

## **EXAMINATION BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**BACHELOR OF PHARMACY HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES  
DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN OPTOMETRY DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA**

BY-LAWS MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI  
JAYEWARDENEPURA UNDER SECTION 135 OF THE UNIVERSITIES ACT NO.16 OF  
1978

**(Amendments to the existing By-Laws)**

01. These By-Laws may be cited as By-Laws of :
  - the Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing [BScHons (Nursing)] Degree
  - the Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours (BPharmHons) Degree
  - the Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences [BScHons(MLS)] Degree
  - the Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry [BScHons(Optometry)] Degree
  
02. Subject to these By-Laws, a candidate may be awarded the relevant Degree as mentioned in 01 if he/she:
  - (a) has been admitted as an internal student of the University, and
  - (b) has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 4 years, and
  - (c) has completed the courses of study prescribed by the By-Laws, rules and regulations, to the satisfaction of the Vice-Chancellor, and
  - (d) has passed each subject/course unit of the degree through evaluation at the end of each examination, and
  - (e) has paid such fees or other dues as may be prescribed by the University, and
  - (f) has fulfilled any other conditions or requirements as may be prescribed by the University.
  
03. The examinations leading to the relevant Degree (mentioned in 01) shall be:
  - (i) (Name of the relevant degree) - Part I Examination,
  - (ii) (Name of the relevant degree) - Part II Examination,
  - (iii) (Name of the relevant degree) - Part III Examination, and
  - (iv) (Name of the relevant degree) - Part IV Examination.

Refer the Examination Structure of the relevant degree programme

04. The subjects/course units of study and syllabus for examinations leading to the relevant Degree, and the number of exam papers, oral examinations, and other forms of evaluation in each subject/course unit shall be prescribed by the regulations made by the Senate.
05. Each of the examination prescribed by these By-Laws and the regulations there under shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners constituted for the conduct of that examination.
06. A candidate shall present him/herself for all sub-components of all subjects/course units of each examination leading to the relevant degree programme on the first occasion at which he/she is required to do so provided that, it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare that he/she is eligible to appear for that examination on a subsequent occasion.
07. A candidate may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt on the basis of a valid excuse\* submitted and accepted by the Senate and the attempt at which he/she sits the examination after the postponement shall be regarded as the attempt for which he/she has submitted a valid excuse.  
Section A and B of Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing Part IV Examination will be considered separately for the above purpose.

\* Valid excuses for examinations

- (i) Medical certificate acceptable to the Senate. The medical certificate should be submitted within 14 days of conclusion of the exam/part of the exam.
  - (ii) Death of an immediate family member (parent/ brother/ sister/ if married, spouse/children) one week prior to the examination or during the examination (the death certificate should be submitted for approval of the Senate).
08. In the absence of an accepted excuse, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination.
09. The candidate should have a minimum of 80% attendance at practical, and
- satisfactory completion of nursing clinical experience in each clinical placement for BScHons (Nursing) Degree,
  - a minimum of 80% attendance at clinical training and in-course work experience for (BPharmHons) Degree,
  - a minimum of 80% attendance at in-course work experience in laboratory placement for BScHons(MLS) Degree,
  - a minimum of 80% attendance at clinical training and internship for BScHons(Optomerty) Degree,

relevant to the period scheduled by the Department for a particular subject/course unit to be eligible to sit for the examination.

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10.1 The candidates should apply to sit for all the components of subjects/course units of the particular examination at the earliest scheduled examination. The failure to do so will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt.

10.2 The candidate should be eligible to sit for the subject/course unit of an examination before the candidate is issued admission for that particular subject/course unit of the relevant examination.

10.3 If a candidate has obtained a grade less than C for a particular subject/course unit in a previous attempt, he/she shall be permitted to apply and sit for that particular subject/course unit in the next scheduled examination. Failure to do so will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt.

11. If, absence for practical, clinical training, in-course work experience, and internship of a subject/course unit is covered by a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate will be eligible to sit for that particular subject/course unit at the next scheduled examination only after completion of 80% attendance for practical, clinical training, in-course work experience, and internship. If this scheduled examination is the candidate's first attempt and the valid excuse is acceptable, the candidate will not be eligible for a grade above C.

