

UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE



UNDERGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• **Undergraduate Degree Programmes**

The University entry requirements for degree programmes are five credits with a minimum of C5 in English Language at the General Certificate Examination (GCE) 'O' Level and West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), obtained in not more than two sittings. In addition, applicants must satisfy faculty and departmental requirements for admission into the various faculties and departments.

In the case of the GCE 'O' Level Exams, only grades ranging from 1 to 6 are recognized as GCE 'O' Level credit passes; for WASSCE it is A1-C6, while for the Associate Examinations Board (London GCE 'O' Level) only C or better is recognized.

Diploma and Certificate Programmes

For admissions into the Diploma and Certificate programmes, applicants must obtain the following: 4 Credits including English Language at WASSCE/GCE 'O' Level, except for the Certificate in Population Analysis and Social Statistics, the Special Certificate in Mass Communication, and the Special Certificate in Library Archive and Information Studies.

A. **FOURAH BAY COLLEGE**

1.0 **Degree Courses**

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Mass Communication.
- Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Library, Archive and Information Systems
- Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Development Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies
- Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education
- Bachelor of Education in Adult Education
- Bachelor of Engineering and Architecture
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science with Engineering Option
- Bachelor of Science in Education
- Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Social Science in Social Work
- Bachelor of Social Science in Peace & Conflict Studies

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Social Science in Population and Development Studies
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

2.0 Diploma and Certificate Courses

- License in Divinity
- Diploma in Cultural Studies
- Certificate in Adult Education
- Diploma in Adult Education
- Special Certificate in Mass Communication
- Diploma in Mass Communication
- Special Certificate in Library Studies
- Diploma in Library Studies
- Diploma in Gender and Development Studies
- Certificate in Population Analysis & Social Statistics
- Diploma in Peace & Conflict Studies
- Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education
- Certificate in Mathematics & Statistics
- Diploma in Mathematics & Statistics
- Certificate in Deck Officer Training
- Certificate in Fish Handling and Processing Training
- Certificate in Marine Engineering
- Certificate in Radio Communication
- Certificate in Refrigeration Training
- Certificate in Safety at Sea Training
- Certificate in Fishing Gear Technology
- Ordinary National Diploma in Deck Officer Training
- Ordinary National Diploma in Fish Handling and Processing Training
- Ordinary National Diploma in Marine Engineering
- Ordinary National Diploma in Radio Communication
- Ordinary National Diploma in Refrigeration
- Ordinary National Diploma in Safety at Sea Training
- Ordinary National Diploma in Fishing Gear Technology
- Higher National Diploma in Deck Officer Training
- Higher National Diploma in Fish Handling and Processing Training
- Higher National Diploma in Marine Engineering
- Higher National Diploma in Radio Communication
- Higher National Diploma in Refrigeration
- Higher National Diploma in Safety at Sea Training
- Higher National Diploma in Fishing Gear Technology

3.0 FACULTY OF ARTS

a. **DEGREE COURSES**

Entry requirements for the Underlisted Degree Courses

Credits obtained in 5 (five) subjects at the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) or General Certificate of Examination (GCE) 'O' Level including at least C5 or better in English Language. These must be obtained in not more than two sittings with at least 3 (three) of the 5(five) subjects in the humanities (Liberal Arts).

- i. **Bachelor of Arts General**
- ii. **Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Mass Communication**

- iii. **Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Library, Archive & Information Science**
 - iv. **Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies**
 - v. **Bachelor of Arts in Gender and Development Studies**
 - vi. **Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care Education**
 - vii. **Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education**
- b. CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA AND LICENTIATE COURSES**
- i. **Certificate in Adult Education**
Credit obtained at WASSCE/ GCE 'O' Level or its equivalence in 4(four) subjects, including English Language; preference will be given to candidates with experience in Adult Education.
 - ii. **Diploma in Adult Education**
The minimum requirement for Diploma in Adult Education is 4 WASSCE/GCE 'O' Level credits, with C6 in English Language, in not more than two sittings. Holders of other relevant qualifications, e.g. Teachers' Certificate and has demonstrated some extra mural competence, may be accepted for an interview to determine their eligibility.
 - iii. **Diploma in Cultural Studies (2 Years)**
The minimum requirement is 4 (four) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits, including English Language and History, in not more than two sittings. Holders of other relevant qualifications (e.g. the Teachers' Certificate) who have demonstrated aptitude in the arts or culture skills may be accepted for an interview to determine their eligibility.
 - iv. **Diploma/License in Divinity(2 Years)**
A two-year course is provided within the Faculty of Arts leading to the award of a License in Divinity in preparation for the Christian Ministry. Candidates of any denomination may apply. The minimum requirement for admission is 4(four) GCE "O" Level/WASSCE credits including English Language and Christian Religious Knowledge obtained in not more than two sittings.
 - v. **Diploma in Mass Communication (2 Years)**
Entry requirements is 4 (four) subjects at G.C.E.'O' Level/WASSCE, including credit in English Language, in not more than two sittings.
 - vi. **Diploma in Gender and Development Studies**
Entry requirements is 4 (four) subjects at G.C.E.'O' Level/WASSCE, including credit in English Language, in not more than two sittings.
 - vii. **Special Certificate in Library, Archive and Information Science**
Candidates who have at least five years working experience in a library, documentation centre, Registry, Book store or in a related institution may apply. School leavers with 4 (four) G.C.E.'O' Level/WASSCE subjects, including a credit in English Language in not more than two sittings may also apply.
 - viii. **Diploma in Library, Archive and Information Science (2Years)**
Entry requirements is 5 (five) G.C.E.'O' Level/WASSCE subjects, including credit in English Language with a grade 6/C6 in not more than two sittings.

