities within each term.

- 32.** The Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) will assess the contents of the Phase II Subjects Microbiology, Pharmacology & General Medicine, General Pathology & General Surgery, Dental Materials together with Community Dentistry.
- 33.** The course for the **Second Examination for BDS degree** shall be of three terms duration from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> terms. The Second Examination for BDS degree will be held at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> term, and a subsequent examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.
- 34.** Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree
- 34.1 Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree
- 34.1.1 A candidate who obtains 45% or above in theory and an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Second Examination for BDS degree, shall be considered to have passed the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.
- 34.1.2 A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Second Examination for BDS degree, and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subject/s will be referred in the latter subject/s of the Second Examination for Bachelor of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.
- 34.1.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Second Examination for BDS degree, at the first scheduled attempt, he/she will be considered as having failed the Second Examination for Bachelor of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.

**35. Award of classes for the Second Examination for BDS degree**

- 35.1 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 35.2 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).
- 35.3 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).

**36. Award of Distinctions for the Second Examination for BDS degree**

A candidate who obtains 70% or above in a particular subject with a minimum of 65% or above in the theory component in that particular subject/stream will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the Second Examination for BDS degree in the first attempt.

**Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Degree**

- 37.** The course for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Degree shall be of six terms duration from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> terms and a student shall not be competent to enter the course **unless and until** he/she has completed all the clinical appointments of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year to the satisfaction of the trainer.

**38.** The Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) consists of the following components.

- i. **Final Examination for BDS degree Part I** main examination will assess the contents of the Phase III Subjects Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, Restorative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Periodontology, Pedodontics and Orthodontics.
- ii. **Final Examination for BDS degree Part II** will assess the contents of the Phase III Subjects Comprehensive care (Integrated Dental care), Adult Oral Health (Geriatric & Special needs Dentistry), Advanced Dental Care, Research Project, Maxillo Facial Surgery & Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management.

**39.** The course for the **Final Examination for BDS degree Part I** shall be of three terms duration from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> terms. The Final Examination for BDS degree Part I will be held at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> term, and a subsequent examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.

39.1 Final Examination for Bachelor of dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I

39.1.1 A candidate who obtains 45% or above in theory and an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, shall be considered to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.

39.1.2 A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subject/s will be referred in the latter subject/s of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.

39.1.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, at the first scheduled

attempt, he/she will be considered as having failed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.

- 40. Personal and Professional Development Stream** assessment shall be in the form of a portfolio assessment and an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). It is mandatory for the candidate to have passed both assessments to be eligible to sit for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.

Those who are unsatisfactory at the portfolio assessment will be required to resubmit the portfolio and those who have not passed the OSCE will be required to sit a repeat OSCE and pass before being eligible to sit the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II.

- 41.** The course for the **Final Examination for BDS degree Part II** shall be of three terms duration from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> terms and a student shall not be competent to enter the course **unless and until** he/she has completed all the clinical appointments of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

**Final Examination for BDS degree Part II** will assess the contents of the Phase III Subjects Comprehensive care (Integrated Dental care), Adult Oral Health (Geriatric & Special needs Dentistry), Advanced Dental Care, Research Project, Maxillo Facial Surgery & Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management.

- 42.** The Final Examination for BDS degree Part II will be held at the end of 14<sup>th</sup> term and a subsequent examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.

- 43.** A candidate for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II shall have

- i. been registered as a dental student for a period not less than 5 years, and
- ii. passed the Second Examination for BDS degree, and
- iii. passed the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, and

- iv. completed to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor the prescribed course of study in each of the Phase III Subjects: Comprehensive care (Integrated Dental care), Adult Oral Health (Geriatric & Special needs Dentistry), Advanced Dental Care, Research Project, Maxillo Facial Surgery & Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management.
  - v. completed all the clinical appointments to the satisfaction of the trainer with regard to the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the student, and
  - vi. passed the assessment of the Personal and Professional Development Stream.
- 44.** Immediately following the completion of the above qualification, the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination shall be deemed to be the first due or scheduled attempt.
- 45.** A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been actually attempted or not, unless a valid excuse has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
- 46.** If an excuse has been accepted, the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement accepted and recommended by the Senate shall be considered the candidate's first attempt.
- 47.** In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit any one subject of the scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.
- 48.** A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination if he has, at one and the same examination, satisfied the board of the examiners in each of the subjects prescribed.



