

# THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## General Academic Regulations

(for taught postgraduate programmes\*)

[For students admitted in 2013/14 academic year and before]

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(with a glossary of terms)

*\*exclude Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)*

## 1. Admission

- 1.1 Applicants for admission to a programme of the University are required to meet the stipulated entrance requirements of the programme. A waiver may be given to applicants with specific talents or achievements and a wealth of experience as defined in the specific programme entrance requirements. The University does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, nationality, religion, ethnic origin or disability upon admission. Students with disabilities are encouraged to inform the University of their needs so that timely assistance may be provided.

## 2. Registration

- 2.1 After being accepted by the University for admission to a programme, applicants must pay the requisite fees and complete the registration procedures as prescribed by the University. Current students will be re-registered automatically each semester throughout the period of study if fees have been paid up to date.
- 2.2 Each student is issued with a Student Identity Card. The Card enables a student to gain access to the University's facilities such as the Library, sports centre, and student halls.
- 2.3 Classes for all programmes are normally scheduled from Monday to Saturday including daytime and evenings.

## 3. Fees

- 3.1 Once admitted to the University, students are normally required to pay the following fees:

Admission Acceptance Fee	Payable by a stipulated due date upon offer of admission
Tuition Fee	Please refer to the specific programme handbook for tuition fee payment
Caution Money	A deposit to make good any outstanding debts to the University incurred in, for example, damage to the property of the University. Unused caution money is converted to graduation fees
Continuation Fee	A fee required for students who are allowed to retain their student status without having to attend any courses in the programme, e.g. cases of deferment of studies, cases pending for graduation and cases with suspension of studies.
Students' Union Membership Fee	An annual fee chargeable to full-time students
Graduation Fee	A lump sum to cover the cost of congregation, including the cost of an award certificate; the lump sum can be covered by caution money subject to no outstanding claims
Other Fees	Information available on the websites of related units

- 3.2 Students who fail to settle overdue fees without prior approval will be treated as having unofficially withdrawn from the programme. An administration fee will be charged to these students for them to reinstate their student status in addition to the full settlement of overdue fees. Unofficially withdrawn students with prolonged overdue fees will be required to re-apply for admission to their programmes.

### 3.3 Tuition Fees Arrangements under Special Circumstances

#### 3.3.1 Credit Transfer & Course Exemption

- (i) **Credit Transfer**  
No waiver of fees for credit transfer. For tuition fees charged according to the number of credits taken, fees would not be collected if credit transfer has been granted for the course.
- (ii) **Course Exemption**  
As students must replace the exempted course with another course of the same credit value, tuition fees for the substitute course taken will be charged and it does not involve any waiver of fees.

#### 3.3.2 Deferment of Studies

- (i) If the application for deferment of studies is submitted before the completion of the first half of a semester according to the academic calendar of the programme, any tuition fees paid for the deferred semester will be carried forward.
- (ii) If the application for deferment of studies is submitted after the first half of a semester, the tuition fees paid for the deferred semester will not be refunded nor carried forward to the resumed semester; tuition fees not paid for the deferred semester have to be paid when resuming studies.

#### 3.3.3 Withdrawal of Study

For application submitted after the commencement of a semester, students are required to pay the full tuition fees for the whole semester and other outstanding fees before such applications will be processed.

#### 3.3.4 Add/Drop Courses

Students are required to pay the full tuition fees for any courses dropped after add/drop period of the programmes.

#### 3.3.5 Discontinuation

Tuition fees for the semester that the student is officially discontinued will be waived.

## **4 Course Enrolment**

- 4.1 Students must ensure the completion of course registration before the course starts. Students who have not registered for any course in a semester (for full-time students) / two consecutive semesters (for part-time students) (excluding the summer session) will be considered to have withdrawn from their programme at the University unless deferment of studies has been approved by the relevant Associate Dean.
- 4.2 Students are required to view the Consolidated e-Billing in The Portal student portal which includes all fees/charges such as tuition fees, hall fees, caution money, etc. in one billing. Students should settle the payment on or before the specified deadline. Tuition fees paid are non-refundable.
- 4.3 Registration in some courses is restricted to students having the necessary prerequisites.

