



CHIR604

Medical Sciences A

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Dept of Chiropractic

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Prerequisites

Admission to MChiroprac

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit provides students with the opportunity to explore the relationship between health and disease, from both the biological and psychosocial perspective. The common pathologies of each body system are studied, and their causes, mechanisms and effects are explored. The links between these disease mechanisms and their clinical manifestations is highlighted. By the completion of this unit, students will have a good knowledge of the major diseases of the body, and how they manifest in the patient. By studying a large number of human disease states, students will deepen their understanding of the complex relationship between ourselves and our environment.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Name the range of pathologies that can occur in each of the following systems:

Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Haematopoietic, Endocrine, Immune, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive.

Name and define the common symptoms and signs that are associated with diseases of the body systems named above.

Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.

For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.

Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.

Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.

Explain the multifactorial nature in the development of disease states.

Apply knowledge of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and basic pathology, to develop the likely mode of progression of the diseases studied in this unit.

General Assessment Information

ASSESSMENT IN THIS UNIT

| Task | Weight | Due Date | Linked Learning Outcomes |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. In-class tests x 5 | 10% | Ongoing. Wks 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12. | 1-8 |
| 2. Mid-Semester examination | 20% | 7th April 8am | 1-8 |
| 3. Assignment | 15% | 8th April 5pm | 4, 8 |
| 4. CHIR604 Essay | 05% | 10th June 5pm | |
| 3. Final examination | 50% | University Exam Period | 1-8 |

Assessment Tasks Description

In-class tests

All of the in-class tests will be conducted within the assigned tutorial time, during weeks 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12. Each test will be of 10 minutes duration, and cover material that has been delivered in lectures and/or tutorials.

Assignment & CHIR604 Essay

See iLearn for details.

Requirements for your assignment & CHIR604 essay:

a) It must be done individually

- b) It must be fully referenced, with a minimum of 10 peer-reviewed journal articles or textbooks.
- c) As a rough guideline, a length of approximately 1,500 words is expected for the assignment. 1000 words for the CHIR604 Essay.
- d) The assignment and CHIR604 essay needs to be submitted by 5am on their due dates, electronically via Turnitin. A hard copy is NOT required.

Final examination

This will cover the content of the entire semester. Questions will include multiple choice and short answer questions. A minimum of 50% in the examination is required to satisfy the requirements of the unit. If a student earns less than 50% in the final exam then they will fail the unit.

Attendance Requirements

A minimum 80% attendance is required at tutorials.

Examination(s)

The University Examination period in for First Half Year 2016 is from Tuesday 14th June to Friday 1st July.

You are expected to present yourself for examination at the time and place designated in the University Examination Timetable. The timetable will be available in Draft form approximately eight weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in Final form approximately four weeks before the commencement of the examinations. <https://iexams.mq.edu.au/timetable>

The only exception to not sitting an examination at the designated time is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to submit a 'Notification of disruption to studies'. Information about unavoidable disruption and the notification process is available at **Policy Central:** <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/>

If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the 'Notification of disruption to studies' the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period. Supplementary examination dates will not be negotiated. If you are granted a supplementary examination you must ensure that you are available for the exam. The university cannot accommodate holidays you may have booked.

You are advised that it is Macquarie University policy not to set early examinations for individuals or groups of students. All students are expected to ensure that they are available until the end of the teaching semester, that is, the final day of the official examination period.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions to assignments is at the discretion of the unit convenor. It is the responsibility of the student to prove to the convenor that there has been unavoidable disruption. Please submit a 'Notification of disruption to studies' and request an extension. The online form will ask you to

provide evidence of the disruption.

Marks will be deducted for late submissions in the absence of an approved extension. Marks will be deducted at the rate of 10% of the available marks per day.

Returning Assessment Tasks

1. Tests: Each test will be returned to the student the following week during tutorial time. The tutor will discuss the correct responses during this class
2. Assignment: This will be returned within 3 weeks of submission. General feedback will be given during class time.
3. CHIR604 Essay: There will be no feedback before the final exam. Feedback from the essay will not assist you in the final exam. Feedback on the essay will be provided early in Semester 2, 2016.
4. Examination: Papers will not be returned. Marks will be incorporated into the final unit grade.

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Due |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| <u>In class tests</u> | 10% | Ongoing |
| <u>Assignment</u> | 15% | 8th April 2016 5pm |
| <u>Mid-semester examination</u> | 20% | 28th April 2016 8am |
| <u>Final examination</u> | 50% | University examination period |
| <u>CHIR604 Essay</u> | 5% | June 10 2016 |

In class tests

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

5 in-class tests will be conducted within the assigned tutorial time, during weeks 4, 6, 8, 10 & 12. (5 tests total). Each test will be of 10 minutes duration, and cover material that has been delivered in lectures and tutorials.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Name the range of pathologies that can occur in each of the following systems:
Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Haematopoietic, Endocrine, Immune, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive.

