

Undergraduate & Postgraduate Programs

Definitions

The following definitions have been given for the general understanding and guidance of the students:

1.	Academic Council	means the Academic Council of the University
2.	Academic Program	includes a program of studies including practical(s) and research etc., leading to the award of a degree after successful completion of such studies and the word 'program' wherever used in these regulations, unless there is anything contrary in the context, shall be construed accordingly;
3.	Academic Year	wherever appearing, the expression 'academic year' shall be construed to refer to and cover the period of study including specified practicals/ lab work and examinations at the university spread over one calendar year
4.	Affiliated College	includes any college, institute, institution, centre or hospital affiliated with the University but not maintained or administered by it;
5.	Candidate	for academic purposes, includes a person seeking admission in the University;
6.	Contact Hour	means an hour spent on academic and research-related activities including instructional lab or other related work etc. during a course of studies;
7.	Credit Hour	means one contact hour of theory class and three contact hours for practical/research per week throughout a semester
8.	Constituent College	means an educational college or institute in the health studies, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by NUMS including Army Medical College, Rawalpindi; Armed Forces Postgraduate Medical Institute, Rawalpindi; Army College of Veterinary Sciences, Sargodha and such other colleges or institutes as approved by the Board of Governors (BoG);
9.	Controller of Examination	means the chief coordinator of examination of the University
10.	Co-Supervisor	means a person having required expertise in the relevant academic or research field and nominated or appointed as such;
11.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)	means summation of grade points of all credit courses as divided by a total number of the credit hours taken and successfully completed by a student for the relevant academic program;
12.	Dean	the head of a faculty or academic head of institute under the University or the head of an academic body granted the status of a faculty or statutes or regulation.

13.	Department	a teaching department maintained and administered or recognised by the University in the prescribed manner;
14.	Defense	includes an oral examination and assessment of a student in person with reference to his research work, conducted either in the form and style of a presentation including simulation to a particular panel examiners or otherwise;
15.	Director Academics	the Head of Academics Directorate established by the University in terms of the powers assigned by the Act.
16.	External Examiner	a person holding suitable qualifications recognised by PM&DC in the relevant discipline who may belong to any outside constituent/ affiliated institution or university/ organisation
17.	Faculty	professorial teachers or instructor duly registered as faculty of NUMS' colleges/institutes with the Regulatory Authorities.
18.	Grade	means a numerical calculation or expression aimed at measuring or gauging the quality or level of a student's performance in a given subject, course, semester or an academic program;
19.	Grade Point Average (GPA)	means a weighted average of all grades in a semester or any other specified academic period and where needed GPA may be worked out in respect of any subject or course;
20.	Internal Examiner	means a person so approved by the Vice Chancellor either in the light of recommendations of the concerned principal or head of a college or institute or otherwise from within the college or institute where a student is completing an academic program;
21.	Prescribed	prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules made under the Act.
22.	Probation	means a period-specific position in which a student may be placed in case he is found to be deficient in achieving the specified academic standards to an extent that he is likely to be withdrawn or dropped from a semester unless he so improves his CGPA that he is allowed, whether conditionally or otherwise, to continue studies for the next semester in the University;
23.	Registrar	means Registrar of the University
24.	Relegation	means demotion or reversion of a student to a lower position on an academic placement or classification scale;
25.	Regulatory Authority	besides Higher Education Commission (HEC), includes Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC), Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC), Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC) and Pharmacy Council Pakistan (PCP);
26.	Semester	means an academic period not less than sixteen weeks (excluding examinations) during which specified courses

		are offered to be completed by a student for the purposes linked to the award of a desired degree;
27. Supervisor		includes a person usually from amongst the faculty members deputed for the purpose of guiding and supervising a student during academic studies and research work till successful completion thereof including defense of a thesis;
28. Transfer of Credit		means granting a benefit of credit or credits to a student of the University for the course or courses which may be validly undertaken or intended to be so undertaken by him in other HEC-recognised Higher Education Institution(s) (HEIs) on completion or fulfilment of necessary formalities for the verification of equivalence or comparison, if needed;
29. Thesis		means a comprehensive and complete report or dissertation written and documented in such style and manner as may be specified by the University in respect of any original research work conducted by a student as a prerequisite for the award of a particular degree.
30. University		means the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) established under the Act No. XVII of 2015
31. University Faculty		means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more department as me be prescribed;
32. Vice Chancellor		means the Vice Chancellor of the University appointed under section 10 of Act No. XVII of 2015.

All other words and expressions not defined above but used in these rules shall have meanings assigned to them under the NUMS Act, 2015 and the Statues, Regulations and Rules made hereunder.