- 4.4 Students can add or drop a course during the add-drop period, normally the first two weeks in a regular semester. Students are permitted to drop a course after the add-drop period but before the examination period or the deadline for submission of final assignments or presentation, whichever applicable, only for strong personal reasons, such as serious illnesses; the grade W (Withdrawn) will be recorded on the students' transcript.
- 4.5 Failure to attend a course does not automatically result in the course being dropped. Please refer to para 13.1 for the regulation on Leave of Absence.
- 4.6 A visiting student is not enrolled in any particular programme, but may take courses. Students who have completed their programme but wish to take further courses will be considered as visiting students.

## **5 Change of Programme/Area/Strand or Mode of Study**

- 5.1 New students will normally not be considered to transfer to another programme if the programmes are offered in the same mode of study and programmes of the same academic level during their first semester of registration.

A current student, who wishes for special reasons to change from one programme/area/strand or mode of study to another during the course of study should meet the stipulated requirements and consult the relevant Programme Leaders/Coordinators for advice and approval on the change and acceptance of programmes/area/strand.

## **6 Double Registration**

- 6.1 Students who are enrolled in any full-time award-bearing programmes (lasting for one year or longer) of the University are not permitted to simultaneously register for another qualification at the University or a post-secondary qualification at any institutions except with prior approval by the Registrar before the commencement of the semester. Violation of this regulation will lead to discontinuation of studies from the University. In case of doubt, students should seek advice from the Registry.

## **7 Period of Study**

- 7.1 The length of a programme is stipulated in the curriculum. To complete the curriculum, students are required to complete satisfactorily all the specified course requirements including coursework, school attachment, block practice, internship or similar activities, as applicable.
- 7.2 Normally, there are two semesters in each academic year for academic activities, such as coursework, field experience, overseas immersion, internship and summer institute.
- 7.3 The maximum period of study for a programme will be determined as follows:

<b>Normative Length of Programme</b>	<b>Maximum Period of Study</b>
1 year	2 years
1.5 years	3 years
2 years	4 years
3 years	5 years
4 years	7 years

7.4 Students are expected to graduate within the stipulated period of study. Any approved long leave of absence, including deferment of study, will be counted towards the period of study. Students who fail to complete a programme within the maximum period of study will normally be required to discontinue their studies at the University (as stipulated in 12.1(iii)).

7.5 Students who wish to extend their period of study beyond the maximum programme duration are required to apply in writing to obtain prior approval from the Programme Leader/Coordinator. Likewise, students who wish to pursue a fast track to complete a programme below its normal period of study should obtain prior approval accordingly.

## 8 Course Assessments and Grades

### 8.1 Grading System

8.1.1 Students' performance in each course (except Field Experience#) is expressed in terms of the following system:

Course Grade	Interpretation	Grade Point Equivalent
A+*	Distinction	4.33
A		4.00
A-		3.67
B+	Good	3.33
B		3.00
B-		2.67
C+	Satisfactory	2.33
C		2.00
C-		1.67
D**		1.00
F	Fail	0.00

\* Grade A+ is only given for outstanding performance in the course.

\*\* Grade D is the minimum level required for course progression.

# Pass or Fail will be given for grading Field Experience (not counted in Grade Point Average or Grade Point Equivalent calculation)

Operational Grade	Interpretation
DN	Distinction
CR	Credit
PS	Pass
FL	Fail
IP	In Progress
YC	Complete
YI	Incomplete
W	Withdrawn
X	Exempted

8.1.2 Students' performance in the programme as a whole is described in a Programme Grade Point Average (GPA), which can be calculated by:

- (i) multiplying the Grade Point Equivalent<sup>#</sup> (GPE<sup>#</sup>) for each course by the number of credit points (CPs) of the course (GPE x No. of CPs of the course); then

- (ii) adding the corresponding figures for all the courses in the programme; then
- (iii) dividing that total by the total number of CPs in the programme (excluding Field Experience) as a whole, as indicated below:

$$\text{Programme GPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of (GPE x Course CPs) for all courses in the programme}}{\text{Total no. of CPs in a programme (excluding Field Experience)}}$$

# Grade Point Equivalent - as given in the table in 8.1.1 above.

8.1.2.1 For the purpose of GPA calculation, the GPEs (Grade Point Equivalents) of any repeated courses and the corresponding credit points attempted will supersede those of the failed core courses.