ix. Diploma in Early Childhood Education Care (ECEE) (2 Years)

Entry requirements is 4 (four) G.C.E.'O' Level/WASSCE subjects, including credit in English Language in not more than two sittings.

3.1 FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

Degree Courses offered only in the following Engineering disciplines:

- i. Civil Engineering
- ii. Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- iii. Mechanical & Maintenance Engineering
- iv. Mining Engineering

Admission criteria

- i. The minimum requirements are 5 (five) GCE 'O' Level or WASSCE with Grades 1-5 /A1-C6 in not more than two sittings with the subjects combined into three categories for Admission to Year I as follows:-

CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B	CATEGORY C
*Maths/Further Maths, *English Language *Physics	*Chemistry *Science Core	*Technical Drawing *Engineering Science *Biology

- a. Candidates must obtain a minimum pass of C6 in English Language plus C5 in the three Category
- b. In addition to the requirements in (a) above, candidates must obtain a minimum credit of **C6** in at least one subject each from category **B** and **C**.
- c. **Candidates with 'A' levels:-** Candidates with the minimum of **5 'O' level** Credits, including English Language or '**C**' or better and with Credits of '**C**' or better in Mathematics and at least one 'A' level pass either in **Physic or Chemistry**, will be admitted into **Year II**.
- ii. Candidates with **Pass** or **Credit** at **OND** with minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be admitted into **Year I**.
- iii. Candidates with **Pass** or **Credit** at **OND** and **Pass** at **HND** with minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be admitted into **Year II**.
- iv. Candidates with **Pass** or **Credit** at **OND** and **Credit** at **HND** with minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be admitted into **Year III**.
- v. All **OND** and **HND** candidates with the entry requirements but without the minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be required to sit for and pass the college Matriculation English Language exam for admission.

3.2 FACULTY OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

a. DEGREE COURSES

i. Bachelor of Science

The minimum requirements for admission into the faculty are five credits obtained at GCE 'O' Level or WASSCE. The compulsory subjects for admission of students

into the Faculty are English and Mathematics plus any three of the following science subjects including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science, Agricultural Science, Engineering Science and Geography.

ii. Bachelor of Science with Engineering Option

Same requirements apply for Bachelor of Science.

iii. Bachelor of Science in Education

Same requirements apply as Bachelor of Science, except that this programme is run in collaboration with the Institute of Education and Extra Mural Studies.

b. CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA COURSES

i. Certificate in Statistics

Four (4) G.C.E. 'O' Level/WASSCE credits, including English Language and Mathematics in not more than two sittings. Work experience in statistics and data related areas may provide candidate with an added advantage.

ii. Diploma in Statistics

Successful completion of the Certificate in Statistics makes one eligible for the Diploma programme.

CERTIFICATE COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Deck Officer Training
- Marine Engineering Training
- Radio Communication Training
- Safety at Sea Training
- Refrigeration Training
- Fishing Gear Technology Training

Admission criteria

Candidates must possess at least two (2) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits with Grade C6 or better or its equivalence obtained in not more than two (2) sittings. They must have also attempted English Language, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE exam.

Candidates who have at least five years practical experience in a related field may apply.

ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (OND) COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Deck Officer Training
- Marine Engineering Training
- Radio Communication Training
- Safety at Sea Training
- Refrigeration Training
- Fishing Gear Technology Training
- Fish Handling and Processing Technology

Admission criteria

Candidates must possess at least Three (3) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits with Grade 4/C6 or better in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English Language, obtained in not more than two (2) sittings.

