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NUM.	VERSION	AMENDMENT RECORD	LPU	ENFORCEMENT DATE
1.	1	The amendment of the UM (Bachelor's Degree) Rules 2019 and UM (Bachelor's Degree) Regulations 2019 must undergo the latest revision exercise to ensure the suitability with the following current changes: (i) Notifications/amendments to policies of the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA); (ii) Rationalisation of UM's Organisational Structure as approved by the Board of Directors (LPU) on 23.01.2024; and (iii) Approvals of the Board of Directors (LPU), University Management Committee (JKPU), and Senate from time to time. This matter was endorsed by the Senate on 27.06.2024 and submitted to the LPU for approval.	11.07.2024	Academic Session 2024/2025
2.	2	Amendments to the UM (Bachelor's Degree) Rules 2024 (latest version) were made in accordance with the approval of the University Management Committee (JKPU) on 03.07.2024, as recorded in Minute 4(33)(a), concerning the change in nomenclature from "Language Teacher" to "Language Lecturer", which also carries implications on the interpretation of the term "teacher" in these Universiti Malaya Rules. Taking into account the Faculty of Medicine's proposal to include the category of "clinical teacher" in the	07.11.2024	Academic session 2024/2025

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		definition of teacher. This is because “clinical teachers” also contribute to Teaching and Learning activities, even though their status is not officially that of a teacher. This matter was endorsed by the Senate on 26.09.2024 and submitted to the Board of Directors (LPU) for approval.		
3.	3	The Universiti Malaya (Bachelor's Degree) Rules 2024 (latest version) is amended in line with: (i) the enforcement of the Universities and University Colleges (Universiti Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024; (ii) the admission requirements for Foundation, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral programmes for entry from Academic Session 2025/2026 to 2027/2028, as approved by the Senate on 17.12.2024.	02.07.2025	Within one (1) day after LPU

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In the exercise of the powers conferred under subsection 37(1) of the Constitution of the University of Malaya 2010 [P.U. (A) 444/2010], the Board of Directors of the Universiti Malaya has formulated the following rules:

PART I **PRELIMINARY**

1. Name, Commencement and Application

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Universiti Malaya (Bachelor's Degree) Rules 2024 and shall come into force from the 2024/2025 Academic Session.
- (2) These Rules shall apply to all students of the Bachelor's Degree programmes of study commencing from the 2024/2025 Academic Session EXCEPT students pursuing the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and the Bachelor of Jurisprudence programmes of study.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subrule (2), all students from the 2013/2014 to 2016/2017 Admission Sessions shall continue to be subject to the conditions of the Award of Degree as prescribed in the University of Malaya (First Degree Studies) Regulations 2013.
- (4) Notwithstanding that provided for under these Rules and Regulations, the implementation method of the Bachelor's Degree that will be used by the University shall also be read concurrently with the fundamentals, policies, guidelines, procedures and/or any other resolutions of the University from time to time.

2. Interpretation

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires an alternative meaning:

“academic programme” means a group of courses and/or training that is planned and prepared for purposes of fulfilling the requirements for the award of a degree;

“Academic Session” means the duration of study of an academic programme, which comprises two (2) Normal Semesters and a Special Semester where the date of

commencement and the end date are determined by the Senate.

“Admission Session” means a session where a student is admitted into a programme of study;

“audited course” means a course registered and attended by a student without sitting for examination;

“Bursar” means an officer of the University as provided under section 14 of the Constitution;

“Calendar of studies” means the duration of study that consists of lecture week, revision week, examination week and break in any semester where the commencement and ending dates are as prescribed by the Senate;

“Calendar Year” means a period of time in which the duration is twelve (12) months (January – December);

“citizen” means Malaysian citizens;

“Committee of Examiners” means the Committee established by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty to consider the results of examination of the students and exercise such other powers granted to it pursuant to the provisions of these Rules or relevant Regulations;