*(applicable to students admitted in 2010/11 or before)*

8.1.3 Students' performance in a programme within a prescribed period of time, excluding courses without grade point equivalent, is described in a Programme GPA, which is calculated by the sum of the product of GPE earned for each course attempted (including failed courses) and its credit points within a programme, divided by the total number of credits attempted within a programme:

$$\text{Programme GPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of (GPE x Course CP) within a programme}}{\text{Total no. of CPs within a programme}}$$

8.1.3.1 Students' performance in their course of study within a prescribed period of time, excluding courses without grade point equivalent, is described in a Cumulative GPA, which is calculated by the sum of the product of GPE earned for each course attempted (including failed courses) and its credit points, divided by the total number of credits attempted:

$$\text{Cumulative GPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of (GPE x Course CP)}}{\text{Total no. of CPs}}$$

*(applicable to students admitted in 2011/12 or after)*

8.1.4 When a student has taken more Elective courses than what is prescribed in the graduation requirement, the Elective courses with better grades will be counted towards the GPA for determining the award classification).

## 8.2 Review of Course Grade

### 8.2.1 Resolving grade disagreements with the lecturers concerned

A student who disagrees with a course grade should approach the course lecturer or Field Experience Supervisor concerned immediately after the announcement of the assessment results approved by Board of Examiners. The course lecturer or Field Experience Supervisor may recommend a grade adjustment if he/she finds any technical errors (such as wrong score entries, or calculation errors when totalling marks) or after hearing the student's representation. Recommendations for grade adjustments should reach the Head of department/centre/office or Field Experience Coordinator concerned with justifications for approval. The student will be informed of the result as soon as possible.

## 8.2.2 Formal procedures on grade reviews

If the student remains dissatisfied with the outcome after contacting the course lecturer or Field Experience Supervisor according to the procedures in paragraph 8.2.1, he/she may request for a formal review of his/her course grade(s), for one or more of the following reasons:

- (i) the assessment result has been caused by a material error or irregularity in marking;
- (ii) the assessment was not conducted in accordance with the General Academic Regulations and the assessment scheme for the programme concerned; and
- (iii) there are special circumstances which the student has not been able to present to the relevant Board of Examiners prior to the decision being made.

8.2.3 The formal request for a grade review should be made by the student to the Dean of Graduate School (for MEd/EdD) / Faculty Dean (for other self-funded taught master's programmes) in writing within 14 working days after the announcement of the assessment results approved by Board of Examiners.

8.2.4 Upon receipt of the request, the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School will pass it to the faculty/department/centre/office concerned. In light of the faculty/department/centre/office's response, the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School will decide whether there are prima facie grounds for review. If so, the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School will inform the Chairperson of the respective Board of Examiners for follow-up action.

8.2.5 The Chairperson of the Board of Examiners will either re-convene the Board of Examiners meeting or form a Review Panel to hear the case. The Review Panel should involve at least the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School or a senior academic staff nominated by the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School as Chairperson. The student concerned will be invited to attend the hearing with the right to be accompanied by one other current student or staff of the University. In the case of internal disagreements or other exceptional circumstances, an external view may be sought.

8.2.6 The Board of Examiners after consideration of the case will inform the student of the result normally within one month of the student's request for review. Grades after review may be upgraded, downgraded or left unchanged. The decision of the Board of Examiners is final.

## 8.3 Advanced Standing

8.3.1 Advanced standing will be granted to applicants who have completed a recognized programme at the University or other institutions before admission to the University's programme. Upon approval for advanced standing, the credits obtained from the recognized courses will be transferred to the programme of study and the minimum programme requirements in credits will be reduced. Students are allowed to complete the programme within a shorter period of time. Students who are admitted with advanced standing will not be eligible for credit transfer or course exemption at a later stage on the basis of their entry qualifications.

## 8.4 Credit Transfer

8.4.1 Credit Transfer may be granted for courses completed successfully at the University previously or another accredited tertiary institution.

8.4.1.1 The transferred courses will appear on the student's transcript. The credit points transferred will be counted towards the graduation requirements but will be excluded from the calculation of the student's GPA. Students may apply for credit transfer within the first two weeks of each semester in each academic year. For courses on offer in the summer semester, applications should be submitted one week before the commencement of the semester.

8.4.1.2 The total number of credit points transferred will not exceed 50% of the total credit points of the programme.

## 8.5 Course Exemption

8.5.1 Course Exemption may be granted for courses completed in other institutions for recognized qualifications. Students who are so exempted must replace the exempted course with a course of the same credit value. The exempted courses will not appear on the student's transcript and will be excluded from the calculations of GPAs.