- Name and define the common symptoms and signs that are associated with diseases of the body systems named above.
- Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.
- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
- Explain the multifactorial nature in the development of disease states.
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Assignment

Due: **8th April 2016 5pm**

Weighting: **15%**

A mark of 50% is needed to satisfy the requirements of the unit. Students who do not achieve this mark will be required to resubmit their assignment.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Apply knowledge of anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and basic pathology, to develop the likely mode of progression of the diseases studied in this unit.

Mid-semester examination

Due: **28th April 2016 8am**

Weighting: **20%**

This will cover the content of the first half of the semester, Weeks 1-6. Questions will be in short answer format. The Mid-semester examination will be conducted in Week 7 at the start of the lecture on Thursday 28th April at 8am.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Name the range of pathologies that can occur in each of the following systems:
Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Haematopoietic, Endocrine, Immune, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive.
- Name and define the common symptoms and signs that are associated with diseases of

the body systems named above.

- Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.
- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
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Final examination

Due: **University examination period**

Weighting: **50%**

This will cover the content of the entire semester. Questions will include Multiple choice and short answer questions. A minimum of 50% in the examination is required to satisfy the requirements of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Name the range of pathologies that can occur in each of the following systems: Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Haematopoietic, Endocrine, Immune, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive.
- Name and define the common symptoms and signs that are associated with diseases of the body systems named above.
- Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.
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CHIR604 Essay

Due: **June 10 2016**

Weighting: **5%**

Explain why chiropractors need to have a sound knowledge and understanding of the diseases of all body systems - not simply just the musculoskeletal and nervous systems.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Justify the need for chiropractors to have a sound knowledge and understanding of the diseases studied in this unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
- Explain the multifactorial nature in the development of disease states.

Delivery and Resources

Classes

Delivery mode

It will comprise:

1. A 2 hour lecture per week, weeks 1-13
2. A 2 hour tutorial per week, weeks 2-13
3. 4-5 hours per week self instructional learning, set readings from the text and exercises on lecture topics

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Core:

1. Unit workbook for HLTH316,
2. J Craft et al. (2011) Understanding Pathophysiology, Mosby OR K L McCance & S E Heuther. (2010) Pathophysiology. The Biological Basis for Disease in Adults and Children. Mosby

Highly recommended: A medical dictionary (This will be useful for all health science units)

Technology Used and Required

Unit web page:

The URL of the HLTH316 iLearn site is: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

You will be asked for a username and password. Your username is your student MQID. Your MQID and password have been mailed to you by the University. If you have lost them go to the student portal: <http://students.mq.edu.au/home/>

Recommended web sites:

See ilearn

Changes made since last offering

The mid-semester examination has been added since last offering. The mid-semester examination gives students exposure to the style of short-answer questions that are used in the final exam.

Unit Schedule

| Week | Date (week commencing) | Topic | Assessment |
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| 1 | 29th February | Lecture 1 Introduction to course Disorders of the Digestive System | |
| 2 | 7th March | Tutorial 1 Disorders of the Digestive System <hr/> Lecture 2 Disorders of the Digestive System | |
| 3 | 14th March | Tutorial 2 Disorders of the Digestive System <hr/> Lecture 3 Disorders of the Digestive System | |
| 4 | 21st March | Tutorial 3 Disorders of the Digestive System <hr/> Lecture 4 Disorders of the Endocrine System | Test 1 (Digestive system disorders) (2%) |

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| 5 | 28th March | <p>Tutorial 4</p> <p>Disorders of the Endocrine System</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture 5</p> <p>Disorders of the Endocrine System</p> | |
| 6 | 4th April | <p>Tutorial 5</p> <p>Disorders of the Endocrine System</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture 6</p> <p>Disorders of the Cardiovascular System</p> | <p>Test 2 (Endocrine system disorders) (2%)</p> <p>Assignment (20%) Due Friday 8th April 5pm - Through iLearn - turnitin</p> |
| | | RECESS 11th April - 22nd April | |
| 7 | 25th April | <p>Tutorial 6</p> <p>Disorders of the Cardiovascular System</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture 7</p> <p>Disorders of the Cardiovascular System</p> | <p>Monday 25th April - Public Holiday - ANZAC day</p> <p>Monday tutorial students please attend a Wednesday tutorial</p> <p>Mid-semester examination (20%) - Thursday 28th April in the lecture theatre W5A T1 at 8am, The content that will be in the exam is everything in Weeks 1-6</p> |
| 8 | 2nd May | <p>Tutorial 7</p> <p>Disorders of the Cardiovascular System</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture 8</p> <p>Disorders of the Lymphoid and Haematopoietic System</p> | <p>Test 3 (CVS disorders) (2%)</p> |
| 9 | 9th May | <p>Tutorial 8</p> <p>Disorders of the Lymphoid and Haematopoietic System</p> <hr/> <p>Lecture 9</p> <p>Disorders of the Lymphoid and Haematopoietic System</p> | |

