

Academic Council Memo No: 109/2021/01/24

Regulations for Honours Degree Programme

With reference to the Academic Council Memo No: 107/2020/05/31 and the recommendations of the Academic Council which was held on 17th December-2020, the document was reviewed by the Committee consisting of Deans of the Faculties, Director SDC and the Director-AAQA.

Preamble Note

Honours Bachelors Degree designators are specific and are limited to broad generic areas of discipline or study.

The main purpose of this qualification is to equip graduates with knowledge, methodology and skills in a particular discipline that enables them to obtain license from appropriate professional bodies in order to demonstrate responsibility in a professional manner. They should also be able to construct and sustain arguments and solve problems using appropriate ideas and techniques in a professional context. The qualification holders should be able to demonstrate thorough and systematic understanding of core aspects of the subject of study. They should also have an ability to accurately use the established techniques of analysis within that discipline. They should be able to clearly communicate information, ideas, issues, problems and solutions to specialist as well as non-specialist audiences. They should also be able to exercise initiative, identify situations where support is needed, carry out further training and manage own learning.

This qualification also helps consolidate and strengthen the student's knowledge in a particular discipline and to develop research capacity and skills in that discipline. This qualification demands high level of theoretical engagement as well as high intellectual independence. Further, these programmes must include a research project in the field of specialization carried out under the guidance and supervision of a senior academic in the relevant discipline and reporting in a manner of a dissertation, which will be assessed.

Updated regulations (07 pages) are forwarded enclosed herewith for the approval of the Academic Council.



**UNIVERSITY OF VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
SRI LANKA**



Regulations for the Award of the Honours Degree of

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY

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For the Award of the

HONOURS DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, SRI LANKA

THE UNIVERSITY OF VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE
HONOURS DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY

(Prepared under Section 61(1) (a) of the University of Vocational Technology Act No. 31 of 2008)

These regulations may be cited as Regulation No.01-04 and being approved by the Board of Governors of the University of Vocational Technology of Sri Lanka, hereinafter referred to as the **University**, shall be deemed to be **Regulations** for the award of the Honours Degree of Bachelor of Technology, which may be abbreviated as B.Tech (Hons), hereinafter referred to as the **Honours Degree**. The regulation shall be read in conjunction with *the By-Law for the award of degrees, postgraduate diplomas and higher degrees*, referred to hereinafter as **By-Law No 01**.

These regulations shall come into force with effect from the academic year 2020/21 and shall be applicable to all students initially registered after 2015/16 batch, subject to considerations given below.

1.0 Award of the Honours Degree

1.1 The Honours Degree of Bachelor of Technology may be awarded by the University to a student who has fulfilled all the requirements for an award as specified in the By-Law No 01 and prescribed by this Regulation and Rule, and in particular:

- a) has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements for admission to the programme of study leading to the award of Honours Degree as set out in Section 2.0, **and**
- b) has been admitted to the University as a student under the University Act No: 31 of 2008; **and**
- c) has been a duly registered student of the University for the period prescribed for the Programme of study leading to the award of Honours Degree, and whose registration continues to be in force up to the time of completion of requirements laid down in the Rules for the award of the Honours Degree, **and**
- d) has paid such fees as prescribed in the Rules and any other dues payable to the University, **and**

- e) **has completed the requirements within the specified duration as set out in Section 3; and**
 - f) **has pursued an approved programme as outlined in Section 3; and**
 - g) **has successfully completed all the prescribed assessments as set out in Section 4; and**
 - h) **has satisfied the Board of Examiners and Academic Council the prescribed requirements leading to the Honours Degree as set out in Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this regulation and the Rule for the award of the Honours Degree.**
- 1.2 A student who has successfully completed the prescribed programme of study shall be awarded pass or class grade in accordance with the Rules for the award of the Honours Degree as cited In Section 5.3.
- 1.3 The Degree may be conferred on a student qualified as in Section 1.1, at a General Convocation of the University.

2. Eligibility for Admission and Registration

- 2.1 An applicant may be considered for admission to the University to follow the Honours Degree programme, if he/she:
- a) has applied to enrol in a programme in the manner and by the dates prescribed by the Guidelines for Submission of Applications and Registrations, and
 - b) acquired the minimum GPA as prescribed by the Academic Council for the relevant course of study during the first 6 semesters for the 3 year Bachelor of Technology general degree.
- 2.2 Provisional registration may be permitted by the Academic Council under exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3 Students who have been graduated in a general degree of Bachelor of Technology in the University may be considered for admission to the Honours Degree in the same disciplines per the recommendation of the Examination Board and Academic Council.
- 2.4 The admission of students shall be limited with the intake size as determined by the Academic Council.
- 2.5 The prescribed fees payable for registration, tuition and examinations shall be as determined by the Board of Governance of the University.