## 8.6 Late Submission of Assignment

8.6.1 Students who wish to submit an assignment later than the due date should obtain permission in advance from the course lecturer; otherwise, this will be treated as failure to submit the assignment as required.

8.6.2 The grade of all assignments submitted late with the approval of course lecturers may be lowered, on a case-by-case basis, by up to one full grade.

8.6.3 Students who fail to obtain prior approval will be given a "fail" grade (grade F) for late submission or non-submission of assignments.

## 8.7 Repeating Courses

8.7.1 Students may be required by the Board of Examiners to repeat the failed courses or courses with a low grade (i.e. C- or D) to fulfil programme graduation requirements.

8.7.2 Normally, students are not allowed to retake a course completed and passed in a previous semester, unless it is required by the Board of Examiners. They may be asked to take other courses to improve their GPA.

8.7.3 Students who repeat a failed course are required to retake the full range of course activities, including attendance at lectures and all stipulated assessment tasks.

8.7.4 The maximum number of courses allowed to be repeated in an academic year, in order to redeem the failed course(s) or to improve the GPA through make-up for Grade C- or D shall be two.

## 8.8 Academic Probation

8.8.1 Students will be put on academic probation in the following semester when their Programme GPA is below 2.00. They will be required to take the minimum



credit points (i.e. one course) in the probation semester. Those who wish to take more credit points than what is stipulated in the programme should seek prior approval from their Programme Leader/Coordinator.

- 8.8.2 The academic probation status will be lifted, when a student obtains a Programme GPA of 2.00 or above at the end of the probation semester. Otherwise, his/her study will normally be discontinued by the University (as stipulated in 12.1(i)).

## 8.9 Field Experience

- 8.9.1 Field Experience is a salient component of some taught postgraduate programmes. Students should respect and observe the regulations of the schools/units/institute where they take their block practice, and display appropriate professional knowledge and attitude. Any misconduct, upon verification, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate dismissal from the University.

- 8.9.2 Students' performance in Field Experience will be graded as follows:

Students' overall performance in Field Experience will be based on the grade in the final Block Practice/Field Experience/Practicum or the overall grade in the Block Practice/Field Experience/Practicum (whichever applicable) adopting a grading system of pass/fail.

## 9 Research Project

- 9.1 Specific guidance for preparation, presentation (if applicable), submission, and assessment of research project is specified in the corresponding course outline.
- 9.2 The research project should be completed within the stipulated period as specified by the respective programme.
- 9.3 If a student has been approved to complete the research project beyond the stipulated period, a Course Extension Fee as specified by the respective programme is required.
- 9.4 For completing dissertation and thesis or produce other publications, students should comply with Guideline on Ethics in Research as stipulated by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee.

## 10 Graduation Requirements

- 10.1 Students are responsible for the completion of all the graduation requirements of the programme in which they are officially enrolled. To graduate, students must:
- (i) achieve the minimum number of credit points required by the programme and satisfy all other stipulated programme requirements such as Field Experience, language exit requirements, and Dissertation/Thesis/Research Project (if applicable);
  - (ii) obtain a Programme GPA of 2.00 or above.

## 11 Award Classification

11.1 The Board of Examiners recommends classifications of award in accordance with the following guidelines:

Award Classification	Overall GPA
Distinction	3.40 and above
Credit	2.70 – 3.39
Pass	2.00 – 2.69

## 12 Discontinuation of Studies

12.1 A student will normally be required to discontinue his/her studies at the University if he/she:

- (i) fails to have his/her academic probation lifted at the end of the probation semester; or
- (ii) has received warning(s) but has failed to improve to meet the expectations of the University with respect to professional and personal behaviour; or
- (iii) has exceeded the maximum period of study without prior approval as stipulated in 7.4; or
- (iv) has simultaneously registered for another qualification at the University or a post-secondary qualification at any institutions without prior approval as stipulated in 6.1.
- (v) fail again any of the repeated courses, including field experience.

12.2 Normally, students who are required to discontinue their studies at the University will not be considered for re-admission to the same programme in the following three academic years.

## 13 Leave of Absence

13.1 In exceptional circumstances where students need to take a leave of absence for 30% of scheduled classes/lectures or more, students should inform their course lecturers and are required to obtain prior approval from the Programme Leader/Coordinator by submitting a leave application form.

13.2 Students who are absent for 30% of scheduled classes/lectures or more in a course without prior permission (as stipulated in 13.1) will be given a grade F (Fail) by their course lecturers. The grade F will be recorded on the students' transcript.