- 49.** A student may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt on the basis of a valid excuse\* submitted to and accepted by the Senate. Each period of exemption granted will be considered by the Senate on the basis of individual merit.
- 50.** A student shall complete his/her Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination either within 6 years or 12 scheduled attempts after the first scheduled attempt. All periods of exemption granted by the Senate are excluded when computing this six-year period. Notwithstanding above, the candidate should complete the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination within ten years of registration with or without a valid excuse.
- 51.** Criteria for Pass/Fail/Referred for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) Part II Examination
- 51.1 A candidate who obtains 45% or above in theory and an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II shall be considered to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.
- 51.2 A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subjects, will be referred in the latter subjects of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.
- 51.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II at the first scheduled attempt he/she will be considered as having failed the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.

**52. Award of Distinctions for the Final Examination for BDS degree**

A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Phase III subjects: Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, Restorative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, Periodontology, Pedodontics, Orthodontics, Comprehensive care (Integrated Dental care), Adult Oral Health (Geriatric & Special needs Dentistry), Advanced Dental Care, Research Project, Maxillo Facial Surgery & Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management with a minimum of 65% or above in the theory component in that particular subject/stream will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I and Part II in the first attempt.

**53. Award of classes for the Final Examination for BDS degree**

- 53.1 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I and Part II at the first scheduled attempts and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 53.2 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I and Part II at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination, and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).
- 53.3 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I and Part II at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).
- 53.4 A candidate who has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I and Part II at the first scheduled attempts and

obtains an average of 64% at that examination shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours) provided that he/she has,

- i. obtained Second Class Upper or First Class Honours in both the First Examination for BDS degree and Second Examination for BDS degree and,
- ii. has a cumulative average mark of 65% or above at the First Examination for BDS degree, Second Examination for BDS degree and the Final Examination for BDS degree.

53.5 A candidate who has passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an average mark of 58% or above at the Final Examination for BDS degree shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours) provided that he/she

- i. has obtained Honours in both the First Examination for BDS degree and the Second Examination for BDS degree and
- ii. has a cumulative average of 60% or above at the First Examination for BDS degree, Second Examination for BDS degree and the Final Examination for BDS degree.

\* Valid Excuses

- 1. Medical certificate acceptable to the Senate. The medical certificate should be submitted within 14 days of conclusion of the exam/part of the exam.
- 2. Death of immediate family member (parents / brother / sister / if married, spouse or children) one week prior to the exam or during the exam. The death certificate should be submitted for approval of the Senate.

### **Absence at First, Second and Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree**

1. A candidate should pass all components of a given examination at the first scheduled attempt of the same examination to be eligible for Honours and distinctions.
2. If a candidate is absent for the entire examination
  - i. With an excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate would sit the next examination as his/her first attempt and he/she would be eligible for Honours.
  - ii. Without an excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate would sit the next examination as his/her second attempt and not be eligible for Honours.
3. If a candidate is absent only for some subcomponents of the components/subjects of an examination (eg; viva, practical) with an excuse acceptable to the Senate the candidate should select one of the following options;
  - a) The candidate will be eligible to sit the particular component/subject of the examination at a subsequent attempt. The results of the component/subject that the candidate sat for would be withheld until the results of all the components/subjects can be released. The maximum marks the candidate will be given for that particular component/subject at the next scheduled exam will be 50%.
  - b) The candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and sit for all the components/subjects at the next examination, which would be considered as his/her first attempt. The candidate would therefore be eligible for Honours and distinctions.