12. If the candidate fails to sit for a subject/course unit without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate, the candidate will receive zero marks for that subject/course unit and will fail the particular subject/course unit.

13. In the event a candidate fails to sit some of the subjects/course units or some subcomponents of a subject/course unit due to a valid excuse, the candidate should sit all the components of the particular subject/course unit at a subsequent examination. The maximum grade that the candidate could obtain for the particular subjects/course units at the next scheduled exam will be C.

**Or**

the candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and take all the components of the subjects/course units at the next scheduled examination, which would be considered as his/her first attempt. The null and void request should be submitted to the Faculty Office within 14 days of conclusion of the exam/part of the exam. However, a candidate could request the whole examination to be null and void once for a particular examination. The candidate would therefore be eligible for a grade above C. Research project, In-course work

experience, Internship, Community Health Nursing 11, Nursing Elective, Hospital and Community Pharmacy portfolio assessments, and Pharmaceutical Marketing Management and Accounting assignment will be exempted in this case, and results of those sub-components/ subjects/course units will be considered at the next scheduled attempt.

14. When a candidate sits for an examination in the second or subsequent attempt, In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment marks will not be taken into consideration.
15. A candidate, who is absent with a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence for an In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment of any subject/course-unit, he/she will be given the opportunity to sit that particular subject/course unit in the respective In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment with the next batch of students. Results of that particular subject/course-unit will be considered as incomplete until In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment is completed.
16. If a candidate is unable to sit for one/more subject/course unit/s of an In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment without a valid excuse acceptable to the Senate to cover the absence, he/she will be given a zero mark for the subject/course unit/s in the In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessment.
17. A candidate who obtains a grade less than C shall have to repeat the relevant subjects/course units in the subsequent examination in order to improve the grade. However, only 3 subsequent attempts shall be permitted to do so within the maximum number of years permitted to complete the degree course.
18. English Language Competency Test (ELCT)
  - 18.1 Passing the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) is compulsory to obtain the degree certificate.
  - 18.2 If a candidate fails to achieve the pass mark at the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) conducted at the end of the Year 1 of the Degree programme, he/she is required to pass the ELCT at a subsequently scheduled ELCT Examination before the award of the relevant Degree.
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  - 19.1 A candidate who has been successful at all examinations of the Degree programme may be awarded First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division) or Second Class Honours (Lower Division) or a Pass, as the case may be.
  - 19.2 A candidate shall not be eligible for First Class Honours unless he/she has pass the examination on the earliest occasion on which he/she is qualified to do so,

provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare, for some specified reason, that he/she is eligible for First Class Honours at a subsequent attempt.

## 20. **Evaluation of Subject/Course Marks**

### 20.1 **Subjects/Course units**

A subject/course unit may consist of one or more components such as lectures, tutorials, practical, laboratory-based training, hospital-based training, community-based training, industry-based training, computer-based, self-directed learning and research work.

### 20.2 **Credit Values of Subjects/Course units**

Each subject/course unit has a defined credit value ranging from 2.0 to 9.0. One credit consists of approximately 15 lecture hours, or 30-45 laboratory hours or 45-50 hours of field studies/clinical work.

### 20.3 **Method of Assessment**

- (i) Candidate's performances at each subject/course-unit examination are assessed and graded by one or more of theory examinations, laboratory practical, clinical examinations, oral examinations, portfolio/logbook, assignment, seminar presentation, and project report evaluation or any other assessment specified by the University.
- (ii) When a candidate sits for an examination in the second or subsequent attempt, his/her In-course Assessment/Continuous Assessments, assignments, and portfolio/logbook marks will not be taken into consideration.
- (iii) The academic year shall be of 3 terms duration and In-course Assessments/Continuous Assessments will be held as specified in the curriculum.
- (iv) End of year exams will be held after the completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of an academic year.
- (v) A repeat examination will be held only for the Part I and Part IV year end examinations, not less than 6 weeks after the date of releasing the result of the previous examination.