13.3 Where necessary, individual courses / course lecturers / programmes / departments may specify their attendance requirements.

## 14 Deferment and Withdrawal

14.1 Students can apply for deferment of study if there is a genuine need. The period of deferment in each application is normally one semester. The deferment period is

included in the maximum period of study (as stipulated in 7.3). A continuation fee per semester is required upon approval of the application.

- 14.2 Students who fail to return to the University to resume studies at the end of the approved period of deferment will be considered to have withdrawn from the programme, effective on the day following the deferment period.

## **15 Suspension of Student Activities**

- 15.1 Field Experience Coordinators will report to the relevant Associate Dean to seek his/her approval in consultation with the Director/Co-director of School Partnership and Field Experience to suspend any student immediately from Field Experience/practicum placed by the University, should they and/or school personnel have major concerns about the behaviour of the student on block practice or on other Field Experience/practicum activities. Students of teacher education programmes who demonstrate that they are unsuitable to enter the profession will be prevented from joining Field Experience/practicum or suspended from continuing such activities.
- 15.2 The relevant Associate Dean has the authority to prevent or suspend a student from other activities such as overseas immersion, internship, summer institute and academic exchange if the student, on the report of the Programme Leader/Coordinator, is found to be unsuitable.
- 15.3 Conversely, if an Field Experience Coordinator has strong grounds for concern that a student is experiencing serious bodily or emotional harm on account of the Field Experience/practicum placement, he/she will report this to the relevant Associate Dean for his/her approval to remove the student immediately from the placement school.
- 15.4 The decision of suspension will be relayed in confidence to the relevant programme personnel. If the student is dissatisfied with the decision, he/she can appeal to the relevant Faculty Dean.

## **16 Review of Board of Examiners' Decisions on Discontinuation**

- 16.1 A student who is required to discontinue his/her studies by the Board of Examiners under the General Academic Regulations will be notified by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners immediately after the decision for discontinuation is made, and be advised to
- (i) send new/additional information he/she might have to the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for consideration; and/or
  - (ii) ask for an opportunity to present his/her case before the Board of Examiners by the stipulated deadline, if he/she so wishes.
- 16.2 The Chairperson of the Board of Examiners, after consideration of the student's submission, will decide if there are grounds for the case to be re-considered by the Board of Examiners. If the student asks for a hearing before the Board of Examiners, the Chairperson will decide whether to invite the student to appear before the full Board of Examiners, or to form a separate panel to hear the case, if deemed appropriate. The Panel should involve at least the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners or a senior academic staff member nominated by the Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School as Chairperson, the Programme Leader/Coordinator, and the relevant teaching staff from the subject department(s).

- 16.3 The Panel, after hearing of the case, will convey its recommendation to the Board of Examiners for the final decision. Depending on the recommendation, the Board of Examiners may make decisions through one of the following ways:
- (i) decision by circulation; or
  - (ii) a full Board of Examiners meeting to be convened.
- 16.4 The decision of the Board of Examiners will then be conveyed to the student accordingly.
- 16.5 If the student feels that there is perceived injustice in the above procedures governing the review of the decision of the Board of Examiners on discontinuation, he/she can make an appeal to the Students' Appeal Committee following the prevailing procedures stipulated in the Student Handbook. The decision of the Students' Appeal Committee will be final.

## **17 Dismissal**

- 17.1 Students who, upon verification, are found to have committed serious violations of the University's regulations or Laws of Hong Kong, will be subject to dismissal by the University immediately after the findings have been substantiated.

## **18 Academic Honesty**

- 18.1 Students are required to carry out all academic activities honestly and in good faith. Any act that contravenes standards of academic honesty such as plagiarism, impersonation, cheating in examinations and collusion is strictly prohibited by the University.
- 18.2 Any alleged cases of academic misconduct will be handled by the Head of the academic department concerned, who will then conduct a thorough investigation. An investigation report should be sent to the relevant Faculty Dean/Dean of Graduate School who will consider whether there are prima facie grounds for referring the case to the Student Disciplinary Committee for further consideration, decision and action. Any proven act of academic misconduct may result in suspension of studies, postponement of graduation, dismissal from the University or other forms of penalties.