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| 10 | 16th May | Tutorial 9 Disorders of the Lymphoid and Haematopoietic System <hr/> Lecture 10 Disorders of the Respiratory System | Test 4 (Lymphoid and Haematopoietic disorders) (2%) |
| 11 | 23rd May | Tutorial 10 Disorders of the Respiratory System <hr/> Lecture 11 Disorders of the Respiratory System | |
| 12 | 30th May | Tutorial 11 Disorders of the Respiratory System <hr/> Lecture 12 Disorders of the Urinary and Reproductive Systems | Test 5 (Respiratory system disorders) (2%) |
| 13 | 6th June | Lecture 13 Disorders of the Reproductive System Revision | |
| Examination period | | 14th June - 1st July | Final examination (50%) |

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public <http://www.mq.edu.a>

[u/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Serious and unavoidable disruption: The University classifies a disruption as **serious and unavoidable** if it:

- could not have reasonably been anticipated, avoided or guarded against by the student; and
- was beyond the student's control; and
- caused substantial disruption to the student's capacity for effective study and/or completion of required work; and
- occurred during an event critical study period and was at least three (3) consecutive days duration, and/or
- prevented completion of a final examination.

Students with a pre-existing disability/health condition or prolonged adverse circumstances may be eligible for ongoing assistance and support. Such support is governed by other policies and may be sought and coordinated through [Campus Wellbeing and Support Services](#).

If a supplementary examination is granted as a result of the disruption to studies process the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period.

If you are granted a supplementary exam via the Disruption to Studies process, you will have to write a supplementary exam in the supplementary exam period. In this scenario, only your supplementary exam mark will count towards your final exam mark, irrespective of whether or not you attended the final exam in the normal examination period. The submission of a Disruption to Studies form should not be used as a 'just in case' strategy.

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Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- CHIR604 Essay

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- CHIR604 Essay

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Name the range of pathologies that can occur in each of the following systems: Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Haematopoietic, Endocrine, Immune, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive.
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Assessment tasks

- In class tests
- Assignment
- Mid-semester examination
- Final examination

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
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- Assignment
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- Final examination
- CHIR604 Essay

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.
- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
- Explain the multifactorial nature in the development of disease states.
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- In class tests
- Assignment
- Mid-semester examination
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- CHIR604 Essay

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Describe the aetiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations for each disease studied.
- For each disease studied, explain the relationship between its aetiology, pathogenesis and clinical manifestations.
- Differentiate between diseases on the basis of aetiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology and clinical manifestations.
- Explain the pathophysiological processes which can alter an individual's health status.
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the likely mode of progression of the diseases studied in this unit.

Assessment tasks

- In class tests
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- CHIR604 Essay

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- CHIR604 Essay

Grading

Achievement of grades will be based on the following criteria:

| Grade | |
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| High Distinction (85-100) | A minimum of 60% achievement in the class tests, a minimum of 60% achievement in the examination, PLUS a minimum 85% total raw mark |

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| Distinction (75-84) | A minimum of 60% achievement in the class tests, a minimum of 60% achievement in the examination, PLUS a minimum 75% total raw mark |
| Credit (65-74) | A minimum of 50% achievement in the class tests, a minimum of 50% achievement in the examination, PLUS a minimum 65% total raw mark |
| Pass (50-64) | A minimum of 50% achievement in the class tests, a minimum of 50% achievement in the examination, PLUS a minimum 50% total raw mark |
| Fail (< 50) | Less than 50% achievement in the examination, or less than 50% total raw mark. |

NOTE: Raw mark vs SNG

"The Standard Numerical Grade (SNG) is the number that is associated with the grade (high distinction, distinction, credit and so on) that a student is awarded. It is called a grade as it does not represent the raw marks, it reflects where within the grading structure the student sits."

<http://www.mq.edu.au/glossary/term/StandardisedNumericalGrade>

It is NOT necessarily the same as your RAW mark, which represents the total of your marks for each assessment task.

High Distinction: provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application.

Distinction: provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.

Credit: provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; plus communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.

Pass: provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; and communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes.

Fail: does not provide evidence of attainment of all learning outcomes.

There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; and incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.