4. In the event a candidate fails to sit all the subcomponents of a component /subject at the same examination,
  - i. With an excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate should select one of the following options;
    - a) The candidate will be eligible to sit the particular component/subject of the examination at a subsequent attempt. The results of the component/subject that the candidate sat for would be withheld until the results of all the components/subjects can be released. The maximum marks the candidate will be given for that particular component/subject at the next scheduled exam will be 50%.
    - b) The candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and sit for all the components/subjects at the next examination, which would be considered as his/her first attempt. The candidate would therefore be eligible for Honours and distinctions.
  - ii. Without an excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate would be considered failed in that component /subject and will therefore fail the whole exam. He/she should sit the entire examination next time as his/her second attempt. The candidate therefore would not be eligible for Honours and distinctions.
5. When a candidate sits an examination in the second or subsequent attempt,
  - i. Continuous assessment marks will not be taken into consideration.
  - ii. Will not be eligible for Honours or distinction/s.

### ***Absence at Tutorials and Practicals and other specified educational activities***

1. A candidate shall have a minimum of 80% attendance at tutorials and practicals and other specified educational activities within each term to be eligible to sit that component/stream/subject of an examination.
2. A candidate who fails to have 80% attendance at tutorials and practicals within each term should attend extra tutorials or practicals to complete the 80% attendance before he/she is eligible to sit the relevant components/streams/subjects of an examination.
3. Once the 80% attendance at tutorials and practicals within each term is completed, the candidate is eligible to sit the next scheduled relevant part of the examination.
4. If his/her absence is covered by an excuse acceptable to the Senate, this would be considered as his/her first attempt he/she therefore would be eligible for distinctions and Honours in the case of a main examination.
5. If his/her absence is not covered by an excuse acceptable to the Senate, this would be considered as his/her second attempt and he/she therefore would not be eligible for distinctions and Honours in the case of a main examination.
6. The candidate should be eligible to sit all components /streams /subjects of an examination before he/she is admitted to that examination.

### ***Absence at continuous assessments***

1. A candidate, who is unable to sit for a continuous assessment with a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence, should sit for another continuous assessment.
2. If a candidate is unable to sit for a continuous assessment without any valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence, he/she will be given a zero mark for that particular continuous assessment/s.
3. If a candidate is unable to sit for two or more continuous assessments without any valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence that student will not be eligible to sit for the relevant main examination, the First, Second and Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree as the case may be. The candidate will have to sit the subsequent examination which will be considered as his/her second attempt.

## **ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE FOR BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (BDS) DEGREE PROGRAMME**

### **ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE FIRST EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (BDS) DEGREE - PHASE I**

#### **1. Continuous Assessments (CA) of the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree**

- 1.1 There will be a total of five continuous assessments (CA), comprising of subjects Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology. Each continuous assessment comprises of one or more of theory, practical and viva components. The practical and or viva component would be held at the end of each term while the theory component will be assessed at the beginning of the following term. The fifth continuous assessment, both theory and practical would be held at the end of the fifth term. Table 1: Modules assessed in each continuous assessment in Phase I
- 1.2 Continuous assessments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Anatomy, Biochemistry and Physiology will account for 30% of the total marks in each subject and Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology will account for 20% of the total marks at the First Examination for BDS degree. This applies to the first attempt only. Structure of continuous assessments - Dental (CA 1- CA 5) and marks allocated to be carried by the continuous assessments are shown in Table 1.



Table 1: Distribution of marks for each subject in relevant continuous assessments (CA)

