

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Rule IV

GRADING SYSTEM OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND FOUNDATION PROGRAMME EXAMINATIONS

*Amended on
4 May 2010*

IN exercise of the powers conferred by Part IV of the Constitution of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, the President, on the advice of the Senate, makes the following Rule:

1. Short Title & Commencement

This Rule may be cited as the **Grading System of Undergraduate Degree and Foundation Programme Examinations** Rule and shall come into force as from the date of incorporation of the University.

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2. General

(1) The grading system shall be a Hybrid System where the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and Honour's features shall be included.

(2) Generally, students shall be evaluated through the following components:

- (a) Final examination; and
- (b) Course work which includes test, quiz, project, laboratory report, industrial training, clinical posting, etc.

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(3) The following items pertaining to the grading system shall be determined by the relevant Faculty/Institute / Centre for Foundation Studies Board and endorsed by the Senate:

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- (a) Implementation of the open book practice in examination;
- (b) Percentage breakdown for the final examination and course work;
and
- (c) Breakdown for course work.

3. Grading System

Examination results are graded on a 4-point grading system for all undergraduate and Foundation programme examinations. Students are graded based upon the following grading system:

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3.1 Scheme of marks and grades applicable to intakes before January 2010:

Grade	Marks	Points	Description
A	80 - 100	4.0000	Excellent
A -	75 - 79	3.7000	Excellent
B +	70 - 74	3.3000	Very Good
B	65 - 69	3.0000	Good
B -	60 - 64	2.7000	Good
C +	55 - 59	2.3000	Satisfactory
C	50 - 54	2.0000	Pass
D	40 - 49	1.0000	Passing
F	0 - 39	0.0000	Fail

3.2 Scheme of marks and grades applicable to January 2010 intake onwards:

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Grade	Marks	Points
A+	90 - 100	4.0000
A	80 - 89	4.0000
A -	75 - 79	3.6700
B +	70 - 74	3.3300
B	65 - 69	3.0000
B -	60 - 64	2.6700
C +	55 - 59	2.3300
C	50 - 54	2.0000
F	0 - 49	0.0000

4. Other Grades:

The following codes shall be applicable to indicate the status of a course for a student:

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Status	Description
S/U	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
AU	Audit With Examination
AN	Audit Without Examination
EX	Exempted
BR	Barred
RS	Re-sit
RP	Repeat
AB	Absent
I	Incomplete
P	In Progress
W	Withdrawn
CT	Credit Transfer
FL	Failed
PS	Passed

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5. Grade Point Average (GPA), Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and Quality Point

- (1) The GPA for a trimester examination is determined by dividing the sum of all Quality Points earned by the sum of credits of all courses attempted in a trimester, excluding credits of courses which have no contributions to the GPA. Quality Point of a course is defined as the Grade Point earned multiplied by the credits of the course.

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The GPA for MBBS programme is determined by dividing the sum of all Quality Points earned by the sum of credits of all courses attempted in an examination session excluding credits of courses which have no contribution to the GPA.

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4 Jan 2011,
7 June 2016,
6 Aug 2019
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- (2) The CGPA is determined by dividing the sum of all Quality Points earned by the sum of credits attempted for all the trimesters/semesters, excluding credits of courses which have no contribution to the GPA or CGPA.

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and
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- (3) Where a candidate has repeated a course, the mark and grade that is taken into account in the determination of the CGPA shall be that obtained at the most recent Repeat sitting (prior to October 2022 trimester) or shall be based on the best result obtained from among all sittings (from October 2022 trimester onwards).

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- (3A) Where a candidate registers more elective courses than required in the same elective group, the candidate shall declare which existing elective course to be replaced to fulfill the requirement of that elective group before the end of add/drop period. Failing to do so, the most recent grade obtained from the required number of courses (prior to October 2022 trimester) or the best result obtained from among all sittings (from October 2022 trimester onwards) shall be taken into the calculation of GPA and CGPA.

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- (3B) Notwithstanding Clause 3A above, for any special case which is not covered under the clauses, such case shall be discussed at the Board of Examiners and recommendations shall be made to the Senate for approval.

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- (3C) A candidate who wishes to take any course not forming part of their programme of study shall register the course as an audit course. In that event, the grade obtained (if candidate opted to sit for examination) will not contribute towards the credit hour fulfillment and the calculation of GPA and CGPA.

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- (4) A candidate who has been found to be in breach of any one or more of the provisions contained in the Laws of the University shall be given the zero

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mark for the answer script concerned unless the Senate decides otherwise.