“Common semester” means a semester system which uses 17 weeks of study. A semester system other than 17 weeks of study needs to determine the appropriate minimum credit amount;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of University of Malaya; ~~2010 [P.U.(A) 444/2010]~~
(LPU 02.07.2025)

“core course” means a core course which is compulsory to be pursued by the student;

“course” means a unit of study or training prepared over a prescribed period of time, usually in one (1) semester, which contributes to the credits of a programme of study;

“credit” means the quantitative measurements representing the volume of learning or the burden of learning to achieve specific learning outcomes;

“credit counted” means a credit obtained by a student for any course undertaken in a programme of study where the grade obtained for that particular course is included in the calculation of the GPA and CGPA;

“credit obtained” means a credit obtained by a student for a course undertaken in a programme of study for the purpose of completion of graduation;

“Dean of Faculty” means the Dean of a Faculty of the University, and includes any Director or Head of an Academy, Centre, School and Institute, who has been appointed under subsections 24(4) and (5) of the Constitution;

“Department” means any Department of Study of the Faculty and includes any division

of studies of the Faculty;

“Deputy Dean” means a person appointed by the University as the Deputy Dean of Undergraduate Degree and is responsible for the management of the Bachelor’s programme in the Faculty;

“degree” means a Bachelor’s Degree of the University;

“Degree Study Structure” means a list of courses together with the required total number of credits that needs to be completed by a student to qualify for an award of a Degree;

“elective course” means any course which can be chosen by the student;

“examination room” means the premises for the conduct of an examination for a course or courses;

“Faculty” means any Faculty of the University and this includes any School, Centre, Academy and Institute of the University established under subsection 24(1) of the Constitution;

“field of study” means the area of specialization offered in a programme of study;

Note

*field of study must refer to the field of specialization written in the current National Education Code (NEC)

“full time study method” means studies pursued by the student with a minimum study of 12 credits in one (1) common semester [60% of the total maximum credit in one (1) semester];

“Head of Department” means the Head of any Department of Study of a Faculty including the Programme Coordinator concerned;

“inbound student” means students from external universities/institutions who have been approved to undertake specific courses at the University. However, they are not considered University students;

“Internal Examiner” means a full-time or part-time teacher of the University appointed by the Faculty to examine a course or a part of a course;

“Invigilator” means a person who has been appointed by the University from among full-time or part-time teachers of the University to invigilate an examination of an academic programme;

“major” means a programme which has at least 70%* component in the programme’s mainfield;

Note:

*the calculation of the major, specialization and minor percentage is based on the total overall credits (not including University Courses/General Courses).

“major-minor” means a programme which has a minor field of study that covers 25-30% of knowledge in another field of study other than the main field which refers to the core field of the programme. The naming of this type of programme uses the conjunction ‘with’ between the main field and another field of study;

“Major with Minor Package” means a programme which is taken with an academic package choice which allows the student to take several courses outside the studies programme curriculum structure for the purpose of expansion of knowledge. This Minor Package will be shown in the academic transcript in the event the student obtains 18 credits for any such package;

“non-citizen” means non-Malaysians including those with permanent resident status;

“Normal Semester” means Semester I or Semester II as provided in the Calendar of Study;

“Outbound student” means University students who have been approved to undertake specific courses at other universities/institutions;

“part-time study method” means studies pursued by the student with minimum studies of 12 credits in one (1) common semester [less than 60% of the total maximum credits in one (1) semester]. However, for the final semester, the student is allowed to take a maximum of 14 credits;

“place of study” means the University including any other place approved by the University;

“professional programme” means a programme of study that requires accreditation or is accredited by a professional body;

“Programme Coordinator” means a person appointed by the Dean of the Faculty from amongst the full-time teachers of the University to coordinate any academic programme;

“Registrar” means an officer of the University as provided under section 14 of the Constitution;

“semester” means a specific duration determined by the University in an academic session which constitutes Normal Semesters and Special Semesters;

