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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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*This By-Law may be cited as **By-Law No XXXX** of the Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology and shall be applicable to all candidates initially registered after 2021.*

1. Award of Degree

1.1 The Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology, which may be abbreviated as BScHons (IT), hereinafter referred to as "the Degree", may be awarded by the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, to a student who;

- a) has fulfilled all the eligibility requirements for admission to the course as set out in Section 2.0; and
- b) has been admitted to the University as a student under the Universities Act No: 16 of 1978; and
- c) has been duly registered as a full-time student of the University as set out in Section 3; and
- d) has completed the requirements within the specified duration as set out in Section 4; and
- e) has pursued an approved programme as outlined in Section 5; and
- f) has successfully completed all the prescribed evaluations as set out in Section 6; and
- g) has paid such fees as prescribed by the University and any other dues payable to the University; and
- h) has otherwise satisfied the Board of Examiners and Senate as to the suitability of the candidate for the award of the Degree.

1.2 The Degree may be conferred on a candidate qualified as in Section 1.1, at a General Convocation of the University.

2. Eligibility for Registration

An applicant may be considered for admission to the University to follow the Degree programme, if he:

- a) has attained the prescribed minimum standards at the G.C.E Ordinary Level and Advanced Level Examinations in a manner as determined by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, and accepted by the Senate and
- b) has attained any other prescribed requirements determined by the Senate and
- c) has been selected according to the stipulated university admission criteria.

3. Registration for the Degree Programme

- 3.1. An applicant selected for admission to the University for the Degree programme as laid out in Section 2.0 may register to follow its First Semester in the manner prescribed by the Senate.
- 3.2. Eligibility for registration for the subsequent Semesters of the Degree programme shall be in accordance with the Performance Assessment as set out in section 6.2.
- 3.3. Provisional registration may be permitted by the Senate under exceptional circumstances.
- 3.4. The prescribed fees payable for registration, tuition and examinations shall be as determined by the Council of the University.
- 3.5. A student registered for the Course of Study shall not be permitted concurrent registration for any other course of study, nor permitted to register or appear for any external examination without the prior consent of the Senate

4. Duration of Study Programme

- 4.1 The Duration of the Study Programme is four academic years.
- 4.2 The Period of Study of a candidate is reckoned as the period between the effective date of registration for the programme as specified in clause 4.3 and the effective date of award of the degree as specified in section 7.
- 4.3 The effective date of registration will be the date of commencement of the First Semester.
- 4.4 The Period of Study leading to the Degree, shall be not less than four academic years, and not more than eight academic years, including a period of industrial placement, as may be prescribed by the Senate.

5. Programme of Study

- 5.1 The Programme of Study leading to the Degree shall be conducted under the Semester System with Course Module examinations held as set out in Section 6.0.
- 5.2 The candidate shall usually complete the registration for all course modules before the commencement of each Semester.
- 5.3 A candidate may, in accordance with the criteria approved by the Faculty
 - a. withdraw from a Course Module within a specific period of the commencement of the Semester, and/or
 - b. substitute a Course Module with another Course Module and/or
 - c. add Course Modules
- 5.4 The curriculum of the programme shall be as laid down by the Senate.
 - a. The syllabus for each Course Module shall be as prescribed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board.
- 5.5 The programme of study shall consist of;
 - a. a specified course of lectures; and
 - b. specified work for continuous assessment; and
 - c. assigned projects; and
 - d. a specified period of industrial trainingas may be prescribed by the respective Head of Department or other persons(s) appointed by the Faculty.

6. Scheme of Evaluation

6.1 General

- a. The performance assessment shall be in accordance with the Performance Criteria as prescribed by the Senate and set out as a separate document.
- b. Performance evaluation shall be held for each course module as prescribed by the Senate and Faculty Board.
- c. Eligibility to appear for the end of semester examination of a particular Course Module shall be based on continuous assessment of the candidate and his attendance in the Course Module and as specified in the Performance Criteria.
- d. An application to appear for an examination shall be made prior to prescribed dates and shall be accompanied by the prescribed examination fees when applicable.
- e. Examinations shall be conducted according to By-Law 15 for the Conduct at Examinations.

6.2 Performance Assessment

- a. The Grading of the evaluation for each course module shall be in accordance with the Performance Criteria.
- b. The Award of the Degree and of Class honours shall be based on the Overall Grade Point Average and any other graduation requirements.

6.3 Board of Examiners

- a. 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 Senate.
- b. 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.
- c. In the event of illness, a student may be permitted to withdraw from an examination as per conditions laid down by the Senate.

7. Effective Date of Award

The effective date of the award of the Degree shall be the last day of the month 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. Interpretation

9.1 In this By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires

- a. **University** (also **University of Moratuwa**) means the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka constituted according to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.
- b. **Council** means the Council of the University of Moratuwa, constituted according to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.
- c. **Registrar** means the Registrar, Acting Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Senior Assistant Registrar, Assistant Registrar or any other officer authorised to sign for an on behalf of the Registrar of the University of Moratuwa
- d. **Senate** means the Senate of the University of Moratuwa, constituted according to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.
- e. **Faculty** means the specified Faculty of the University of Moratuwa in which the By-Law is to be applied
- f. **Department** means the Department of Study of the University of Moratuwa in which the By-Law is to be applied
- g. *judged by the Faculty and approved by the Senate* includes judging the eligibility of a candidate with relevance to his field of study, the acceptance of his degree or other qualification for the programme, the relevance, level and duration of training/experience.
- h. Terms in the masculine also includes the feminine.

9.2 Any question regarding the interpretation of this By-Law shall be referred to the Senate whose decision thereon shall be final.

10. Regulations and Revisions

- a) The provisions prescribed in this By-Law are subject to revision from time to time.
- b) The Performance Criteria may be framed and revised, independently of the By-Law, but in keeping within the provisions.
- c) All common regulations applicable to Universities in Sri Lanka, and to the University of Moratuwa in particular, are also applicable to students registered for this programme.