

Degree of Bachelor of Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences
By-Law No: 82 - 2018.

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

By-Law made by the Council of the University of Ruhuna, on under Section 135 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and amendments thereof.

BY- LAW

This By-Law may be cited as the Bachelor of Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences Degree By-Law No: 82 - 2018 of the University of Ruhuna and shall come into **effect on 22.02.2017.**

1. General Requirements for Award of the Degree

1.1 The Degree of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences hereinafter referred to as “the degree” may be awarded by the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka, to a student who:

- a) has been admitted to the University as a student under section 135 of the Universities Act No.16 of 1978 and amendments thereof, and
- b) has been a duly registered student of the University, during the period of study prescribed by this By-Law, and
- c) has completed the courses of study to the satisfaction of the Senate, as prescribed by this By-Law and Rules and Regulations made thereunder, and
- d) has passed examinations as prescribed by this By-Law and Rules and Regulations made thereunder, and
- e) has paid such fees as prescribed by the University, for his/her case according to the Rules and Regulations of the University, and
- f) has fulfilled all the above requirements within six academic years from the date of enrollment to the academic programme of the University, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare for some specified reason/s that a student is eligible for the award of the Degree at a subsequent occasion, and
- (g) has no on-going disciplinary inquiry conducted by the University, and
- (h) has no on-going inquiry conducted by the University on examination offences.

1.2 The Degree shall be conferred to candidates, qualified as in section 1.1, as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations made by the Senate.

2. Programme of Study

- 2.1 Duration of the Bachelor of Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences Degree Programme shall be of four academic years (eight semesters). The Degree Programme shall consist of Core Course Units (hereafter referred to as CCU), and Optional Course Units (hereafter referred to as OCU) pertaining to each subject, and Compulsory Non-Grade Point Value (Non-GPV) Course Units (Industrial Training, English, Computer Literacy and Information Literacy & Library Skills) as prescribed by the Regulations made by the Senate.
- 2.2 During the four academic years of the degree programme, a student shall complete a minimum of 120 credits, covering all Course Units relevant to the degree programme as prescribed by the Faculty.
- 2.3 Industrial Training of minimum period of two months.

3. Registration for Course Units

- 3.1 A student shall register for all Course Units of relevant academic year/semester at the beginning of the academic year or the semester within the time specified by the Faculty, failing which they will not be allowed to follow the respective Course Unit/s.
- 3.2 The available Course Units for an academic year or a semester will be announced by the Faculty at the beginning of the respective academic year or semester, enabling the students to register within the time specified by the Faculty.
- 3.3 A student shall pay the fees for the registration and examination as prescribed by the Council of the University (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") wherever relevant.
- 3.4 A candidate admitted to the Degree Programme shall not be permitted concurrent registration for any other fulltime course of study at University of Ruhuna or elsewhere.

4. Evaluation

- 4.1 The mode of evaluation of each Course Unit, Examination Criteria and Schemes of Award of Class shall be prescribed by regulations made by the Senate.
- 4.2 Evaluation shall consist of End Semester Examination and Continuous Assessment.

4.3 The method of evaluation for continuous assessments may be by one or more of the following methods and will be announced by the Faculty at the commencement of the relevant semester.

- (a) Class test (Theory/Practical)
- (b) Essays/Report/Dissertation
- (c) Presentation/Seminar
- (d) Oral examination/*viva voce*

4.4 The End Semester Examination shall consist of one or more of the following.

- (a) Theory Examination
- (b) Practical Examination

4.5 Examinations of Course Units shall be held during or at the end of each semester, while examinations of Course Units continued for both semesters shall be held at the end of the respective academic year.

5. Eligibility to sit for examinations

- 5.1 A student shall have a minimum of 80% attendance for each Course Unit
- 5.2 Those who do not fulfill the requirement as described in 5.1 shall be considered to have failed in that particular Course Unit.
- 5.3 If a student fails to fulfill the requirement as described in 5.1, an acceptable reason has to be produced, failing which a grade E shall be given. If the given reason is accepted by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board, student shall be given an additional attempt and it shall be considered as the first attempt of the respective student for that particular Course Unit.