6. Classification of Degree

- (1) For all Undergraduate programmes before January 2011 Intake, honours classification shall be awarded based upon the cut-off CGPA as shown below:

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4 May 2010
and
14 Dec 2010*

Classification of Honours:	CGPA
First Class	3.5000 – 4.0000
Second Class (Upper Division)	3.0000 – 3.4999
Second Class (Lower Division)	2.2000 – 2.9999
Third Class	2.0000 – 2.1999

- (2) For all Undergraduate programmes with effect from January 2011 Intake, honours classification shall be awarded based upon the cut-off CGPA as shown below with effect from January 2011 Intake:

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and
14 Dec 2010*

Classification of Honours	CGPA
Honours Degree with Distinction	3.6700 – 4.0000
Honours Degree with Merit	3.0000 – 3.6699
Honours Degree	2.0000 – 2.9999

- (3) For MBBS programme with effect from May 2010 Intake, classification of degree shall be awarded based upon the cut-off CGPA as shown below:

*Amended on
4 May 2010
and
14 Dec 2010*

Classification	CGPA
Degree with Distinction	3.6700 – 4.0000
Degree with Merit	3.0000 – 3.6699
Degree	2.0000 – 2.9999

7. Graduation Requirements

- (1) Criteria for award of Bachelor Degree
Candidates who have successfully fulfilled the following requirements shall be awarded the Bachelor Degree:

- (a) Unless exempted, successfully completed and passed all core and elective courses in the programme;
- (b) Unless exempted, successfully completed and passed all MQA compulsory courses (applicable for candidates prior October 2013)

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intakes) or all MPU (Mata Pelajaran Pengajian Umum) compulsory courses (applicable for candidates from October 2013 intake onwards);

(c) Achieved a minimum CGPA of 2.0000 within the maximum duration of his programme of study;

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(d) Accumulated the minimum credits required for the programme of study;

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(dd) Passed MUET with the following minimum requirement or equivalent as required by the Senate. A candidate must meet this requirement within the maximum duration of the programme of study.

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1 Sept 2015,
7 Aug 2018
and
5 Jan 2023*

Programmes	Up to October 2022 intake	From January 2023 intake onwards
(i) All undergraduate Programmes except programmes stated in (ii) and (iii)	Band 3	Band 3.5
(ii) • Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) English Language • Bachelor of Arts (Honours) English Education	Band 4	Band 4.0
(iii) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Chinese Studies	Exempted	Exempted

(e) Fulfilled all other requirements stipulated by the University.

(f) Degree classification of the award is based upon CGPA achieved by the candidate in accordance with the table shown in Section 6 above.

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(g) The Senate shall have the discretion to make minor adjustments to the CGPA (up to the limit of 0.01 point) to elevate candidates to a higher classification of degree.

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7A. Aegrotat & Posthumous Degree

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(1) For the purpose of this clause:

An Aegrotat Degree is an award, without classification, made to a student who is prevented from completing his programme of study due to medical

reason, permanent loss of ability or other reasons accepted by the Senate based on the evidence that the student would have fulfilled all the degree requirements should he had been able to continue his study. The award title conferred shall contain "Aegrotat".

A Posthumous Degree is an award, without classification, made to a deceased student who did not complete his programme of study but had completed sufficient work to be awarded a degree. The award title conferred shall contain "Posthumous".

- (2) For the Award of Aegrotat Degree, a student must:
 - (i) earn at least 75% of the total credit hours for his programme of study; and
 - (ii) obtain a CGPA of at least 2.0000 for the last trimester/semester of study.
- (3) Application for Aegrotat Degree must be made by the student (where possible) or student's guardian/ next of kin in writing to the Dean of the Faculty/ Institute. The written application must include:
 - (i) a signed statement from the student (where possible) or student's guardian/ next of kin that he or the guardian/ next of kin is willing to accept the aegrotat award and thus, agreeing to waive the student's right to any further assessment/re-assessment should the application is approved; and
 - (ii) a medical report issued by a certified doctor in the case of illness or other appropriate documents for other cases that can establish the facts of the student's case.
- (4) For the award for Posthumous Degree, a student must:
 - (i) earn at least 75% of the total credit hours for his/her programme of study; and
 - (ii) obtain a CGPA of at least 2.0000 for the last trimester/semester of study.
- (5) Application for Posthumous Degree must be made by the deceased student's guardian/ next of kin, in writing to the Dean of the Faculty/Institute. The written application must be accompanied by the death certificate of the deceased student.
- (6) The Senate may, upon the recommendation of the Board of Examiners and

upon such conditions as it shall think fit, award an Aegrotat Degree or Posthumous Degree to the student concerned.

8. Honours List

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010*

(1) President's List

The President's List is published at the end of an academic year of MBBS study or at the end of a trimester for other academic programmes to honour students who have excelled academically and having met the following criteria for that trimester/MBBS Examination:

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
4 May 2010,
and
6 Aug 2019*

- (a) attempted a minimum of 12 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.8500 and above for full-time candidates in the long trimester;
OR

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

- (b) attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course and achieved a GPA of 3.8500 and above for full-time candidates in the short trimester;
OR

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

- (c) attempted a minimum of 9 credit hours (excluding credit hours of course which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.8500 and above for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the long trimester;
OR

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

- (d) attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.8500 and above for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the short trimester;
OR

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2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

- (e) had passed either Professional MBBS Examination or Continuous Assessment and achieved a GPA of 3.8500 and above.

