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GENERAL RULES GOVERNING BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES COURSE EXEMPTION and COURSE WAIVER

Course Exemption

Students who have completed equivalent courses in other tertiary education institutions may apply for course exemption to the academic unit concerned before the last day of course add/drop period. In the case of course exemption, credits will be granted to replace the original UM course. Exempted courses will be assigned a grade 'X' and will be shown in the transcript of academic record, but will not be counted towards the GPA.

Applications should be submitted to the respective academic unit and be accompanied by supporting documents, e.g. course outlines, official course descriptions, lecture hours, study plans, course grades etc, showing that the students have passed equivalent courses elsewhere.

- 2. Students may apply for course exemption for any courses except the course in General Education Course Area "University Life".
- 3. Course exemptions are considered valid only after they are endorsed by the head of department or programme coordinator of the course offering units and approved by the Dean of student's home academic unit.
- 4. A course can be exempted only if it meets the following three requirements:
 - 1. The course applied for course exemption must be deemed at degree level.
 - 2. Course Content
 - The course applied for course exemption must have at least 80% content similarity. The head of department or programme coordinator of the course offering units can judge the course content.
 - 3 Lecture Hour
 - The lecture hours of the course applied for course exemption must have at least 80% as the course offered by UM. One UM credit is equal to one lecture hour per week for one semester and the total number of teaching weeks of a semester is at least 14.

For course completed under the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) without having 80% lecture hours as the 3-credit UM-offered course, it must have at least "6 ECTS credits and 24 lecture hours" or "5 ECTS credits and 30 lecture hours".

- 5. The normal limit on the number of credits that can be transferred to a programme is one-third of the total credits required.
- 6. For courses completed in UM-initiated outbound programmes without comparable courses offered by UM, students can still transfer them to UM as free electives with a maximum of 6 credits. Endorsement from the head of department or programme coordinator and approval from the Dean of the academic unit concerned are required.
- 7. All exceptional cases are subject to the recommendation of the Dean of the academic unit concerned and the approval of Vice Rector (Academic Affairs) via the Registry.

Course Waiver

- 1. Students who have not completed equivalent courses in other tertiary education institutions but have attained the knowledge and skills of specific UM courses may apply for a course waiver to the academic unit concerned before the last day of course add/drop period. In the case of course waiver, no credits will be granted, and students will be required to take a related course approved by the head of department or programme coordinator to fulfil the credit requirement. Waived courses will be assigned a grade 'CW' and will be shown in the transcript of academic record, but will not be counted towards the GPA.
 - Applications must be submitted to the respective academic unit and be accompanied by an explanation for the waiver request and supporting documents (if any). Proof of the acquired competence is required.
- 2. Students may apply for course waiver for any courses. For the course in General Education Course Area "University Life", students may apply for course waiver on the condition that they have possessed a degree from a comparable tertiary educational institution. This waiver does not require a replacement course.
- 3. Course waivers are considered valid only after they are endorsed by the head of department or programme coordinator of the course offering units and approved by the Dean of student's home academic unit.
- 4. All exceptional cases are subject to the recommendation of the Dean of the academic unit concerned and the approval of Vice Rector (Academic Affairs) via the Registry.