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Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

(Note: The following Regulations govern the curriculum for the BDS Degree. The Regulations leave the College Board to decide certain procedures which are published each year in the Explanatory Notes which follow the Regulations.)

- 1 The Degree may be awarded without qualification or “with Honours” or “with Commendation” on the recommendation of the examiners for the Fifth Professional Examination. Outstanding performance in individual subjects or groups of subjects in any year may at the discretion of the Board of Examiners be entered in the published examination results as “with Merit” or “with Distinction”.
- 2 Every candidate for the Degree must attend in the University during not less than three academic years.
- 3 The curriculum for the Degree shall consist of the Predental Year and the five Professional Years, as detailed in course syllabus documents published from time to time.
- 4 Except where exemptions have been granted in terms of these Regulations, a candidate will be examined in the contents of the curriculum as specified in course and examination syllabus documentation for the Degree.
- 5 There will be a Qualifying examination at the end of the Predental Year and a Professional Examination(s) in each of the five Professional Years.
- 6 Subject to Regulation 13(1) below there will be two diets of examination for each subject of the Predental Qualifying Examination and for each of the professional examinations referred to in the preceding Regulation, each examination subject to be allocated to an appropriate period of examination as determined by the College Board from time to time.
- 7 Before being permitted to study for the BDS Degree, an intending candidate must have satisfied the general requirements for entrance to the University and should normally possess the following qualifications:
 - (a) For entry to the Predental Year
 - (i) In the Scottish Certificate of Education - at least five good Higher Grade passes in any recognised subjects, or
 - (ii) In the General Certificate of Education - at least three good advanced Level passes in any recognised subjects, or
 - (iii) In the case of candidates who have reached the age of 21, other evidence which must be acceptable to the College Board of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing as proof that the candidate has the capacity and attainment to complete successfully the studies herein prescribed.
 - (b) For entry to the Professional Years
 - (i) Successful completion of the Predental Year, or
 - (ii) In the Scottish Certificate of Education - at least five good Higher Grade passes which must include passes in Biology and any two of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics; provided, however, that such of these subjects as have not been passed at Higher Grade must normally have been passed at Standard Grade; or
 - (iii) In the General Certificate of Education - at least three good Advanced Level passes which must include passes in Biology (or Zoology) and any two of Physics (or Physics-and-Mathematics), Chemistry and Mathematics; provided, however, that such of these subjects as have not been passed at Advanced Level must normally

have been passed at GCSE; and provided also that an Advanced Level pass in Physical Science will satisfy the requirements of both Chemistry and Physics but will count as only one pass.

- 8 Subject to Regulation 2 and Regulation 13 below, an intending candidate for the Degree with additional qualifications may be granted exemption from study or examination, or both, to such extent as the College Board may determine.
- 9 Subject to any exemptions granted under the terms of these regulations, a candidate for the Degree shall be required to pursue the studies detailed in the course syllabus documentation for a period of not less than five academic years.
- 10 In the case of a student whose clinical ability or knowledge gives rise to concerns that patient safety could be compromised, the Dean of Dentistry, following consultation with relevant clinical staff, may temporarily debar the student from all or any clinical work on the course. As soon as circumstances permit, the student should either be reinstated, or dealt with in accordance with the Dundee Dental School Fitness to Practise Committee Regulations, at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- 11 Candidates' knowledge shall be assessed at such times and by such means as the College Board may from time to time determine:

Provided:

first, that except where exemption has been granted under the terms of these Regulations, the appropriate professional examination must be taken in each of the Professional Years

and

second, that, in order to be eligible to sit all or part of the Predental Qualifying Examination or any Professional Examination at any diet, candidates must demonstrate that their work and attendance at classes, clinics and examinations has been satisfactory, as evidenced by a notice of such eligibility posted by the School Office on the authority of the Dean of Dentistry.