- 2.6 A Student registered for the Course of Study in week day programmes shall not be permitted concurrent registration for full time study of any other course of study without the prior consent of the Academic Council.

A student selected for admission to the programme of study as laid down in Section 2.0 shall be registered for the programme of study and shall maintain registration during the period of study in the manner prescribed by the Guidelines for Submission of Applications and Registrations .

3. Programme of Study

- 3.1 The Programme of Study leading to the Honours Degree shall be conducted under the semester system and examinations for each programme module as set out in Section 4.0 shall be held and performance evaluated as per the Rules.
- 3.2 The minimum period of study for the Honours Degree programme shall be eight (8) semesters.
- 3.3 The Programme of study leading to the award of the Honours Degree shall consist of programme modules as set out in the Schedule 1.0 of Rules for the award.
- 3.4 A student shall earn minimum of 240 credits for the degree. The credits defined herein are based on European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) Credits.
- 3.5 A module code with eight alpha-numeric characters and a module title identify a Programme module. The first two characters signify the academic department, which the module would be offered, third character identifies the semester of the programme, fourth and fifth identify the credit load, sixth and seventh denote the module number and the 8th indicates the version (number of revisions).

Example: Module Code – AF105010; Module Title – Introduction to Food Technology

<i>Department</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Credit load</i>	<i>Module No.</i>	<i><u>Version</u></i>	<i>Module Title</i>
<i>AF</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>05</i>	<i>01</i>	<i>0 (original)</i>	<i>Introduction to Food Technology</i>

- 3.6 A candidate shall acquire the requirements under Sections 3.3 and 3.4 in a period not exceeding eight (8) academic years after initial registration OR two (2) academic years after registering for the fourth year, provided his / her registration maintained as a

student or his / her registration activated in accordance with Section 3.0 of the General By-Law.

4 Examinations and Assessments

- 4.1 The semester-end-examination of each programme module shall be held at the end of each semester or at the end of the module as decided by the relevant Faculty.
- 4.2 An application to appear for an examination shall be made prior to prescribed dates and shall be accompanied by the prescribed examination fees if applicable.
- 4.3 The student shall have satisfied the criterion laid out in the "Evaluation of Performance" as set out in the Rules to be eligible to appear for the semester-end-examination.
- 4.4 In the event of an illness, a student may be permitted to withdraw from an examination as per the conditions laid down by the Academic Council.
- 4.5 Examiners and Moderators for the semester-end-examinations prescribed by this Regulation shall be approved by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Faculty Board

5 Evaluation of Performance

- 5.1 A Board of Examiners shall consider the performance of the candidate based on the assessments made by examiners/ moderators at end of each semester/ term and shall make recommendations to the Academic Council.
- 5.2 The Grading of the evaluation for each course module shall be in accordance with the Performance Criteria.
- 5.3 The award of the Degree and of the Class Grading shall be based on the overall Grade Point Average (GPA) determined on the performance evaluation in accordance with the Rules.

6 Exemptions

- 6.1 The Academic Council may grant exemptions to a student, from specified programme modules in recognition of previously obtained qualifications on the recommendation of the Faculty Board.

- 6.2 The total maximum number of credit exemptions which may be granted shall be as per the University regulation on credit transfers.

7. Effective Date of Award

The effective date of the award of the Degree shall be the first day of the month following the satisfactory completion, by the candidate, of the graduation requirements as specified in the Performance Criteria.

8. Date of Conferment of the Degree

The date of conferment of the Degree shall be the date of the convocation at which the degree is conferred on the candidate.

9. Revision of Regulations

- 9.1 Rules under this Regulation may be framed and approved by the Board of Governors as deemed necessary.
- 9.2 This Regulation may be revised or amended as and when necessary by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Academic Council.

10. Interpretation

- 10.1 In this Regulation unless the context otherwise requires:

“Academic Council”: The Academic Council of the University of Vocational Technology constituted by the University of Vocational Technology Act No. 31 of 2008.

“Faculty Board”: The Board of the Faculty of conducting the degree as constituted by the University of Vocational Technology Act No. 31 of 2008.

“Academic Year”: The period of year as identified by the University for the purpose of administering the academic programme. Each academic year has two Semesters.

“Semester”: A duration in which specific programme modules are studied by the student spreading over a specified number of weeks as given in the Rules.

“Programme of Study”: An assembly of modules given in the curriculum of a programme towards the award of a degree.

“Programme Module”: A study unit prescribed in the curriculum.

- 10.2 Any clarification regarding interpretation of this Regulation shall be referred to the Academic Council whose decision thereon shall be the final.