Subjects	CA - 1		CA - 2		CA - 3		CA - 4		CA - 5		Percentage of CA for First Examination for BDS Degree
	Type	Number	Type	Number	Type	Number	Type	Number	Type	Number	
<b>Anatomy</b>	SEQs** MCQ* Spots	02 (3.5) 20 (2) 20 (2)	SEQs** MCQ* Spots	02 (3.5) 20 (2) 20 (2)	SEQs** MCQ* Spots	02 (3.5) 20 (2) 20 (2)			SEQs** MCQ* Spots	02 (3.5) 20 (2) 20 (2)	
<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>(7.5)</b>		<b>(7.5)</b>		<b>(7.5)</b>				<b>(7.5)</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Biochemistry</b>	SEQs** MCQs*	02 (4) 10 (2)	SEQs** MCQ*	02 (4) 10 (2)	SEQs** MCQs*	03 (6) 15 (3)	SEQs** MCQs*	03 (6) 15 (3)			
<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>(06)</b>		<b>(06)</b>		<b>(09)</b>		<b>(09)</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>Physiology</b>	SEQs** MCQs*	02 (4) 10 (2)	SEQs** MCQs* OSPE***	03 (3) 20 (3) 10 (4)	SEQs** MCQs*	03 (4) 20 (3)			SEQs** MCQs* Structured Viva****	04 (4) - 03 (3)	
<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>(06)</b>		<b>(10)</b>		<b>(07)</b>				<b>(07)</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Dental Anatomy &amp; Oral Physiology</b>							SEQs** MCQ* Spots	04 (10) 20 (5) 20 (5)			
<b>Total Marks</b>								<b>(20)</b>			<b>20</b>

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination, \*\*\*\* Viva - voce examination is a structured Viva and will be of 5 minutes duration

## **2. Absence from Continuous Assessments (CA)**

- 2.1 If a candidate is unable to sit for a continuous assessment (CA) without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence, he/ she will be given a zero mark for that particular CA.
- 2.2 If a candidate is unable to sit for one/more subject/s of a continuous assessment (CA) without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence, he/ she will be given a zero mark for that subject/s in the CA.
- 2.3 If a candidate is unable to sit for any subject in CA 1, CA 2 & CA 3 with a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence he/ she will be given the opportunity to sit that particular subject/s in the respective continuous assessment with the next batch of students if possible or to sit for another relevant continuous assessment as specified by the respective Department/s.
- 2.4 If a candidate is unable to sit for any subject in CA 4 & CA 5 with a valid excuse acceptable to the senate to cover the absence he/ she will be given an opportunity to sit for another subsequent continuous assessment in that particular subject/s as specified by the respective Department/s.
- 2.5 If a candidate is unable to sit for one/more specific subject/s in two or more CAs without any valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence that student will not be eligible to sit for the First BDS examination.

## **3. First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (first attempt)**

- 3.1 The First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree will be conducted at least six weeks after the end of term 5. The First Examination for BDS degree will consist of four subjects namely Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology.
- 3.2 The structure and marks allocation for the three subjects of the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (first attempt) is tabulated in Table 2.

Table 2: Distribution of marks at the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (first attempt) in each subject with examination components

	Anatomy		Biochemistry		Physiology		Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology	
Components	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks
<b>MCQ*</b>	60	25%	40	25%	60	25%	40	<b>30%</b>
<b>SEQ**</b>	06	25%	06	25%	06	25%	06	<b>30%</b>
<b>Spots</b>	40	15%	25	10%	-	-	20	<b>15%</b>
<b>OSPE***</b>	-	-	-	-	20	15%		
<b>Practical</b>	-	-	Lab Test (1 Hour)	05%	-	-		
<b>Structured Viva</b>	7 Min	05%	7 Min	05%	7 Min	05%	7 Min	<b>05%</b>
<b>Continuous Assessments</b>	CA1,2,3,5	30%	CA1,2,3,4	30%	CA1,2,3,5	30%	CA4	<b>20%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination

- 3.3 To pass in Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology subjects, a candidate must obtain 45% or above in the theory component and an overall average of 50% or above in each subject.
- 3.4 If a candidate is referred in any of the above subjects, he/she will have to repeat only that subject. However, a candidate who obtains less than 25% in any one subject, he/she will have to re-sit the entire First Examination for BDS degree.
- 3.5 Distinctions and classes are awarded only in the first attempt.

- 3.6 A candidate must pass all four subjects of the First Examination for BDS degree to proceed to the third year of study.

#### 4. First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (subsequent attempts)

- 4.1 A subsequent examination will be held minimum of six weeks after the date of releasing the results of the main examination.
- 4.2 The structure of each subject is tabulated in Table 3. No marks would be carried from continuous assessments for the subsequent First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.