- 12 Every candidate must take, at the first diet, the Predental Qualifying Examination or the Professional Examination appropriate to the year of the course being studied unless granted exemption under the terms of these Regulations, or debarred from sitting the examination under Regulation 10, or permitted by the Dean of Dentistry to postpone the examination.
- 13 (1) Following the end of the Second Professional Year there will be an Introduction to Clinical Skills Course followed by a Professional Examination to qualify students to enter the Clinical Dentistry element of the Third Professional Year. The resit diet for this will be held prior to the start of the first semester of the Third Professional Year. Candidates satisfying the examiners by the first or second diet will enter Stream A of the Third Professional Year, which will comprise the full range of subjects specified in the Syllabus of Courses for the Year. Students failing to satisfy the Examiners by the end of the second diet of the Examination will enter Stream B of the Third Professional Year, which will comprise (i) revision of Introduction to Clinical Skills leading to a third diet of the qualifying Professional Examination at the end of the first Semester of the Year, and (ii) other elements of the Third Professional Year including Clinical Medical Sciences but excluding Clinical Dentistry Part I.

(2) Candidates satisfying the Examiners following the third diet of the Introduction to Clinical Skills Professional Examination will continue with the remaining Stream B activities, undertaking, in addition, the Clinical Dental Techniques course from the Second Professional Year and such other activities as are prescribed by the School. Prior to commencing Stream A of the Third Professional Year in the following session they will also undertake the Introduction to Clinical Skills Course but without being required to re-pass the Professional Examination in the subject. In the course of their Third Professional Year Stream A studies in the following session they will require to undertake all of the work of the class but will not be required to re-pass Clinical Medical Science if they have already satisfied the examiners for that subject.

(3) Candidates failing to satisfy the Examiners following the third diet of the Introduction to Clinical Skills Professional Examination will be permitted

either

(i) to continue their Third Professional Year Stream B studies but only for the purpose of attempting the Third Professional Year Clinical Medical Science Degree Examination. Candidates doing so successfully will normally transfer immediately to the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Medical Science, which transfer will have the effect of withdrawal from the BDS degree regulations.

or

(ii) to continue their Third Professional Year Stream B studies but only for the purpose of (a) attempting the Third Professional Year Clinical Medical Science Degree Examination and (b) re-taking the Introduction to Clinical Skills Course and reattempting the related Professional Examination. Candidates doing so successfully will normally be permitted to continue with their BDS studies by re-entering Third Professional Year, with exemption from the Clinical Medical Science Degree Examination if successfully passed. Candidates failing the Introduction to Clinical Skills Examination for a fourth time may either be required to withdraw from the BDS course, subject to a right of appeal to the Senate, or permitted to continue under such conditions as the Dean of Dentistry may prescribe.

14 Unless otherwise specified in Regulation 13 above:

(1) Where a candidate has failed, by the end of the second diet, to satisfy the examiners the Pre dental Qualifying Examination or a Professional Examination(s), he or she will *either*:

(a) on the first such occasion, normally be permitted to continue with the course by repeating the year in accordance with Regulation 14 (2) below

or

(b) on a second or subsequent occasion, either be required to withdraw from the BDS course, subject to a right of appeal to the Senate, or permitted to continue in accordance with Regulation 14 (2) below and under such conditions as the Dean of Dentistry, acting on the advice of the Dental Termination of Studies (Review) Committee, may prescribe.

(2) A candidate who has failed to satisfy the Examiners after the second (resit) diet will (a) not be allowed to carry subjects into the next year and will (b) be required to retake all of the degree examinations and courses relevant to the year notwithstanding any passes already obtained in the previous year.

15 In addition to any exemptions granted under the terms of Regulation 8, a candidate whose work, in the opinion of the examiners appointed, has reached a sufficiently high standard, may be exempted from all or part of any examination, except the Fourth and Fifth Professional Examinations.