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4 May 2010,
4 Jan 2011,
6 Aug 2019
and
3 Oct 2023*

AND

- (f) no barred courses;

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4 May 2010,
7 June 2016
and
6 Oct 2022*

AND

- (g) no grade 'C' and below;

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4 May 2010*

AND

- (h) not placed under Dean's List concurrently;

*Amended on
4 May 2010*

AND

- (i) not in breach of the University's rules and regulations.

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(2) Dean's List

The Dean's List is published at the end of an academic year of MBBS study or at the end of a trimester for other academic programmes to honour students who have excelled academically and having met the following criteria for that trimester/ MBBS Examination:

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
4 May 2010,
and
6 Aug 2019*

- (a) attempted a minimum of 12 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.6000 and above for full time candidates in the long trimester:

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

OR

- (b) attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.6000 and above for full time candidates in the short trimester;

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
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OR

- (c) attempted a minimum of 9 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.6000 and above for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the long trimester;

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
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OR

- (d) attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) and achieved a GPA of 3.6000 and above for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the short trimester;

*Amended on
2 Feb 2010,
2 Mar 2010,
4 May 2010
and
7 June 2016*

OR

- (e) had passed either Professional MBBS Examination or Continuous Assessment and achieved a GPA of 3.6000 and above.

*Amended on
4 May 2010,
4 Jan 2011,
6 Aug 2019
and
3 Oct 2023*

AND

- (f) no barred courses;

*Amended on
6 Oct 2022*

AND

- (g) no grade 'C' and below;

*Amended on
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AND

- (h) not placed under President's List concurrently;

*Amended on
4 May 2010*

AND

- (i) not in breach of the University's rules and regulations.

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(2A) Academic Improvement List

*Amended on
7 May 2021*

- (1) The Academic Improvement List is published at the end of an academic year of MBBS study or at the end of a trimester for Foundation and Undergraduate academic programmes to recognise and honour students who have improved markedly in their academic performance throughout a trimester (long or short) or an academic year.

- (2) The award criteria are based on GPA improvement benchmarked against the immediate previous* trimester/ academic year where students:

- (i) (a) have attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) for full-time candidates in the long trimester for both current and previous* trimesters that are used for comparison;

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OR

- (b) have attempted a minimum of 3 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) for full-time candidates in the short trimester for both current and previous* trimesters that are used for comparison;

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OR

- (c) have attempted a minimum of 6 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the long trimester for both current and previous* trimesters that are used for comparison;

OR

- (d) have attempted a minimum of 3 credit hours (excluding credit hours of courses which are attended as audit course) for part-time, evening or weekend candidates in the short trimester for both current and previous* trimesters that are used for comparison;

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OR

- (e) have passed either Professional MBBS Examination or

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Continuous Assessment.

- (ii) have achieved a GPA of 2.0000 and above for the current trimester/ MBBS Examination;
 - (iii) (a) have attained a minimum GPA improvement of 1.0000 upon comparison of current and previous* trimester/ academic year;
OR
(b) have elevated their academic standing from probation status in the previous* trimester to normal status in the current trimester (not applicable to MBBS Programme);
 - (iv) are not barred from examination in the current trimester/ MBBS Examination;
 - (v) are not placed under President's or Dean's List or Certificate of Merit (for MBBS Programme) concurrently in the current trimester;
 - (vi) are not in breach of the University's rules and regulations in the current trimester.
- (3) Students whose previous* trimester does not fulfill the criteria (i) above shall not be eligible for consideration of the award.
- (4) The award is granted to students within an academic level and cannot be carried forward to the next level of study, e.g. from Foundation to Undergraduate level, or to a new programme within the same level of study after programme transfer.

** Previous trimester is defined as the nearest past trimester with courses which have contributions to the GPA.*

(2B) Book Prize

The book prize shall be awarded at the end of the programme based on the overall CGPA and having met the following criteria:

- (a) Obtained First Class Honours for students before January 2011 intake or;
- (b) Obtained an Honours Degree with Distinction for students of January 2011 intake onwards.

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- (c) Obtained a Degree with Distinction for MBBS students of May 2010 intake onwards.

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(3) Certificate of Merit for MBBS Programme

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4 Aug 2015*

The certificate of Merit will be awarded at the end of an academic year of MBBS study to honour students who have excelled academically and have met the following criteria for that MBBS Examination:

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4 April 2017
and
6 Aug 2019*

- (a) had achieved a final mark of ≥ 70 marks in their Professional Examinations or Continuous Assessment, provided they were not in the President's or Dean's List AND

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- (b) that the "Certificate of Merit" shall be signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

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