Table 3: Distribution of marks at First Examination for subsequent Examinations

	Anatomy		Biochemistry		Physiology		Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology	
Components	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks	No. of Questions	Marks
MCQ*	60	35%	40	35%	60	35%	40	35%
SEQ**	06	35%	06	35%	06	35%	06	35%
Spots	40	20%	25	15%	-	-	25	20%
OSPE***	-	-	-	-	20	20%		-
Practical	-	-	Lab Test (1 Hour)	10%	-	-	-	-
Structured Viva	7 Min	10%	7 Min	05%	7 Min	10%	7 Min	10%
Total		100%		100%		100%		100%

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination

- 4.3 To pass in Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology subjects, a candidate must obtain 45% or above in the theory component and an overall average of 50% or above in each subject.
- 4.4 If a candidate is referred in any of the above subjects, he/she will have to repeat only that subject.
- 4.5 No Distinctions and classes are awarded in subsequent attempts.
- 4.6 A candidate will be permitted a maximum of four attempts to pass the First Examination for BDS degree.

## **5. Award of Distinctions and classes at the First Examination for BDS degree**

- 5.1 Distinctions and classes are awarded only in the first scheduled attempt.
- 5.2 A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Anatomy, Dental Anatomy & Oral Physiology, Biochemistry and Physiology with a minimum of 65% in the theory component in that particular subject will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the whole First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree in the first attempt.
- 5.3 A candidate who passes an examination at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 5.4 A candidate who passes an examination at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% - 69% at that examination and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours)
- 5.5 A candidate who passes an examination at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has

obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).

- 5.6 A candidate who has submitted a valid excuse acceptable to the senate will be eligible for Honours/ distinctions only at the first attempt of the next scheduled examination.

## **6. English Language Competency Test (ELCT)**

- 6.1. Passing the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) is compulsory to obtain the BDS degree certificate.
- 6.2. BDS undergraduates are expected to achieve a minimum level of 6 in reading, writing, listening and speaking as specified in the University Test of English Language (UTEL) bench marks.
- 6.3. If a student fails to achieve pass marks at the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) conducted at the end of the First Examination for BDS degree, he/she is required to pass the ELCT at a subsequently scheduled ELCT Examination before award of the BDS degree.

## ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE SECOND EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (BDS) DEGREE - PHASE II

### 7. Continuous Assessment (CA) for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree

#### 7.1 Structure of the Continuous Assessments CA 7 & CA 8

There will be no continuous assessments at the end of term 6. At the end of the seventh and (CA 7) and eighth (CA 8) terms continuous assessments will be held.

The subjects assessed at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> terms will be Microbiology, General Pathology & General Surgery, General Medicine & Pharmacology, Community dentistry & Dental Bio materials. Table 4 tabulates the format of term 6 and 7 examinations.

Table 4: Format of the term 7 & 8 examinations

	CA - 7		CA - 8		Percentage of Marks to 2 <sup>nd</sup> BDS
	Type	No (% marks)	Type	No (% marks)	
Microbiology	MCQ*	20 (10%)	MCQ*	20 (10%)	20%
General Pathology & Surgery	MCQ*	20 (10%)	MCQ*	20 (10%)	20%
General Medicine & Pharmacology	MCQ*	20 (10%)	MCQ*	20 (10%)	20%
Community Dentistry	SEQ**	2 (10%)	SEQ**	2 (10%)	20%
Dental Material	OSPE	5 (10%)	OSPE	5 (10%)	20%
	MCQ	5 (10%)	MCQ	5 (10%)	

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE Objective Structured Practical

**8. The Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (first attempt)**

- 8.1. The Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree assesses the contents of the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> terms and will be conducted four weeks after the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> term.
- 8.2. The examination will consist of 5 subjects namely Microbiology, General Pathology & General Surgery, General Medicine & Pharmacology, Community dentistry & Dental Bio materials.
- 8.3. Assessment of General Surgery will be completed at the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.
- 8.4. Structure and the marks allocated for Microbiology, General Pathology & General Surgery, General Medicine & Pharmacology, Community dentistry & Dental Bio materials is tabulated in Table 5.