“Senate” means one of the University’s Authorities established under Section 22 of the Constitution;

“Special Semester” means the semester with a shorter duration from a Normal Semester and offered after Semester II;

“student” means a registered person pursuing any programme of study for a Bachelor’s Degree of the University;

“Teaching assistant” means a teacher who has been appointed by the University to assist in the management of teaching and learning including but not limited to

demonstrator, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Graduate Research Assistant and Graduate Teaching Assistant;

“Teacher” means a person appointed to be a teacher in accordance to the Constitution of the University of Malaya and includes a senior professor, professor, associate professor, clinical teachers, fellow, assistant professor, reader, senior lecturer, lecturer, teaching assistant and language lecturer;

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“University” means the Universiti Malaya;

“University course/General course” means course(s) prescribed by the Malaysian Ministry of Education in the General Studies Subjects (MPU) syllabus and general courses prescribed by the University (if any), which are compulsory for every student to pursue;

“Vice-Chancellor” means the chief executive and academic officer of the University appointed under subsection 12(1) of the Constitution.

PART II

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3. Academic Programme

An Academic Programme offered by the University is as approved by the Ministry of Higher Education from time to time and may be offered as full-time or part-time study.

4. Admission to the University's Programme of Study

- (1) Each applicant who wishes to pursue a Bachelor's Degree programme of study in the Universiti Malaya shall:
 - (a) fulfil the general requirements of the University as determined by the Ministry of Higher Education and special requirements of the programme of study as determined by the Senate;
 - (b) confirm his acceptance of the offer of admission;
 - (c) be verified by a Registered Medical Practitioner from the Universiti Malaya Clinic as being in satisfactory health and is not suffering from any illness which may disrupt his studies at the University; and
 - (d) fulfilled all immunization requirement specified for the academic programmes by clinical and non-clinical involving *clinical activities; and

*in reference to the sub-rule (d) above, clinical activities are as specified in the Universiti Malaya Vaccination Policy.
 - (e) pay the specified fees.

- (2) For the purpose of the general requirement stated in Rules 4, it applies to all undergraduate programmes at the University with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 and above, as well as obtaining at least credit grades in any two (2) subjects at the entry qualification level.

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- (3) In certain circumstances, the admission of an applicant is subject to the Senate's decision based on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty's Committee for Admission Selection and the fulfilment of subrules (1)(b) until (e) above.
- (4) Admission to the programme of study is at the beginning of Semester I or Semester II of each academic session.
- (5) Each offer of admission is for a specific semester and session.

5. Mobility Programme Student

- (1) A mobility Programme Student refers to:
- (a) Inbound student who is approved to undertake specific courses at the University, regardless of whether for the purpose of obtaining grades and/or credits. They are not considered University students.
 - (b) Outbound student who is approved to undertake specific courses at other universities/institutions regardless of whether for the purpose of obtaining grades and/or credits subject to the resolutions of the relevant universities/institutions.
- (2) The admission of the Mobility Programme Student shall be at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty.

PART III **REGISTRATION**

6. Registration of a Programme of Study for New Students

- (1) Any person who has been offered by the University to pursue a programme of study and who accepts the said offer is required to register in accordance with the regulations under the Universiti Malaya (Bachelor's Degree) Regulations 2024
- (2) Subject to subrule (3) below, any person registered pursuant to subrule (1) above, is a student of the University and is referred to as a student of the said programme. The name of the said student shall be entered into the student register of the University until the student successfully completes his programme of study and the Senate confirms that the said student is qualified to be conferred the degree or, for any specific reasons the student loses his status as a student of the University, following whichever occurs first.