## 20.4 Grading Scale

A candidate's performance is graded on a 12 point scale, which ranges from A<sup>+</sup> (outstanding) to E (fail). The grading scale is given below. The abbreviation "MC" is given for medical certificate and "NULL" for null and void requests accepted by the Senate. "AB" is given for absence and "INC" is given for incomplete.

| <b>Grade</b>   | <b>Range Marks</b> | <b>Grade Point</b> | <b>Implication</b>                               |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| A <sup>+</sup> | 80 - 100           | 4.0                | Outstanding                                      |
| A              | 75 - 79            | 4.0                | Excellent  |
| A-             | 70 - 74            | 3.7                | Very good -excellent                             |
| B <sup>+</sup> | 65 - 69            | 3.3                | Very good  |
| B              | 60 - 64            | 3.0                | Good   |
| B-             | 57 - 59            | 2.7                | Fair - good                                      |
| C <sup>+</sup> | 54 - 56            | 2.3                | Fair   |
| C              | 50 - 53            | 2.0                | Satisfactory                                     |
| C-             | 45 - 49            | 1.7                | Weak - satisfactory                              |
| D <sup>+</sup> | 40 - 44            | 1.3                | Weak   |
| D              | 30 - 39            | 1.0                | Bad - weak                                       |
| E              | 00 - 29            | 0.0                | Bad  |
| AB             | -                  | 0.0                | Absent without valid reason                      |
| MC             | -                  | 0.0                | Absent on medical reasons accepted by the Senate |
| NULL           | -                  | 0.0                | Null and void requests accepted by the Senate    |
| INC            |                    |                    | Incomplete                                       |

### 20.5 Passing Subject/Course unit in an Examination

A candidate who scores a grade C or above is considered to have passed the relevant subject/course unit.

### 20.6 Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grades obtained by the candidate at each subject/course unit examinations are used according to the following equation in order to calculate his/her Grade Point Average. This value will be rounded to a single decimal point.

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum \text{Grade point scored for the subject/CU} \times \text{Credit value of the subject/CU}}{\text{Cumulative credit value of all subjects/CU followed}}$$

Cumulative credit value of all subjects/CU followed

## 21. **Passing Examinations**

21.1. A candidate who obtains a minimum of 45% in theory, 50% in clinical skills assessment [only for BScHons (Nursing)], 50% in practical examination [only for BScHons(MLS) and BScHons(Optomerty)], and 50% in OSPE/OSCE [only for BScHons(Optomerty)], and an overall average of 50% or above in a subject/course unit/s shall be considered to have passed in that subject/course unit/s.

21.2 A candidate who obtains less than 45% in theory and/or 50% in clinical skills assessment [only for BScHons (Nursing)], 50% in practical examination [only for BScHons(MLS) and BScHons(Optomerty)], and 50% OSPE/OSCE only for BScHons(Optomerty)], with an overall average of 50% or above in a subject/course unit/s shall be given a grade below C.

21.3 A candidate shall be deemed to have passed in a subject/course unit if he/she obtained an overall grade of C or above.

21.4 A candidate shall be deemed to have not completed a subject/course unit and who is absent or attendance less than 80% for, practical, clinical training, in-course work experience, and internship shall be given a symbol of “AB” (absent without a valid reason) or “MC” (absent on medical reason).

21.5 A candidate who obtains a grade less than C shall have to repeat the relevant subject/course units/s in the subsequent examination in order to improve the grade up to C.

21.6 A candidate who repeats subjects/course units of an examination shall not be eligible to obtain more than 50% (minimum mark given for a 'C' grade) for each of the subjects/course units which he/she repeats irrespective of the actual marks obtained.

## 22. **Completion of Degree**

### 22.1 **Requirements for Graduation**

In order to graduate with a respective Degree, a candidate shall have:

- (i) Completed all the subjects/course units of the degree programme (130 credits for BScHons (Nursing), 128 credits for BPharmHons, 123 credits for BScHons(MLS) and 124 credits for BScHons(Optomtry).
- (ii) Earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for the entire degree program of 4 years duration and no grade below C.
- (iii) Passed the English Language Competency Test (ELCT)

and,

fulfilled all the requirements in 22.1(i), 22.1(ii), and 22.1(iii) above within a maximum of 8 academic years from the registration date of the first academic year . This includes the period of extension permitted with valid reasons.

### 22.2 **Effective Date of the Degree**

The effective date of the degree shall be the date following the last date of the stipulated examination. To be eligible for this effective date, a candidate shall fulfill the requirements given in section 22.1.