Table 5: Distribution of marks and the components assessed in each discipline at Second Examination for BDS degree (main) examination

Component	General Pathology & General Surgery		General Medicine & Pharmacology		Microbiology		Community Dentistry		Dental Bio Materials	
	No of Questions	Percentage Allocation of Marks	No of Questions	Percentage Allocation of Marks	No of Questions	Percentage Allocation of Marks	No of Questions	Percentage Allocation of Marks	No of Questions	Percentage Allocation of Marks
<b>MCQ*</b>	25	35%	25	35%	25	35%	20	35%	20	<b>35%</b>
<b>SEQ**</b>	03	35%	03	35%	03	35%	03	35%		<b>45%</b>
<b>OSPE***/ OSCE****/ Spots</b>	10	10%	-	10%	10	10%	10	10%		
<b>CA 7 &amp; 8</b>		20%		20%		20%		20%		<b>20%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical, \*\*\*\*OSCE - Objective Structured Clinical Examination

- 8.5 To pass in Microbiology, General Pathology & General Surgery, General Medicine & Pharmacology, Community dentistry & Dental Bio materials a candidate must obtain 50% or above in each subject.
- 8.6 If a candidate is referred in any of the above subjects, he/she will have to repeat only that subject. However, a candidate who obtains less than 25% in any one subject in the first scheduled attempt will have to re-sit the entire Second Examination for BDS degree examinations.
- 8.7 The subsequent examination will be held 6 weeks after the results are released. The structure and marks allocation for the subjects at the Second

Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree (subsequent attempts) is shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Distribution of marks and the components assessed in each discipline at Second Examination for BDS degree (subsequent) examination

	General Pathology & General Surgery		General Medicine & Pharmacology		Microbiology		Community Dentistry		Dental Bio Materials	
	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Question	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks
<b>MCQ*</b>	25	35%	25	35%	25	35%		35%		<b>40%</b>
<b>SEQ**</b>	03	50%	03	50%	03	50%		50%		<b>60%</b>
<b>OSPE***/ OSCE****/ Spots</b>	10	15%	-	15%	10	15%		15%		
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE Objective Structured Practical Examination

## 9. Award of Distinctions and classes for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree

9.1 Distinctions and classes are awarded only in the first attempt.

9.2 A candidate who obtains 70% or above in all Subjects with a minimum of 65% in the theory component in that particular subject will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has

passed the whole First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree in the first attempt.

- 9.3 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 9.4 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination, and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).
- 9.5 A candidate who passes the Second Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).

## ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (BDS) DEGREE - PHASE III

### Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree

54. A candidate for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree shall have
- passed the First Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree,
  - thereafter completed, the prescribed courses of study in each of the subjects/streams specified for the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor,
  - completed the continuous assessments,
  - a minimum of 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals and other specified educational activities within each term.
55. The Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) consists of the following components.
- Final Examination for BDS degree Part I** main examination will assess the contents of the Phase III Subjects Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, Restorative Dentistry, Periodontology, Prosthetic Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics.
  - Final Examination for BDS degree Part II** main examination will assess the contents of the Phase III Subjects Special Needs & Medically compromised, Integrated Dental care, Advanced Prosthodontics, Forensic Dentistry & practice management, Maxillo facial surgery, Research project
56. The course for the **Final Examination for BDS degree Part I** shall be of three terms duration from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> terms. The Final Examination for BDS degree Part I will be

held at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> term, and a subsequent examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.

57. The course for the **Final Examination for BDS degree Part II** shall be of three terms duration from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> terms. The Final Examination for BDS degree Part II will be held at the end of 14<sup>th</sup> term and a subsequent examination held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the previous examination.
58. **Personal and Professional Development Stream** assessment shall be in the form of a portfolio assessment and an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). It is mandatory for the candidate to have passed both assessments to be eligible to sit for the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.
59. Those who are unsatisfactory at the portfolio assessment will be required to resubmit the portfolio and those who have not passed the OSCE will be required to sit a repeat OSCE and pass before being eligible to sit the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II.
60. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree when he/she has passed **the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I and Final Examination for BDS degree Part II.**
61. **Structure of the Continuous Assessments - CA 9 and CA 11 during Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I**

There will be two continuous assessments at the end of term 10. All subjects will be assessed in these 2 assessments. There will be no continuous assessments at the end of Term 10. Table 7 shows the format of the term 9 and 11 examinations.