- (3) Every student who is registered for a programme of study offered to him shall register on a continuous basis with the University within the duration prescribed and if he fails to do so, his name shall be removed from the register of the students and shall cease to be a student of the University.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything stated in subrule (1) and subject to subrule (3) as above, the Senate may at any time terminate the registration of any student if in the view of the Senate the said student on academic grounds prescribed by the Senate, is not capable of continuing his programme of study and the name of the said student shall be removed from the register of students of the University and the said student shall cease to be a student of the University. The Senate's decision made in accordance with subrule (4) is final.
- (5) Deferment of registration for a programme of study by a new student can only be considered for medical reasons or for any other reasons which are acceptable at the discretion of the University. The duration of deferment shall not be counted as part of the prescribed duration of study. The offer shall lapse if the student does not also register for the relevant subsequent semester or session.

7. Course Registration

Every student is required to register for courses in every semester in accordance to the conditions that are prescribed in the Regulations made under these Rules.

8 Change of Programme of Study

- (1) A student who has registered for a programme of study that has been offered is not allowed to change his programme of study.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything stated in subrule (1) above, under certain circumstances a student may apply to be considered for a change of programme of study subject to the conditions prescribed under the Regulations made under these Rules.

PART IV **PAYMENT**

9 Fees and Other Payments

A student shall pay all fees and other payments as determined by the regulations under the Universiti Malaya (Bachelor's Degree) Regulations 2024.

10 Right to Revise Fee Rates and Other Payments

The University has the right to revise the rate of the stipulated fees and other payments without prior notice to the student.

11 Duration to Settle Fees and Other Payments

The student shall pay all fees and other payments within the duration specified by the University.

12 Failure to Settle Fees and Other Payments

Failure by a student to settle all fees and other payments within the duration specified by the University may result in the student being:

- (1) prevented from registering for courses for the following semester and his status as a student of the University may be terminated;
- (2) prevented from obtaining the examination results for the semester concerned; academic transcript and degree scroll; and/or
- (3) prevented from being conferred a degree at a convocation ceremony.

PART V **DURATION OF PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

13 Duration of Programme of Study

A student shall pursue and complete his programme of study within the prescribed duration.

14 Minimum Duration and Maximum Duration

- (1) The minimum and maximum duration for the completion of a full-time programme of study are as follows:

System of Study	Minimum	Maximum
Six Semesters	Six Normal Semesters	Ten Normal Semesters
Seven Semesters	Seven Normal Semesters	Eleven Normal Semesters
Eight Semesters	Eight Normal Semesters	Twelve Normal Semesters

- (2) The minimum and maximum duration for the completion of a part-time programme of study are as follows:

System of Study	Minimum	Maximum
Eight Semesters	Eight Normal Semesters	Fourteen Normal Semesters
Nine Semesters	Nine Normal Semesters	Fifteen Normal Semesters
Ten Semesters	Ten Normal Semesters	Sixteen Normal Semesters

- (3) Notwithstanding anything stated in subrules (1) and (2) above, a Special Semester shall be taken into account for the duration of study if it is stated in the letter of offer for admission.

15 Suspension of a Student's Programme of Study

The duration of suspension of a student's programme of study where punishment has been imposed under the Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024 shall not be taken into account as part of the maximum duration of the programme of study.

(LPU 02.07.2025)

PART VI **STRUCTURE OF PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

16 Structure of Programme of Study

A student shall be required to follow and fulfil the overall total credits as prescribed for the respective programme of study as approved by the Senate.

17 Programme External Assessor

A Programme External Assessor for each programme of study offered by the University shall be appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor concerned upon the recommendation of the special committee appointed by the Senate as stated in the Regulations to:

- (1) ensure that the programme of study offered is comparable and consistent with similar programmes being offered by world renowned universities;
- (2) confirm that the programme of study complies with the level and the requirements of the programme standard as prescribed;
- (3) ensure that the method of assessment and evaluation is suitable, fair and reasonable and administered in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the University; and
- (4) assure the quality of the academic programme.

18 Programme of Study Components

- (1) Each programme of study shall consist of three (3) course components as determined in Schedules 1 and 2 of these Rules.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything stated in subrule (1), any programme of study that has a programme standard by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency or a professional body, such programme shall be subjected to the compliance of requirements prescribed.