## 23. **Award of Classes**

### 23.1 **First Class Honours**

A candidate shall meet all the following requirements in order to be awarded a degree with a First Class Honours.

- (i) The candidate shall have earned an overall GPA of 3.7 or above in the entire degree program.
- (ii) The candidate shall have earned grades of A- (A minus) or above in at least half the subjects/course units in the degree program.

- (iii) The candidate shall have earned no grades below C during the entire degree program.
- (iv) The candidate shall have fulfilled these requirements within four academic years from the first academic year of registration other than due to approved valid reason.

### **23.2 Second Class (Upper Division) Honours**

A candidate shall meet all the following requirements in order to be awarded a degree with a Second Class (Upper Division) Honours.

- (i) The candidate shall have earned an overall GPA of 3.3 or above in the entire degree program.
- (ii) The candidate shall have earned grades of B+ or above in at least half the subjects/course units in degree program.
- (iii) The candidate shall have earned no more than two grades below C during the entire degree program.
- (iv) The candidate shall have fulfilled these requirements within four academic years from the first academic year of registration other than due to an approved valid reason.

### **23.3 Second Class (Lower Division) Honours**

A candidate shall meet all the following requirements in order to be awarded a degree with a Second Class (Lower Division) Honours.

- (i) The candidate shall have earned an overall GPA of 3.0 or above in the entire degree program.
- (ii) The candidate shall have earned grades of B or above in at least half the subjects/course units in degree program
- (iii) The candidate shall have earned no more than three grades below C during the entire degree program.
- (iv) The candidate shall have fulfilled these requirements within four academic years from the first academic year of registration other than due to an approved valid reason.

## **24. Examination Format**

### **24.1 Assessment of individual subjects/course units**

- (i) The subject/course unit coordinators will identify the appropriate content for assessment in each subject/course unit.

- (ii) Submission dates for all work to be assessed shall be fixed by the subject/course unit coordinator and notified to candidates at the start of the term.
- (iii) Candidates who do not have 80% attendance for practical sessions, clinical training, in-course training and internship will not be eligible to sit the examination.
- (iv) The marks allocated for different components of the subject/course unit assessment will be proportional to the learning/teaching activities carried out for each subject.

#### 24.2 **Board of Examiners**

The board of examiners shall oversee the assessment of each unit, and evaluate the candidate's progression at the end of each academic year and make recommendations to the Faculty.

#### 25. **Effective Batch**

These by-laws shall be effective for 2022/2023 intake and onwards.

**Lateral entry to the  
Faculty of Allied Health Sciences  
University of Sri Jayewardenepura**

**Lateral entry to the  
Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing Degree Programme  
University of Sri Jayewardenepura**

**Eligibility criteria for lateral entry to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing Degree Programme**

- A simple pass each in Biology (Zoology and Botany), Chemistry, Physics in GCE (A/L) in one sitting
- A minimum three years of service in state sector\* at the time of closure of application.
- Should be below 40 years at the time of closure of application (Upper limit of age can be decided by Senate and Council in exceptional circumstances)
- At least a Pass (S) in English for GCE (O/L) Examination
- Registered with the Sri Lankan Nursing Council/Ceylon Medical College Council/Sri Lanka Medical Council.
- Achieved the required pass mark for the aptitude examination and interview.
- Appropriate fitness for the selected field of study

\* Admission of candidates from the University system - Nurses of the University Health Center (as long as it is within the percentage allocated for lateral entry students and the candidate has approval from the department and university to follow the course).

In addition the following should be noted;

- ♣ Ratio of lateral entry student to direct entry student is 1:5
- ♣ Minimum number of academic years in the University should be 2

The year of placement shall be decided based on the NVQ level attained by the candidate at the closure of application. NVQ level 5 (30 credits) shall be considered to have fulfilled SLQF level 3 and those who attained NVQ level 6 (60 credits) should be considered to have fulfilled SLQF level 4. Registered nurses employed in the Ministry of Health who have fulfilled the eligibility criteria to sit the selection examination are eligible to enter the third year of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing Degree Programme. They are exempted from the first two years of the course of study in lieu of the Diploma in Nursing which they have already obtained. The above prescribed Examination By-Laws and Regulations for Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing Degree Programme, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 are applicable to the lateral entrants except where the below regulations are pertinent;

1. The lateral entrants,

1.1 are exempted from the first two years of the course of study and the BScHons Part I and BScHons Part II examinations, and are eligible to enter the third year of the degree programme.