Table 7: Format of the term 9 and 11 examinations

	CA - 9		CA - 11		Percentage of Marks to the Final B DS 1
	Type	No (% marks)	Type	No (% marks)	
<b>Oral Pathology</b>	OSPE	10 (15%)	OSPE	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Paedodontics</b>	OSCE	10 (15%)	OSCE	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Restorative Dentistry</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Prosthetic Dentistry</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Oral Surgery</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Oral Medicine</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Periodontology</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Orthodontics</b>	<b>OSCE</b>	<b>10 (15%)</b>	<b>OSCE</b>	<b>10 (15%)</b>	<b>30%</b>

## 62. Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I

- 62.1.1 A candidate who obtains 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, shall be considered to have passed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.
- 62.1.2 A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subject/s will be referred in the latter

subject/s of the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.

62.1.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I, at the first scheduled attempt, he/she will be considered as having failed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I.

62.2 The structure and the marks allocated are as follows for the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I is Tabulated in Table 8

Table 8: Distribution of marks and the components assessed in each discipline at the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I examination

Subject / Component	Oral Pathology		Pediatric Dentistry		Restorative Dentistry		Prosthodontist		Oral Surgery		Oral medicine		Periodontology		Orthodontics	
	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks
SEQ**	4	55%	4	55%	03	40%	4	40%	4	50%	4	55%	4	55%	4	55%
OSCE***	-	-	15	15%	10	10%	10	10%	10	20%	10	15%	15	15%	15	15%
Clinical / Practical	3	15	-	-		20%		20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CA 9 & 11		30%		30%		30%		30%		30%		30%		30%		30%
Total		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination, # CMFA - Community dentistry Field Attachment

62.3 The subsequent examination will be held 6 weeks after the results are released and the structure and marks allocation for the subjects at the Final Examination for BDS degree I examination (subsequent attempts) are as follows:

Table 9: Distribution of marks and the components assessed in each discipline at the Final Examination for BDS degree Part I (subsequent) examination

Subject / Component	Oral Pathology		Pediatric Dentistry		Restorative Dentistry		Prosthodontist		Oral Surgery		Oral Medicine		Periodontology		Orthodontics	
	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks
SEQ**	4	70%	4	70%	03	55%	4	55%	4	65%	4	70%	4	70%	4	70%
OSCE***	-	-	15	30%	10	20%	10	20%	10	35%	10	30%	15	30%	15	30%
Clinical / Practical	3	30%	-	-		25%		25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%

\*MCQ - Multiple Choice Questions, \*\*SEQ - Structured Essay Questions, \*\*\*OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination



### 63. Structure of the Continuous Assessments - CA 13 and CA 14 during Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II

There will be two continuous assessments at the end of term 13 and 14. All subjects will be assessed in these 2 assessments. There will be no continuous assessments at the end of Term 12. Table 10 shows the format of the term 13 and 14 examinations.

Table 10: Format of the term 13 and 14 examinations

	CA 13		CA 14		Percentage of Marks to the Final BDS I
	Type	No (% marks)	Type	No (% marks)	
<b>Special Needs &amp; Medically Compromised</b>	OSCE	20 (15%)	OSCE	20 (15%)	<b>40%</b>
<b>Integrated Dental Care</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (25%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (25%)	<b>50%</b>
<b>Advanced Prosthodontics - Resto</b>	Clinical / Practical	(10%)	Clinical / Practical	(10%)	<b>20%</b>
<b>Forensic Dentistry &amp; Practice Management</b>	OSCE	10 (15%)	OSCE	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Maxillo Facial Surgery</b>	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	Clinical / Practical	10 (15%)	<b>30%</b>
<b>Research Project</b>	Project planning	10%	Project planning	10%	<b>20%</b>