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Medical Science (BMSc Honours) for Dental Students

- 1 The Degree of Bachelor of Medical Science may be conferred as an Honours Degree or without qualification.
- 2 There shall be three grades of Honours to be called First, Second and Third Class. The Second Class shall be divided into an upper and lower division.
- 3 Every candidate for the Degree, unless granted a concession or exemption under these Regulations must attend in the University, or another University approved by the College Board, during not less than six academic semesters, courses of instruction in subjects prescribed in these Regulations, and must pass the Degree examinations similarly prescribed.
- 4 Before being admitted to any course for the Honours Degree of Bachelor of Medical Science, a candidate must
 - (i) have completed successfully the First and Second Professional Examinations for the Degree of BDS in the University or their equivalent
 - (ii) satisfy the Heads of the Departments concerned regarding academic fitness to enter the proposed course of study and
 - (iii) have the permission of the Dean of Dentistry.
- 5 A candidate for the Honours Degree shall be required to pursue, for at least a further two Semesters and to the satisfaction of the Heads of the Departments concerned, a course of advanced study, hereinafter referred to as the Honours Year, in one or more of the subjects listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.
- 6 Subject to the approval of the College Board, a candidate who has been registered as a dental student of the University of Dundee for at least two years may pursue the studies for the Honours Degree in another university or institution.
- 7 A candidate shall be required to complete successfully the examinations described in Regulation 10.
- 8 Before being admitted to the written and oral parts of the Degree examination a candidate must have duly performed the work of the Honours year.
- 9 Degree examinations in all Honours courses shall be held once in each academic year and the entire examination must be attempted at a single period of examination.
- 10 The Degree examination in each Honours course may consist of:
 - (a) a written examination,
 - (b) an oral examination,
 - (c) an assessment of the work of a candidate either by practical examination or by such other means, which may include a dissertation, as the head of department may determine.
- 11 A candidate whose results in examination do not, in the opinion of the examiners, justify the award of Honours may, if the examiners so recommend, be awarded the Degree of BMSc without qualification.
- 12 A candidate, prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from beginning or completing the Honours Degree examination, may, if the examiners so recommend:
 - (a) be awarded Honours within one of the classes described in Regulation 2, or
 - (b) be awarded unclassified Honours, or
 - (c) be awarded the Degree without qualification, or

(d) be permitted to apply to the College Board for permission to take the examination at a later diet of examination.

- 13 A candidate who has completed the Honours Degree examination may not take the examination again in that subject though, with the approval of the College Board, the Honours Degree examination may be taken in another Honours subject.
- 14 The list of candidates from each course who have successfully completed the Honours Degree examination must be signed by not less than three examiners of whom at least one shall be an external examiner.

Schedule

The subjects referred to in Regulation 5 are: Anatomy with Forensic Anthropology, Biochemistry, Forensic Medicine, Medical Psychology, Neurosciences and Physiology.

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Medical Science

- 1 Any student enrolled in the University for the Degrees of MB, ChB or BDS may, with the permission of the Head of the College of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing, transfer to these Regulations and study for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Science. Passes in examinations for the Degrees of MB, ChB or BDS will be counted as examination passes towards the Degree of BSc (MedSc).
- 2 Every candidate for the Degree, unless granted exemption under these Regulations, must
(a) attend in the University, during not less than six academic Semesters, courses of instruction in the subjects described in the Schedule to these Regulations and
(b) sit and pass the examinations in these subjects.
- 3 The syllabus of the course of instruction in each of the subjects described in the Schedule to these Regulations shall be identical to the syllabus for the course of instruction for the identically named subject in the curricula for the Degrees of MB ChB and BDS.
- 4 A candidate's knowledge shall be assessed at such times and by such means as the College Board of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing may from time to time determine; provided that, a candidate may be debarred from taking all or part of any examination if, in the opinion of the Dean, an adequate explanation of absence from any examinations or assessment procedures or of unsatisfactory attendance at classes has not been provided, or otherwise performance of required work has not been undertaken with reasonable diligence.
- 5 There will be two Diets of Examinations for each Examination referred to in the preceding Regulation, each of the examinations to be allocated by the College Board to one of the normal four periods of examination (viz. March, May, August/August, December).
- 6 Every candidate must take at the first diet the examination appropriate to the year of the course being studied unless granted exemption under the terms of these Regulations or permitted by the Dean to postpone the examination. A candidate may take all or part of such examination again at the second diet, but not at any subsequent diet, unless the consent of the Dean has first been obtained.
- 7 A candidate who has not satisfied the examiners by the end of the second diet of any examination may be required, subject to a right of appeal to the Senate, to withdraw from the course or permitted to continue under such conditions as the College Board may prescribe.
- 8 A candidate may be exempted from all or part of any examination if the candidate's work, in the opinion of the examiners appointed, has reached a sufficiently high standard.

