FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS IN
THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
Subject to approval by the School Committee

1. General College Regulations shall apply as set out in the University Calendar in the chapter general Regulations and information for students (http://www.tcd.ie/about/calendar/pdf/general_information.pdf)

Particular attention is drawn to the following:

1.1 ILLNESS AT EXAMINATIONS
Students who consider that illness will prevent them from attending an examination (or any of the sessions thereof) should see their medical adviser and request a medical certificate for an appropriate period. If a certificate is granted, it must be forwarded immediately to the Senior Lecturer's Office; the certificate will not be accepted more than three days after the beginning of the period of absence from the examination. If the illness is of short duration, the student should complete the remaining sessions of the examination (if any).

Students who are taken ill during an examination session will be escorted to the Student Health Centre. If they recover rapidly, they may complete the paper either in the examination hall, or in another appropriate place. If they are more seriously ill they should see their medical adviser without delay and request a medical certificate. If a certificate is granted, it must be sent immediately to the Senior Lecturer's Office, where it will be taken as notice of withdrawal from the examination. Where the examination in an individual module involving more than one paper has been partially completed the candidate must resit the entire examination in that module. Where an examination has been completed subsequent withdrawal is not permitted. Medical certificates will not be accepted in explanation of poor performance.

Students who are unable to complete their examinations at the Annual or Supplemental Examination may be given permission to repeat the year. Examinations outside these two sessions will only be considered by the Senior Lecturer in exceptional circumstances.

1.2 PLAGIARISM
Candidates for examinations are forbidden to bring books, notes, mobile phones or pagers with them into an examination hall, to copy from or exchange information with other candidates or in any way make use of information improperly obtained. Such actions are regarded as serious offences (see 5 under Conduct and College Regulations) for which a student may be expelled from the University. Students must not leave the hall before the time specified for the examination has elapsed, except by leave of the invigilator. Examinations or other exercises which are part of continuous assessment are subject to the same rules as other College examinations. Where submitted work is part of a procedure of assessment, plagiarism is similarly regarded as a serious offence and is liable to similar penalties.

1.3 USE OF CALCULATORS IN EXAMINATIONS
Electronic calculators are permitted in all examinations provided that they are battery operated, pocket sized, silent in operation and are not capable of using previously recorded programmes. The College does not supply calculators. The operation of calculators is entirely the responsibility of the students. No allowance is made for errors or omissions arising from the malfunction of calculators or the misuse of calculators by students. Calculators may not be passed from one candidate to another during examinations. It is essential that the stages of numerical work, including intermediate answers, be written clearly to demonstrate knowledge of the problems and their solutions.

1.4 APPEALS
Students may appeal through their Tutors to the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Court of First Appeal in the first instance and thereafter to the Academic Appeals Committee (see page H10, # 47 of the University Calendar 07 / 08).
1.5 **ACADEMIC PROGRESS**
A student may not repeat any academic year more than once and may not repeat more than two academic years, except by special permission of the University Council.

To rise with their class students must:

a. attend satisfactorily the lectures given in the modules of their course in each term as required by the University Council and the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences regulations;

b. perform and complete all laboratory work including project work and dissertations to the satisfaction of the Head of the School or module coordinator concerned; and

c. pass, in accordance with the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences regulations, the prescribed examinations (including practical tests and continuous assessment schemes).

2. **JUNIOR FRESHMAN, SENIOR FRESHMAN AND JUNIOR SOPHISTER STUDENTS**

To be successful at the Annual Examinations, a student will normally be required to pass in each Module. However, the Court of Examiners may allow compensation in one Module (with the exception of PH1006, PH2006, PH2007 and PH3006) provided that all the modules concerned have been taken in a single sitting and that the student has

(i) gained a mark of 35% or higher in the module in which they have failed and

(ii) obtained (and are returned with) an average of at least Grade III for all other modules

Compensation will not be allowed where a student is returned as “ungraded” in any module.

Students who fail to satisfy the examiners at the annual examination must present for a supplemental examination at the beginning of Michaelmas term. There is no fee for the supplemental examination.

Students who are unsuccessful at the annual examination will normally be given credit for those modules in which they were successful, and will be examined in the supplemental examinations only in those modules in which they are unsuccessful.

Students who are unsuccessful at both an annual and supplemental examination may repeat the year. Repetition requires full attendance at lectures and such other courses as may be prescribed by the Head of the School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Students may not repeat any academic year more than once within the degree programme and may not repeat more than two academic years within the degree programme, except by special permission of the University Council.

3. **B.SC. (PHARM) DEGREE EXAMINATION**
The B.Sc. (Pharm) degree examination will be held in Trinity Term of the Senior Sophister year. The Pharmacy Law paper is however, taken between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms. A student is normally expected to pass each subject. However, the Court of Examiners may allow compensation in one subject (with the exception of Practice of Pharmacy) provided that all the subjects concerned have been taken in a single sitting and that the student has

i. gained a mark of 35% or higher in the subject in which they have failed and

ii. obtained (and are returned with) an average of at least Grade III for all other subjects.

Compensation will not be allowed where a student is returned as “ungraded” in any subject. Compensation in Practice of Pharmacy is precluded by the accreditation criteria of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

4. **PHARMACY LAW**
The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland require, as part of their accreditation criteria, that success in an examination in final year in Pharmacy Law, Ethics and Professionalism shall be a condition for the award of the Degree. Accordingly students who fail to satisfy the examiners in the Pharmacy Law examination will be ungraded and will be required to take a supplemental examination.
Students who are unsuccessful at the Annual Examination will normally be given credit for those subjects in which they were successful, and if presenting for a Supplemental Examination, will be examined only in those subjects in which they were unsuccessful. Students who obtain an F-2 grade in any subject will not be given credit and must repeat the entire examination. In order to qualify for the award of the degree, students are required to pass the degree examination in its entirety within eighteen months from the date on which they first became eligible to present for it. There is no fee for the Supplemental Examination. Students who are unsuccessful in one or more subjects at the annual examinations and who subsequently pass the degree examination will be awarded a third class honors degree, however, a requirement to take a Supplemental Examination in Pharmacy Law, Ethics and Professionalism alone, will not of itself, result in the award of a third class honors degree.

Students who are unsuccessful at both the Annual and Supplemental Examinations must apply to the Executive Faculty Appeals Committee for permission to repeat the year. Repetition requires full attendance at lectures and such other courses as may be prescribed by the Director of the School of Pharmacy.

5. EXAMINATION TIMETABLE
Examination timetables are published in advance of the dates of examinations on the College website at http://www.tcd.ie/Examinations/Timetables/vpindex.php. The College reserves the right to alter the published time and date of an examination in exceptional circumstances. The onus lies on each student to establish the dates of examinations by consulting the relevant webpage. No timetable or reminder will be sent to individual students by any office.