6. Allocation of Grades

6.1 Depending on the level of overall performance, grades and Grade Point Values (GPV) shall be allocated for Course Units as follows:

Marks (%)	Grades	GPV
85 – 100	A ⁺	4.0
70 – 84	A	4.0
65 – 69	A ⁻	3.7
60 – 64	B ⁺	3.3
55 – 59	B	3.0
50 – 54	B ⁻	2.7
45 – 49	C ⁺	2.3
40 – 44	C	2.0
36- 39	C-	1.7
33 – 35	D ⁺	1.3
30 - 32	D	1.0
0 – 29	E	0.0

- 6.2 Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated to the second decimal place as follows

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\sum(c_i g_i)}{\sum(c_i)}$$

where, c_i and g_i are the number of credits and the Grade Point Values (GPV) respectively for the i^{th} Course Unit.

- 6.3 A candidate who obtains grade **C** or better for a Course Unit shall be considered to have passed in that Course Unit. If a Course Unit consists of both Theory and Practical Components, grade **D** or better has to be obtained for each component to pass the Course Unit, failing which a grade 'E' shall be given.
- 6.4 A student who obtains grades **C**-, **D**+, **D** or **E** for a particular Course Unit may re-sit the examinations in respect of that Course Unit for the purpose of improving the grade within the stipulated period as stated in 1.1 (f) above. The maximum grade that could be awarded is **C**-. In the event a student obtains a grade lower than the previous grade, he/she will be entitled to the grade obtained at the previous attempt. Such candidates are not entitled to attend respective lectures/practical classes of the Course Unit in which, he/she has failed.
- 6.5 In case a student fails in a Course Unit, where the student has obtained a grade **D** or better in a previous attempt for continuous assessment, he/she shall be exempted from repeating continuous assessment in subsequent attempts and previous grade for continuous assessment shall be considered when calculating the final grade.

If the candidate has obtained a grade lower than **D** for the continuous assessment, the Department which offers the Course Unit shall decide a suitable method of evaluation for the continuous assessment with the approval of the Faculty Board.

7. Requirements for Graduation

A student shall be deemed to have passed the Bachelor of Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences Degree Examination if he/she has obtained,

- (a) a minimum of 120 credits, and
- (b) grades of **C** or better from theory aggregating to a minimum of 60% credits of CCUs and grades of **D** or better for other CCUs, and
- (c) grades of **C** or better in all practical CCUs, and

- (d) grades of **C** or better for a minimum of 60% credits of OCU's, and
- (e) a minimum of grade **D** for all Course Units which contain both theory and practical components, and
- (f) grades of **C** or better for a minimum of 75% credits for Course Units containing research and learning skills (presentations, seminars, essays, etc.), and
- (g) a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or above, and
- (h) a satisfactory completion of industrial training.

8. Award of Classes

A student, who has fulfilled all the stipulated conditions in section 7 shall be awarded a Class, if he/she fulfills the following additional requirements within four academic years from the date of first registration, provided that it shall be within the power of the Senate to declare the eligibility for the award of a class at a subsequent occasion.

GPA \geq 3.70	First Class
GPA 3.30 - 3.69	Second Class (Upper Division)
GPA 3.00 - 3.29	Second Class (Lower Division)

9. Award of the Degree

The following requirements shall be fulfilled to award the Degree.

- (a) A minimum of grade **C** for each English Course Unit, and
- (b) A minimum of grade **C** for each Computer Literacy Course Unit, and
- (c) A minimum of grade **D** for Information Literacy and Library Skills Course Unit

10. Effective Date of the Degree

- 10.1 The Effective Date of the Degree shall be the date following the last day of the semester Examinations conducted by the faculty in the relevant semester when the student fulfills the requirements for graduation to receive the Degree.
- 10.2 In case a student has an ongoing inquiry for an examination or disciplinary offence conducted against him by the University, results of the relevant examination/s shall not be released until the inquiry is completed. In such situations, the effective date of the degree shall be determined by the Senate or the Council of the University of Ruhuna.

11. Interpretations

11.1 In this By-Law unless the context otherwise requires:

“University” means the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka as established by the Gazette Notification No. 281/07 dated 24-01-1984.

“Council” means the Council of the University of Ruhuna, constituted by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and amendments thereof.

“Senate” means, the Senate of the University of Ruhuna, constituted by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and amendments thereof.

“Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology” or “Faculty” means the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, University of Ruhuna.

“Faculty Board” means the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, University of Ruhuna.

“Dean” means the Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, University of Ruhuna.

“Head of the Department” means the Head of the Relevant Department of the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences & Technology, where the student is enrolled.

11.2 Any question regarding the interpretation of this By-Law shall be referred to the Council whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.