Schedule

A. FOR CANDIDATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 1ST BDS BEFORE 2004:

At least 8 subjects out of the following:

(Predental Year)

Molecular Sciences 1A and 1B Chemistry (count as 1 subject)

Evolution & Biodiversity 1A and Environmental Biology 1B - Biology (count as 1 subject)

Biomolecular Mechanisms 1A and Genes, Heredity & Development 1B - Biology (count as 1 subject)

A complete Predental Year pass from earlier versions of the Predental curriculum will be counted as the equivalent of 3 subjects.

(First BDS)

Anatomy

Biochemistry

Physiology

(Second BDS)

Clinical Dental Sciences
Microbiology
Oral Biology
General Pathology

(Third BDS)

Clinical Medical Science

(Special subject)

Dental Materials Science

OR

B. FOR CANDIDATES WHO DID NOT COMPLETE 1ST BDS BEFORE 2004:

(First BDS)

Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 1

(Second BDS)

Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 2

and at least 1 subject out of the following:

(Predental Year)

Molecular Sciences 1A and 1B Chemistry (count as 1 subject)

Evolution & Biodiversity 1A and Environmental Biology 1B - Biology (count as 1 subject)

Biomolecular Mechanisms 1A and Genes, Heredity & Development 1B - Biology (count as 1 subject)

(Third BDS)

Clinical Medical Science

(Special subject)

Dental Materials Science

OR

C. FOR CANDIDATES WITH SUBJECT PASSES FROM THE OLD AND NEW YEAR 1 AND 2 CURRICULA:

The equivalent of at least 8 individual passes as listed under A above. For this purpose Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 1 and Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 2 will count as 3 and 4 individual passes respectively. If one or other of these examinations has not been passed in its entirety it cannot be counted and any individual passes from the same year of the BDS course, as listed under A above, will need to be considered in its stead. A pass in Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 1 and / or Pre- and Para-clinical Dentistry Part 2 cannot be considered in conjunction with any individual passes acquired earlier from the same year or years of the course.

Dundee Dental School Fitness to Practise Committee Regulations and Procedures

1. The principal function of the Dundee Dental School Fitness to Practise Committee (the Committee) is to consider cases where it is considered that a student may be unfit to practise clinical dentistry. The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis as and when a need is identified or at the instance of the Dean or a nominee. The Committee will also be required to meet, or to decide on appropriate action, following any exercise of the Dean's power in terms of BDS Regulation 10 and BSc Oral Health Sciences Regulation 3(3), which specify that

In the case of a student whose clinical ability or knowledge gives rise to concerns that patient safety could be compromised, the Dean of Dentistry, following consultation with relevant clinical staff, may temporarily debar the student from all or any clinical work on the course. As soon as circumstances permit, the student should either be reinstated, or dealt with in accordance with the Dundee Dental School Fitness to Practice Committee Regulations, at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