1.2 may be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing if he/she has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 2 years.

2. GPA for lateral entry students is calculated according to the same equation considering only the course units from the third year onwards (excluding the course units of the first year).

3. In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Science Honours in Nursing degree a candidate of lateral entry shall have:

(i) Completed course units of 65 credits from third to fourth year.

(ii) Earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for the entire degree program of two years duration and no grade below C.

(iii) Passed the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) and, fulfilled all the requirements in 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii) above within a maximum of four academic years from the registration. This includes the period of extension permitted with valid reasons

**.Uniform Policy**

Students who follow Bachelor of Science Honours in Degree program should wear the designated white uniforms that carry the university logo in blue during their clinical training and for clinical/practical examinations held in both hospitals and university. The female students wear a white frock below knee length with white shoes and socks and male students white short-sleeved shirt, coat and a trouser with formal shoes. All students must have a badge attached to the uniform, which carries their designation, name, student batch and name of the University. Heavy make-up, hairstyling, strong perfumes, jewellery, dangling earrings are not allowed.

**Lateral entry to the  
Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours Degree Programme  
University of Sri Jayewardenepura**

**Eligibility criteria for lateral entry to the Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours Degree Programme**

- Passed in Biology (Zoology and Botany), Physics and Credit in Chemistry for GCE (A/L) in one setting
- Minimum 3 year service in state sector\* at the time of closure of application
- Below 40 years at the time of closure of application (Upper limit of age can be decided by Senate and Council of the respective University under exceptional circumstances)
- At least a Pass (S) in English for GCE (O/L) Examination
- Registration in the Sri Lanka Medical Council
- Selection is based on aptitude test and interview
- Appropriate fitness for the selected field of study

\* Admission of candidates from University system - Pharmacist of the University Health Center and in the Departments of Faculties of Medical and Allied Health Sciences (As long as it is within the percentage allocated for lateral entry students and the candidate has approval from the University to follow the course).

In addition the following should be noted.

- Ratio of lateral entry student to direct entry student is 1:5
- Minimum number of academic years in the University is 3

Registered pharmacists employed in the Ministry of Health who have fulfilled above eligibility criteria to sit the selection examination and passed the selection examination are eligible to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours Degree Programme. They are exempted from the first year of the course of study in lieu of the Diploma in Pharmacy/ Certificate of Proficiency in Pharmacy which they have already obtained. The above prescribed Examination By-Laws and Regulations for Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours Degree Programme, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 are applicable to the lateral entrants except where the below regulations are pertinent;

1. The lateral entrants,

1.1 are exempted from the first year of the course of study and the BPharmHons Part 1 Examination, and are eligible to enter the second year of the degree programme. However, they should successfully complete the 'first year bridging course for lateral entry students' before being eligible to sit the BPharmHons Part IV examination.

1.2 may be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours if he/she has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 3 years.

2. GPA for lateral entry students is calculated according to the same equation considering only the course units from the second year onwards (excluding the course units of the first year).
  
3. In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Pharmacy Honours degree a candidate of lateral entry shall have:
  - (i) Completed course units of 94 credits
  
  - (ii) Earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for the entire degree program of 3 years duration and no grade below C.
  
  - (iii) Passed the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) and,  
  
fulfilled all the requirements in 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii) above within a maximum of 6 academic years from the registration. This includes the period of exception permitted with valid reasons.

**Lateral entry to the**  
**Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree**  
**Programme**

**University of Sri Jayewardenepura**

Eligibility criteria for lateral entry to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree Programme

- Passed in Biology (Zoology and Botany), Physics and Credit in Chemistry for GCE (A/L) in one attempt.
- Minimum 3 year service in state sector at the time of closure of application
- Below 40 years at the time of closure of application  
(Upper limit of age can be decided by Senate and Council of the respective University under exceptional circumstances)
- At least a Pass (S) in English for GCE (O/L) Examination
- Registration in the Ceylon Medical College Council
- Selection is based on aptitude test and interview
- Appropriate fitness for the selected field of study

\* Admission of candidates from University system - MLT of the University Health Center and in the Departments of Faculties of Medical and Allied Health Sciences (As long as it is within the percentage allocated for lateral entry students and the candidate has approval from the University to follow the course).