All **OND** candidates with good Grades but without the minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be required to sit for and pass the University Matriculation English Language exam.

HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Deck Officer Training
- Marine Engineering Training
- Radio Communication Training
- Safety at Sea Training
- Refrigeration Training
- Fishing Gear Technology Training
- Fish Handling and Processing Technology

Admission criteria

Candidates must possess at least Four (4) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits with Grade C6 or better in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English Language, obtained in not more than two (2) sittings.

All **HND** candidates with generally good grades but without the minimum **C6** in English Language at **WASSCE** will be required to sit for and pass the University Matriculation English Language exam for admission.

3.3 FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW

a. DEGREE COURSES

i. Bachelor of Social Science

Candidates must have Grade C5 or better in English Language and C6 in Mathematics. In addition they must have at least 3 social science subjects with a minimum of 5/C6 e.g. Financial Accounting, Cost Accounting, Economics, etc.

ii. Bachelor of Social Science in Social Work

Same requirement as for Bachelor of Social Science except that Mathematics is not a requirement.

iii. Bachelor of Social Science in Peace and Conflict Studies

Same requirement as for Bachelor of Social Science except that Mathematics is not a requirement.

iv. Bachelor of Social Science in Population & Development Studies

Same requirement apply as for Bachelor of Social Science.

v. Bachelor of Laws

- Candidates must have a Honours Degree (Second Class Second Division or better) in any discipline, in addition to a very good WASSCE/GCE 'O' Level (5 Credits), with a minimum of 3/C5 in English Language and across all the other remaining four(4) related subjects.

- General Degree (Division One) plus a C5 in English Language and a C4 in the remaining four (4) related subjects.
- Five (5) WASSCE/GCE 'O' Level with a minimum of 3/B3 in English Language and a 3/C4 in the other remaining four (4) related subjects.

Applicants with requirements other than those outlined above will have their applications reviewed by the Dean and the Head of Department of Law.

Note that 80% opportunity of intake will be given to graduates and 20% to school leavers.

b. CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA COURSES

1. Certificate in Population Analysis and Social Statistics

Four (4) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits including English, Mathematics or Statistics. Candidates without the above qualifications but with at least five years experience in population related work may apply.

2. Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies

The entry requirements are 4 GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits including English Language with at least a grade 5/C6.

B. COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

4.1 FACULTY OF NURSING

a. BASIC NURSING PROGRAMMES

i. Bsc. (Hons) in Nursing (Duration 4 Years)

First degree or higher in Science, or health related discipline or a minimum of 5 GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE credits (1-4/A1-C5) including English Language and any 3 of the science subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Mathematics in not more than two sittings.

For Registered Nurses, an RN qualification, plus five GCE O Level/WASSCE (with credit C6 or better) including English Language and any 2 of the following science subjects: Chemistry, Physic, Biology and Mathematics in not more than two sitting.

ii Diploma in Nursing (SRN- Duration 3 Years)

At least five (5) GCE 'O' Level credit including English Language, Biology, Physic, Mathematics and Chemistry obtained in not more than two sittings.

OR

Applicants with an SECHN qualification must possess at least five (5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE with Grade C6 or better or its equivalence including English Language and Biology and any 2 of the following subjects: Physic, Mathematics and Chemistry obtained in not more than two sittings.

b. POST-BASIC NURSING PROGRAMMES

i. Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing (Duration 1 year)

Candidates must have successfully completed the certificate in Nursing course SECHN/SRN/BSc. Nursing plus at least 3 years work experience.

- ii. **Diploma in Ophthalmic Nursing (Duration 2 Year)**
Candidates must have successfully completed the certificate in nursing courses SECHN/SRN/BSc. plus at least three years working experience/five (5) GCE 'O' LEVEL/WASSCE Credits in the following subjects: Chemistry, English Language, Mathematics and any other two subjects obtained in not more than two sittings.
- iii. **Diploma in Paediatric Nursing and Management (Duration 2 Year)**
Candidates must possess the following:
 - a. Diploma in Nursing/BSc. In Nursing
 - b. Five (5) GCE O Level/WASSCE Credits 5/c6 or better in the following science subjects: English Language, Biology, Physics, Mathematics, Health Science or its equivalent.
 - c. Be a Register Nurse (RN) with the nurses and midwives board of Sierra Leone.
 - d. Have a minimum demonstrable one year post-registration experience in clinical sitting.
- iv. **Certificate in Mental Health Nursing (Duration 1 Year)**
Candidates must have successfully completed the Certificate in Nursing courses SECHN/SRN/BSc. Nursing plus at least 3 years work experience. Must be register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Sierra Leone.
- v. **Diploma in Mental Health Nursing (Duration 1 Year)**
Candidates must have successfully completed the Diploma in Nursing (SRN). BSc. Nursing. They must also possess at least 3 credits at GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE or its equivalent in not more than 2 sittings. Must be register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Sierra Leone.
- vi. **Diploma in Nursing Education(Nurse Tutors Course- Duration 1 Year)**
Candidates must have completed the Diploma in Nursing (SRN/BSC). And must be register with the Nurses and Midwives Board of Sierra Leone.