2. The Committee may, in relation to dental or oral health students, consider cases of professional or general misconduct, cases where professional performance or behaviour has been called into question, cases where it appears that health issues could compromise patient safety, and any other cases where patient safety could be compromised by the student, or it is believed that the student's fitness to practise could be otherwise be impaired. A student whose case is under consideration by the Committee will be informed, in advance of any hearing, under which category the matter is being raised, be that health or conduct.
3. The membership of the Committee will be as outlined in Appendix 1 below. The Committee may co-opt additional members for specific meetings to advise on particular cases. The Committee will be chaired by the Dean of Dentistry, whom failing a nominee.
4. The procedure governing meetings of the Committee to consider individual student cases is specified in Appendix 2 below.
5. The Committee will be a Committee of the Dental School Board. It will report decisions, without full details, to the Dental School Board. It will also maintain a written record of its deliberations recording decisions or recommendations made and the reasons for them.
6. The Committee has the following possible outcomes available to it:
 - a. Referral to a selected member or members for further investigation
 - b. No further action
 - c. Conditions to be fulfilled by a student as a prerequisite for carrying out clinical practice
 - d. A reprimand and / or warning
 - e. A recommendation for the voluntary postponement of part of the course on the part of the student concerned
 - f. A refresher course or remedial study
 - g. Suspension from all or any clinical work on the course
 - h. Termination of studies
 - i. Referral of the decision to the relevant professional body
 - j. Such other action as may be appropriate in the particular circumstances of the case
7. Appeals will be conducted under the procedures specified in Appendix 3 below. Appeals will be considered only under the following headings and only within a period of 30 days from receipt of the letter advising the student of the outcome of the first meeting of the Committee:
 - a. New information that was unavailable at the time of the first hearing.
 - b. Procedural irregularities including administrative error.
 - c. Demonstrable prejudice or bias that might have affected the outcome of the first hearing.
8. The Committee may also meet for general business at any time.

APPENDIX 1

Membership of Fitness to Practise Committee

For general business, the Committee will consist of the individuals listed below. For consideration of the fitness to practise of individual students, up to five individuals will be drawn from the list below (quorum three).

- The Dean of Dentistry or a nominee (if Dean has already been involved - ie by temporary debarring, he she will not form part of the Committee or take any further involvement in the matter)
- The Oral Health Sciences Director or a nominee
- The Teaching Subdean
- A member from the Pre- and Paraclinical Course, preferably a course or examination coordinator
- The Middle Phase Coordinator
- The Late Phase Coordinator
- The Senior Adviser of Studies
- Any additional members co-opted for the meeting
- The Secretary to the Dental School, who will normally provide a clerical service for the Committee
- The Lead Clinician of Dundee Dental Hospital and School

APPENDIX 2

Procedure for meetings to consider the fitness to practise of individual students

- a. For any meeting to consider a particular student's fitness to practise, any documentation will be pre-circulated to Committee members and the student involved no less than 10 days in advance of the hearing, along with copies of these regulations. The student will be advised to seek guidance from the Students' Association, Student Advisory Service or another individual of his or her own choosing.
- b. Meetings and appeal hearings will be attended by:
 - Committee members as specified in Appendix 1
 - the student involved and a friend and / or adviser
 - for the purpose of giving evidence only, any witnesses relied on by the Dental School or student.
- c. Meetings will be chaired by the Dean of Dentistry (subject to the caveat in Appendix 1 above) or a nominee.
- d. After an introduction from the Chairperson outlining the purpose of the hearing, a nominee of the Dean of Dentistry will outline the circumstances of the case from the School's standpoint, and will invite witnesses to speak in support of these. The student, his or her advisor or friend, and members of the Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions of those who have spoken, including any other person called to attend to make a statement
- e. The student will then have the opportunity of making a statement and of presenting any evidence in his or her favour. Members of the Committee may, in turn, question those who have spoken.
- f. The Chairperson may allow further follow-up questions on behalf either of the School or student.
- g. There will be an opportunity for summing up on behalf of the School then on behalf of the student.
- h. The Committee and Chairperson will then discuss the case further in private and, after any necessary additional clarification of points with witnesses and / or the student, arrive at a decision in terms of Regulation 7. The student will be advised of the decision, by letter posted within five working days of the meeting or appeal hearing, and reminded of the provisions for appeals as outlined in Regulation 8 above and Appendix 3 below.

