

Regulations regarding Examination System for the students of the Postgraduate Degree Programs (Diploma/MS/MD) in Clinical Sciences made under Section 22 (1) (iii) of the Isra University Act, 1997.

- 1. Short Title:** These Regulations shall be called, “The Isra University Semester Examination System Regulations 2016 for the students of Postgraduate Degree Programs (Diploma/MS/MD) in Clinical Sciences Sciences.
- 2. Commencement:** These Regulations shall come into force with immediate Effect.
- 3. Definitions:** “University” means “Isra University”
- 4. The Semester System:** The University shall follow the Semester System of Examinations for Postgraduate students in Clinical Sciences.

(1) Duration: The academic year is divided into two semesters. The semester commencing in January will be called as the Fall Semester, and the one starting in July as the Spring Semester. Each semester will be of 20 weeks of teaching, excluding vacations and the time needed for the conduct of semester examinations and inter semester breaks.

(2) Credit Hours: Each course or subject has a certain number of credit hours assigned to it. The credit hours indicate weightage of the course relative to other courses, and also reflects number of hours of teaching of that course per week. For a theory class, one credit hour is equivalent to one lecture hour per week through out the semester, whereas for laboratory, Problem Based Learning (PBL) 2 hours per week through out semester is equivalent to one hour and in Clinical sessions (O.P.D. Ward Duties and O.T.) three contact hours are equivalent to one credit hour.

- 5. Grading System:** The student’s performance will be evaluated in terms of grades. These grades indicate the level of performance as described below:

Grade	Level of Performance
A	Excellent
B	Very Good
C	Good
D	Satisfactory
F	Fail

6. **Quality Points:** Each grade is assigned Quality Points as under.

Grade	Value of grade
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
F	0.00

Note: Quality Points (Q.P.) are determined by multiplying the value of the grade earned by student with the credit hours of that course e.g. if a student obtains B grade for a two credit hours course, then Q.P. will be calculated as under:

$$Q.P. = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

7. **Grade Equivalence:** Equivalence between grades and the percentage of marks will be as under:

Grade	Equivalence Marks %
A	90 and above
A-	80 to 89
B+	70 to 79
B	60 to 68
F	Below 60%

8. **Grade Point Average:** Grade Point Average is an expression for the average performance of a student in the courses; he/she has taken during a particular semester. This is calculated by the Quality Points of all the courses taken in a semester, divided by the total number of credit hours.

$$G.P.A. = \frac{\text{Sum of Quality Points}}{\text{Sum of the credit hours}}$$

9. Cumulative Grade Point Average: Cumulative Grade Point Average is the expression describing the performance of a student in all semesters.

$$\text{C.G.P.A.} = \frac{\text{Sum of Quality Points of all semesters}}{\text{Sum of the credit hours of all the semesters}}$$

10. Examinations:

(1) Semester Examination would be conducted at the end of semester. This is in addition to class work activities including continuous assessment tests, quizzes, assignments or projects whatever applicable. This internal assessment will carry 50% weightage and the End of Semester Examination will carry 50% weightage.

(2) Students are required to maintain at least 80% attendance in their theory, laboratory, tutorial classes and clinical duties (O.P.D, Ward & O.T.). Those who fail to keep up the required attendance in the subject will not be allowed to appear in the examination of that subject. However, when the candidate completes the required deficiency, he/she will be allowed to appear in the next semester examination.

(3) In hardship cases, the committee consisting of the following members will examine the cases and recommend to the Vice Chancellor for grant of exemption up to 10% only:

1. Dean of the Faculty	Convener
2. Vice Dean of the Division	Member
3. Chairperson of the Department	Member
4. Controller of Examinations	Member/Secretary

(4) Students who do not pass course or part there of in the semester of that year will be promoted to the next semester. However, the students who are not able to pass courses of the first two years within the prescribed limit, he/she will be allowed to reappear in re-sit examination.

(5) The students of postgraduate degree program of Clinical Sciences will have to secure 60% marks.

(6) If the PG Diploma students who do not pass any subject / module of component thereof in the first semester examination of the first year, he/she will be promoted to the second semester of the first year. He / she will appear in regular second semester examination and re-sit for the first semester examination simultaneously. If he/she passes both the semester examinations, he/she will be promoted to the third semester (first of the second year). In case he/she fails in any subject/module or component thereof of the semester examination of the first year, he/she will repeat that semester and will not be

promoted to third semester (first semester of the second year), unless he/she passes all components of both the semesters of the first year within the permissible attempts.

11. Re-sit Examination:

(a) If any student fails in any subject/module or component thereof in the first two years examination will be allowed to reappear in the failing subject(s)/module(s)/component(s) to reappear in re-sit examination to be conducted in one month's time.

(b) If any PG Diploma student who fails in any subject/module or component thereof in the semester examination of the third semester (first semester of the second year), he/she will be promoted to the fourth semester (second semester of the second year) and will appear in regular fourth semester examination and the subjects he/she failed in the third semester examination simultaneously. If he/she fails in any component of both the examinations, he/she will be allowed to reappear in the failing subject(s) / modules(s) / component(s) in the re-sit examination to be conducted after one month's time after second semester examination within permissible attempts.

12. Award of Diploma certificate:

(1) Students who fail in any subject / module or component thereof in re-sit examination will not be allowed to pursue MS/MD/MDS degree programs. Instead he/she will be asked to apply for award of Diploma wherever available by exempting training/course work subject to fulfillment of other requirements.

(2) The cases of such students will be placed before the Board of Advanced Studies & Research for consideration. In case the Board approves, the students will be asked to appear in final certifying examination for award of Diploma certificate.

13. Award of degree:

(1) Those students who have cleared the first two years of degree program successfully will pursue their degree programs within the prescribed time limit of 7 years. After completion of course work successfully, they will appear in final certifying examination and also defend his/her dissertation.

(2) Three external examiners and one internal examiner in addition to Inspector from PM&DC (if required) will be invited in the final certifying examination to assess the student in the major subject.

14. Setting of Theory Question Papers:

The question paper will be divided into 2 sections of equal marks. Section 01 will carry 50 Best Choice Questions and section 2 will consist of descriptive type of questions.

15. Practical:

Practical Examination (TOACS/OSCE/OSPE) consists of interactive stations and non interactive stations of each subject or long cases / short cases or viva voce or both as the case may be

16. Courses:

The courses for the MS/MD programs shall meet the minimum requirements as laid down by the PM&DC and approved by the Academic Council.

17. Modification:

The Regulations are subject to modification by the concerned authority as may be felt appropriate from time to time.

Note: This supersedes “The Isra University Semester System Examination Regulations 2010 of the students of Postgraduate Degree Programs (MS/MDS/MD) in Clinical Sciences.”

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