In addition the following should be noted.

- ♣ Ratio of lateral entry student to direct entry student is 1:5
- ♣ Minimum number of academic years in the University is 3

Registered medical laboratory technologists employed in the Ministry of Health who have fulfilled above eligibility criteria to sit the selection examination and passed the selection examination are eligible to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree Programme. They are exempted from the first year of the course of study in lieu of the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Sciences which they have already obtained.

The above prescribed Examination By-Laws and Regulations for Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree Programme, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 are applicable to the lateral entrants except where the below regulations are pertinent;

1. The lateral entrants,
  1. 1.1 are exempted from the first year of the course of study and the Part I examination, and are eligible to enter the second year of the degree programme. However, they should successfully complete the first year bridging course for lateral entry students' before being eligible to sit the fourth year end examination.

2. 1.2 may be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree if he/she has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 3 years.
2. GPA for lateral entry students is calculated according to the same equation considering only the subjects from the second year onwards (excluding the subjects of the first year).
3. In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Science Honours in Medical Laboratory Sciences Degree a candidate of lateral entry shall have:
  - (i) Completed subjects of 93 credits
  - (ii) Earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for the entire degree program of 3 years duration and no grade below C.
  - (iii) Passed the English Language Competency Test (ELCT) and,  
  
fulfilled all the requirements in 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii) above within a maximum of 6 academic years from the registration. This includes the period of exemption permitted with valid reasons.

**Lateral entry to the**  
**Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry Degree Programme**  
**University of Sri Jayewardenepura**

**Eligibility criteria for lateral entry to the Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry Degree**

- A pass each in Biology (Zoology and Botany), Chemistry, Physics for GCE (A/L) in one sitting.
- A minimum of 03 years of service in the state sector at the time of closure of application.
- Should be below 40 years at the time of closure of application (Upper limit of age can be decided by Senate and Council in exceptional circumstances).
- At least a Pass (S) in English for GCE (O/L) Examination.
- Registered with the Ceylon Medical College Council/Sri Lanka Medical Council.
- Achieved the required pass mark for the aptitude examination and interview.
- Appropriate fitness for the selected field of study.

In addition, the following should be noted;

- Ratio of lateral entry student to direct entry student is 1:5
- Minimum number of academic years in the University is 3
- The year of placement shall be decided based on the NVQ level attained by the candidate at the closure of application. NVQ level 5 (30 credits) shall be considered to have fulfilled SLQF level 3 and those who attained NVQ level 6 (60 credits) should be considered to have fulfilled SLQF level 4.
- Accordingly, a 2 year diploma will be considered as a diploma and a 3 year diploma shall be considered as a higher diploma as per SLQF classification for the purpose to place in the Optometry study programme.

Registered Ophthalmic Technologists employed in the Ministry of Health, who have fulfilled the eligibility criteria to sit the selection examination and have received a pass in the selection examination are eligible to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry Degree Programme. They are exempted from the first year of the course of study in lieu of the Diploma in Ophthalmic Technology which they have already obtained. The above prescribed Examination By-Laws and Regulations for Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry Degree Programme, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 are applicable to the lateral entrants except where the below regulations are pertinent;

1. The lateral entrants,
  - 1.1 are exempted from the first year of the course of study and the Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry Part I examination and are eligible to enter the second year of the degree programme.

1.2 may be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Optometry if he/she has been registered as a student of the University for a period not less than 3 years.

2. GPA for lateral entry students is calculated according to the same equation considering only the course units from the second year onwards (excluding the course units of the first year).
3. In order to graduate with a BScHons(Optomety) degree a candidate of lateral entry shall have:
  - (i) Completed course units of 94 credits
  - (ii) Earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 for the entire degree program of three years duration and no grade below C
  - (iii) Passed the English Language Competency Test (ELCT)And, fulfilled all the requirements in 3(i), 3(ii), and 3(iii) above within a maximum of six academic years from the registration. This includes the period of extension permitted with valid reasons.