## 64. Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part I

64.1 Distribution of marks and components in each discipline in Final BDS Part II, Main Examination is Tabulated in Table 11

Subject / Component	Special Needs & Geriatric Dentistry		Integrated Dental Care		Advanced Prosthetic- Restorative Care		Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management		Maxillo Facial Surgery		Research Project
	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	
OSCE***	25	30%	10	20%	25	20%	30	20%	60	50%	
SEQ**	03	-	03	-	03	40%	4	60%	5		
Clinical		30%		30%		20%				30%	
Research (Planning & Report)											30%
Defense (Research)											40%
CA 13 & 14	15	40%	-	50%	10	20%	10	20%	-	20%	30%
Total		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%	

64.1.1 A candidate who obtains an overall average of 50% or above in each of the subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II shall be considered to have passed the Second Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.

64.1.2 A candidate who has passed at least one subject of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II and has received 25% or above but less than 50% for each of the other subjects, will be referred in the latter subjects of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II.

64.1.3 If a candidate receives less than 25% for any of the above subjects of the Final Examination for BDS degree Part II at the first scheduled attempt he/she will be considered as having failed the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree Part II

64.2 The subsequent examination will be held 6 weeks after the results are released and the structure and marks allocation for the subjects at the Final Examination for BDS degree examination (subsequent attempts) is Tabulated in Table 12

Table 12. Distribution of marks and components in each discipline in Final BDS (Part II), subsequent exam

Subject / Component	Special Needs Medically Compromised		Integrated Dental Care		Advanced Prosthodontics - Resto		Forensic Dentistry & Practice Management		Maxillo-facial Surgery		Research Project
	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	No of Questions	Marks	
<b>OSCE***</b>	25	50%	10	45%	25	30%	30	30%	60	60%	
<b>SEQ**</b>	03	-	03	-	03	40%	04	70%	05	-	
<b>Clinical</b>	-	50%	-	55%	-	30%	-	-	-	40%	
<b>Research Project Planning &amp; Report</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45%
<b>Defense</b>											55%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	

## **65. Award of classes for the Final Examination for BDS degree**

- 65.1 50% of total marks of the Final BDS degree part I will be taken for the calculation of distinctions and classes of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.
- 65.2 50% of total marks of the Final BDS degree part II will be taken for the calculation of distinctions and classes of the Final Examination for Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree.
- 65.3 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination and has obtained an average of 65% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for First Class (Honours).
- 65.4 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65% to 69% at that examination and has obtained an average of 60% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Upper Division (Honours).
- 65.5 A candidate who passes the Final Examination for BDS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60% to 64% at that examination and has obtained an average of 55% or above in the theory components shall be eligible for Second Class Lower Division (Honours).

## **66. Award of Distinctions for the Final Examination for BDS degree**

A candidate who obtains 70% or above in Phase III subjects: Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Oral Medicine, Restorative Dentistry, Periodontology, Prosthetic Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Special Needs & Medically compromised, Integrated Dental care, Advanced Prosthodontics, Forensic Dentistry & practice management, Maxillo facial surgery, Research project will be awarded a distinction in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the Final Examination (both Part I & II) for BDS degree in the first attempt.

## 67. Personal and Professional Development Stream assessment

67.1 The assessment will comprise two components:

67.1.1 Portfolio assessment

67.1.2 Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

67.2 Both components will be conducted at the end of 12<sup>th</sup> term of BDS degree programme.

67.3 The components and the distribution of marks of the PPD assessment:

Component	Personal & Professional Development Stream	
	Number of Questions	Grade / Marks
Portfolio Assessment	-	Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory
OSCE	5 stations (8 min each)	50 (5x10)

The candidate should obtain an overall satisfactory grade to pass the portfolio assessment and overall minimum of 50% (25 marks) to pass the OSCE.

67.4 If a student fails in either component, he/she is required to pass the repeat OSCE and/or the relevant portfolio assessment during the final year to be eligible to sit for the Final Examination for BDS degree.





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