APPENDIX 3

Procedure for consideration of appeals against decisions of the Committee

- a. Before an appeal can be considered a student must lodge a statement of the appeal grounds, along with a written statement giving details of any written or oral evidence on which he or she wishes to rely. Any documentation to be presented to the Committee must accompany the written statement. This documentation, along with any from the School, will then be pre-circulated to Committee members and the student involved no less than 10 days in advance of the appeal hearing.
- b. Meetings and appeal hearings will be attended by:
 - Committee members as specified in Appendix 1 above (no one involved in the first decision of the Committee will take part)
 - the student involved and a friend and / or adviser
 - any witnesses relied on by the Dental School or student
 - a clinically qualified senior member of staff from a Dental School other than Dundee, for example an External Examiner, Dean of Dentistry, Subdean or Professor
 - a University of Dundee Vice-Principal from outwith the College of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing
 - for the purpose of giving evidence only, any witnesses relied on by the Dental School or student.
- c. Meetings will be chaired by the above Vice-Principal.
- d. After an introduction from the Chairperson outlining the purpose of the hearing, the student will have the opportunity of making a statement and of presenting any evidence in support of the appeal. Members of the Committee may question those who have spoken.
- e. The Dean of Dentistry or nominee may then respond to the student's appeal, and invite any members of staff or others to speak in support of this. The student, his or her advisor or friend, and members of the Committee will, in turn, have the opportunity to ask questions of those who have spoken.
- f. The Chairperson may allow further follow-up questions on behalf either of the School or student.
- g. There will be an opportunity for summing up on behalf of the School then by the student.
- h. The Committee and Chairperson will then discuss the case further in private and, after any necessary additional clarification of points with witnesses and / or the student, arrive at a decision, which will be either (1) to uphold the previous decision of the Committee or (2) to substitute for the previous decision a new decision in terms of Regulation 7. The student will be advised of this decision, which will be final, by letter posted within three working days of the appeal hearing.

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Oral Health Sciences

Admission

- 1 Before entering a course of study for the Degree, a candidate shall be at least 17 years of age, shall satisfy the entrance requirements specified by the College Board of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the College Board.

Duration of Study

- 2(1) Having initially matriculated for the Degree, a candidate's course of study shall be pursued in consecutive academic years except with the special permission of the College Board.
- 2(2) A candidate for the Degree, unless granted a concession or exemption under these Regulations, must attend in the University during not less than three academic years, courses of instruction in subjects prescribed in these Regulations and must pass the assessments similarly prescribed.
- 2(3) A candidate who has attended as a graduating student in any College of the University or in another University or equivalent institution recognised for this purpose by the Senatus may be exempted from some of the assessments for the Degree provided that assessments deemed by the College Board to be of equivalent standard in appropriate subjects have been passed and that such further assessments as are necessary for the award of the Degree shall be passed in the College. To qualify for the award of the Degree a candidate admitted under this Regulation shall have followed an approved course of study within the College extending over at least two academic years.

Attendance and Performance

- 3(1) A matriculated, graduating candidate whose attendance, conduct or work in any class, clinic or placement in any academic year has been unsatisfactory to the Director of the course, on the advice of the Examiners, shall not be entitled to proceed to the assessment for that subject.
- 3(2) A candidate who from any cause is absent from any class, clinic or placement for a period in excess of that specified in the course handbook may be required to discontinue studies for the Degree.
- 3(3) In the case of a student whose clinical ability or knowledge gives rise to concerns that patient safety could be compromised, the Dean of Dentistry, after seeking advice from relevant clinical staff, may debar the student in question from all or any clinical work within or outwith Dundee Dental Hospital and School.

Curriculum

- 4(1) The programme for the Degree shall consist of six semesters within three calendar years. Each year shall consist of two semesters.
- 4(2) Each semester shall consist of a programme of modules and clinical practice as set out in the course handbook and approved from time to time by the College Board.

Assessment and Evaluations

- 5 The method of examining and assessing the performance of candidates shall be such as may be determined by the Examiners, approved by the College Board and published in the course handbook.