## Glossary

Academic Board	The major academic forum of the University for the oversight and development of all academic matters of the University.	
Academic Year/ Semester	An academic year consists of two semesters. Normally, Semester 1 commences in early September and ends in mid December while Semester 2 starts in early January and ends in June. The last numbered week in each semester is reserved for assessment purposes.	
Advanced Standing	It may be granted to applicants who have completed a recognized programme at the University or other institutions before admission to a post-secondary programme.	
Assessment	The student's academic performance will be assessed in summative and formative processes, which may include written assignments, portfolios, artifacts, class tests, performance tasks and examinations. Its precise nature will be specified in the course description.	
Board of Examiners	The University's board recommends award classifications, determine the remedial work for problem/failure cases and cases of special circumstances that need special consideration, and decide cases for the discontinuation of studies.	
Course	A course is a unit of study with a particular lecturer or teaching team. Most courses are assigned three credit points.	
Core Course	The course that must be completed by the students to meet the curriculum requirements.	
Course Code	The code given to a course.	
Course Exemption	Course Exemption may be granted for courses completed in other institutions for recognized qualifications. The exempted courses will not appear on the student's transcript and will be excluded from the calculation of GPAs.	
Course Lecturer	Staff delivering the course.	
Course Registration	The enrolment of a student in a course.	
Credit Transfer	Credit Transfer may be granted for courses completed successfully at the University previously or another accredited tertiary institution. The credit points transferred will be counted towards the graduation requirements but will be excluded from the calculations of GPAs.	
Credit Point/Credit	All programmes of study adopt a credit point system. Credit points show how much the successful completion of a course will contribute to the qualification of which it is a part. The number of credit points assigned to a course is indicative of the hours of study it requires. One credit point should normally be equivalent to 12 hours of teaching and learning activities.	
Elective Course	Any of the courses other than core courses in a programme.	
Field Experience	Field Experience is observation of teaching in schools and subsequently teaching practice in schools or other institutions	
Grade Point Average (GPA)	GPA	Students' performance in the programme as a whole or within a prescribed period of time, excluding courses without grade point equivalent, will be set out in a Programme GPA. Students' performance in their course of study within a prescribed period of time, excluding courses without grade point equivalent, will be described in a Cumulative GPA.
	Semester GPA (SGPA)	A student's GPA obtained in a semester.
	Year GPA (YGPA)	A student's GPA obtained in an academic year.
	Programme GPA (PGPA)	A student's GPA obtained within a programme.
	Cumulative GPA (CGPA)	A student's latest overall GPA.

Operational Grade	<p>A course grade assigned for administrative purposes to assist in the management of student records. Operational grades do not count in the calculation of students' GPAs. Definitions are explained as follows:</p> <p>IP (In Progress): An IP grade is shown where students will register in subsequent Semesters to complete the assessment of the course.</p> <p>YC (Complete): Successful completion of a designated course.</p> <p>YI (Incomplete): A temporary grade to be granted due to special circumstances that have prevented a student from completing required work, or attending the examination for reasons acceptable to both the course lecturer and the Board of Examiners. Where a "YI" grade is assigned, the course lecturer or the Board of Examiners will approve a schedule for the completion of work. A "YI" grade will be converted into an "F" grade four weeks after the "YI" grade is first reported, unless an alternative grade has been assigned. Grade "YI" is not included in the calculation of Programme GPA.</p> <p>W (Withdrawn): Assigned when a student has registered for the course in a semester and subsequently submitted a notification of withdrawal from the Course.</p> <p>X (Exempted): The exempted courses will appear on the student's transcript but no grade will be given. The credit points exempted will be counted towards the graduation programme requirements but discounted in the calculation of the Programme GPA. <i>(applicable to students who were granted credit exemption before 2011/12)</i></p>
University / EdUHK	The Education University of Hong Kong.
Mode of Study	The full-time or part-time pattern of study.
The Portal	The University's portal for staff and students.
Programme	The structured combination of courses which leads to a specified award.
Registration	The enrolment of a student in a programme.
Statement of Results	The official letter certifying a student's completion of a programme, programme mode and duration and impending graduation.
Taught Postgraduate Students	The students who are enrolling in EdD/MEd/MA/MSSed programme
Testimonial	The official document certifying a student's enrolment in a programme, year of enrolment, programme mode and duration.
Transcript	The official academic record of a student's full updated list of course grades attained in a programme.
Visiting Student	Students who have completed their programme but wish to take further courses will be considered visiting students. Visiting students may not register in any particular programmes, but may take courses. Those who have successfully completed the course assessment will receive a transcript.

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