4.2 FACULTY OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES

Students can be admitted into the MBChB programme either through successful completion of the COMAHS premedical programme or through direct entry depending on the admissions criteria listed below. A final selection of all applicants is subject to a successful interview.

- a. **Bachelor of Medicine (MBChB)- First Year**
Students can enter into the first year of the MBChB Programme if they fulfilled one of the requirements listed below:
 - i. 3 GCE 'A' Level (A-C) in any two of the following subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics in not more than two sittings or an equivalent qualification.
 - ii. Graduate with a Bachelor Degree Division 2 or better from a recognized University.
- b. **Premedical 11 Programme**

Five (5) WASSCE Credits (C4 or better) in four of the following subjects: English Language, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics/Further Mathematics and Physics, and C5 in the fifth in not more than two sittings, or an equivalent qualification.

c. Premedical 1 Programme

Five (5) WASSCE Credits (C5 or better) in four of the following subjects: English Language, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics/Further Mathematics and Physics, and C6 in the fifth in not more than two sittings or an equivalent qualification.

d. BSc. (Hons) Biomedical Sciences

Applicants must have the following: Five (5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits 5/C6 or better in English Language, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

4.3 FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Admission criteria

Students can enter the B.Pharm (Hons) programme either through successful completion of the COMAHS Pre-Pharmacy program or through direct entry depending on the admission criteria listed below. Final selection of all applicants is subject to a successful interview.

a. Bsc. (Hons) Pharmacy- B. Pharm (First Year)

Students can enter into the first year of the B.Pharm (Hons) programme if they fulfill one of the requirements listed below:

- i. Three (3) GCE 'A' level (A-D) in any two of the following; Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, or an equivalent qualification.
- ii. Graduate with a science degree at Division 3 or better from a recognized University.
- iii. Successful completion of the Pre-Pharmacy programme.
- iv. Diploma in Pharmacy and 5 credits at WASSCE.

b. Pre-Pharmacy Programme

A minimum of C5 in any three and C6 in the remaining two of the following subjects; English Language, Chemistry, Mathematics/ Further Mathematics, Physics/Core Science at WASSCE in not more than two sitting. Knowledge of French is an advantage.

4.4 FACULTY OF CLINICAL SCIENCE

a. Diploma in Dental Therapist Training (Duration- 3 Year)

Four (4) GCE O level/WASSCE credits 5/c6 or better in the following subjects: Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English Language. Candidates with c6 or better in Health Science may be considered.

4.0 INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

The minimum entry requirements for all programmes at IPAM are 5 (five), GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits, including English Language and Mathematics, in not more than two sittings.

Undergraduate Courses

B.Sc. in Applied Accounting

B.Sc. in Financial Services

B.Sc. in Business Administration

B.Sc. in Information Systems

B.Sc. in Information Technology

B.Sc. in Governance and Leadership

Bsc. In Banking and Finance

DEPARTMENTAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

i. Department of Accountancy

Candidates must possess five(5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits with a C5 or better in Mathematics and C6 or better in English Language, plus any three of the following commercial subjects; Principles of Cost Accounting, Financial Accounting, Commerce, Economics and Business Management.

ii. Department of Business Administration & Entrepreneurship

Candidates must possess five(5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits with a C5 or better in English Language and C6 or better in Mathematics, plus any three of the following commercial subjects; Principles Cost Accounting, Financial Accounting, Commerce, Economics and Business Management.

iii. Department of Governance and Leadership

Candidates must possess five (5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits with a C5 or better in English Language and C6 or better in Mathematics, plus three other related subjects.

iv. Department of Information Systems & Technology

Candidates must possess five (5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits with a C5 or better in Mathematics and C6 or better in English Language, plus three other related subjects. Applicants must pass an entrance examination conducted by the department.

v. Department of Banking and Finance

Candidates must possess five(5) GCE 'O' Level/WASSCE Credits with a C5 or better in Mathematics and C6 or better in English Language, plus any three of the following commercial subjects; Principles of Cost Accounting, Financial Accounting, Commerce, Economics and Business Management.

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