Board of Examiners

- 6 The Board of Examiners shall be such of the academic staff (including those with honorary appointments) giving instruction in subjects qualifying for the Degree as the College Board

shall determine and such external examiners as may be appointed from time to time by the University Court.

Progress and Termination Of Studies

- 7(1) Except with the special permission of the Board of Examiners, on sufficient cause being shown, each candidate must pass all the assessments required in the first year of the programme before being admitted to the second year and must pass all the assessments required in the second year of the programme before being admitted to the third year
- 7(2) A candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners in any item of assessment will normally be given one further opportunity for re-assessment. A candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners following re-assessment will be required to discontinue studies for the Degree.
- 7(3) A candidate whose studies have been terminated under Regulation 3 or Regulation 7(2) may appeal to the Dental School Termination of Studies (Appeals) Committee. If such an appeal is successful, the candidate may be permitted to resume studies subject to such conditions as the Dean of Dentistry may determine. If an appeal is rejected by the Dental School Committee it will be reconsidered by the Senate Termination of Studies (Appeals) Committee.

Intermediate Exit Award

- 8 Candidates who leave the programme prior to completing the requirements for the degree may be awarded the Diploma of Higher Education (Dental Hygiene) qualification, subject to completion of appropriate modules.

Master of Dental Science (MDSc) and Diploma in Dental Science (DipDenSci)

- 1 The Degree may be offered entirely as a taught degree, or, subject to Regulation 3 below, as a partially taught and partially research degree.
- 2 An applicant for admission in terms of these Regulations must:
 - (i) hold *either* a degree conferring him or her to be registered as a dentist, within the meaning of the Dentists Act 1999, *or* such equivalent dental qualification as the Dental School Board may deem acceptable, and
 - (ii) apply in writing to the Dental School to undertake all or part of a Course Syllabus as described in Regulation 5 below, either (a) as a candidate for an MDSc course, (b) as a candidate for a Diploma in Dental Science course, or (c) to undertake a module or modules
 - (iii) in the case of any research elements of an MDSc Course Syllabus, inform the School which scientific aspect of dentistry is to be selected as the required subject of study.
- 3 Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Course Syllabus as described in Regulation 5 below, the minimum period of supervised study specified for the Degree will be 36 weeks full-time or 54 weeks part-time. Such a Course Syllabus may completely exempt a member of staff of the University, of two or more years' standing, from this attendance requirement.
- 4 The minimum amount of study required for the Diploma, or for individual modules, will be as specified in the Course Syllabus relevant to the studies to be undertaken.
- 5 Course Syllabuses will be prepared for each Degree or Diploma course and may specify that an individual module or modules may be undertaken, instead of a full Degree or Diploma course. Any new Course Syllabuses require the approval, on the recommendation of the Dental School Board, of the Board of the College of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing. Existing Course Syllabuses must already have been approved, either by the College Board, the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Board or the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing Board.
- 6 For any research course elements the School shall appoint one or more supervisors for the work of any candidate required by these Regulations to undertake supervised study.
- 7 A candidate required by these Regulations to undertake supervised study must (a) attend in the University for such period or periods as shall be specified in the relevant Course Syllabus and (b) matriculate in each academic year of the period of study.
- 8 For the Degree, Diploma or individual modules, two or more examiners shall be appointed by the School from among the Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers giving instruction in the subject or subjects, specified in the Course Syllabus, for which the student has enrolled. These will include an internal examiner or examiners responsible for conducting the examinations for the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery in the subject or subjects most nearly corresponding to that or those chosen by the candidate. In addition, the University Court will, on the recommendation of the School Board as endorsed by College, appoint an appropriate number of external examiners, who shall not be members of the University, to cover Degree, Diploma and individual module subjects included in Course Syllabuses.
- 9 The Senate, on the recommendation of the School Board as endorsed by the College Board, shall appoint the University members of a committee to examine any thesis required in terms of the Course Syllabus. The Court, on the recommendation of the School Board as endorsed by the College, shall appoint to membership of the same committee one or more external examiners who shall not be members of the University.