PART VII
ACADEMIC ADVISOR SYSTEM

19 Functions of an Academic Advisor

- (1) The Dean of the Faculty shall ensure that one (1) Panel of Academic Advisors is appointed from amongst the teachers to guide the student in the planning of his programme of study.
- (2) An Academic Advisor is responsible for:
 - (a) assisting students in the selection of courses and the number of credits they will take prior to the commencement of the semester; and
 - (b) providing guidance to students in overcoming problems related to learning, if any, based on the students' academic performance.
- (3) The Dean of the Faculty is responsible in determining the method of implementing the system of Academic Advisor in their respective Faculties.

PART VIII
ASSESSMENT METHOD

20 Assessment

- (1) Assessment for every programme of study carried out by the University may be conducted by way of a final examination and continuous assessment or continuous assessment only as well as other methods of assessment æmay be approved by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Faculty.
- (2) For programmes which have a programme standard and/or professional body requirements, assessment methods shall be conducted according to the prescribed requirements.

21 Committee of Examiners

A separate Committee of Examiners shall be formed for every examination for each academic programme.

PART IX
GRADUATION

22 Graduation Requirements

- (1) A student may be awarded the relevant degree subject to the student having:
 - (a) fulfilled all the requirements of these Rules and any regulations made thereunder;

- (b) been recommended by the Committee of Examiners to be awarded the degree and approved by the Senate; and
 - (c) fulfilled all other requirements prescribed by the Senate from time to time.
- (2) The University reserves the right to withhold the conferment of the degree if the student fails to pay all fees and other payments prescribed by the University.
- (3) Notwithstanding any decision in relation to a student's graduation, the University reserves the right to forfeit the conferment of the degree of a student if the University is satisfied that it has been proven that the student has done the following:
 - (a) falsified information to meet the requirements for graduation; and/or
 - (b) committed an act of academic dishonesty that in the view of the University the student does not deserve to be awarded the degree.

PART X

GENERAL

23. Termination of Student's Academic Status

The Senate has the right to terminate the academic status of a student who is found to have provided false information in connection with admission to the University or commit an act of academic dishonesty other than those stated in the Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024 which in the view of the Senate is inappropriate and detrimental to the image of the University.

(LPU 02.07.2025)

24. Power of the Senate to Formulate Regulations

The Senate may generally make any regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out or enforcing the provisions of these Rules.

25. Exemption of Application

Notwithstanding anything stated in these Rules and regulations made thereunder, the Senate may exempt the application of any provisions of these Rules.

26. Compliance with the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, University of Malaya Constitution, Statutes, Rules and Regulations

Every student shall be subject to the Universities Act and University Colleges Act 1971, the Constitution of University of Malaya, statutes, rules and regulations currently applicable in the University including the Universities and University Colleges (University of Malaya) (Discipline of Students) Rules 2024.

(LPU 02.07.2025)

27. Repeal

Subject to the provision in rule 1(3), the University of Malaya (First Degree Studies) Rules 2019 are hereby repealed.

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Schedule 1

UNIVERSITI MALAYA (BACHELOR'S DEGREE) RULES 2024

SCHEDULE 1 (Rule 18)

PROGRAMME OF STUDY COMPONENT – ADMISSION SESSION 2019/2020 AND PREVIOUS

Every programme of study shall have three (3) course components as stated below:

Component	Percentage
University Course/General Course	15% - 20%
Core Course	50% - 60%
Elective/Minor Course	25% - 30%

Schedule 2

UNIVERSITI MALAYA (BACHELOR'S DEGREE) RULES 2024

SCHEDULE 2 (Rule 18)

PROGRAMME OF STUDY COMPONENT – ADMISSION SESSION 2020/2021* AND THEREAFTER

Every programme of study shall have three (3) course components as stated below:

Component	Percentage
University Course/General Course	10% - 20%
Core Course	50% - 60%
Elective Course	25% - 30%



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