Part D
Graduation Regulations
D1. Degree Plans
Requirements for completing a degree shall be stated for each year of entry (Cohort) as the total number of credits needed with specific instructions regarding University, College, Major, Minor and Specification Programme credits, Elective and other specific requirements.

Degree requirements are classified into three groups.
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a) University Requirements
All degree plans include the following University Requirements:

For Cohort 2009 and before these are:
- 3 credits in Arabic Language
- 2 credits in Oman and Islamic Civilization or Islamic Culture
- 1 credit in Contemporary Omani Society
- 6 credits in English Language
- 6 credits in General Elective courses.

For Cohort 2010 and after these are:
Completion of the Foundation Programme
- 3 credits in Arabic Language
- 2 credits in Oman and Islamic Civilization or Islamic Culture
- 1 credit in Contemporary Omani Society
- 6 credits in General Elective courses

General Electives are standard regular courses offered by any College in the University which the student may freely choose to take (subject to fulfilling pre-requisite requirements), but which do not form part of his or her College or Specialization requirements and electives. They may not be restricted to a subset of courses at the College level. The courses chosen should not duplicate others already taken. It is recommended that electives be taken early in a student's academic programme.

b) College Requirements
These are courses required of *all students in a particular College*, and may fall into two categories:
- Courses that must be successfully completed by all students as part of all degree plans for their College.
- Elective courses specified by the College, from which the student may make a selection according to any stated guidelines.

c) Major Requirements
These are courses required for the Major and may fall into two categories
- Courses which must be completed by all students as part of the degree plan for

their Major.
• Elective courses specified for the Major, from which the student may make a selection according to any stated guidelines.

Only credits earned in courses which fall within the degree plan for the Major shall be counted towards the total required for a degree. A ***graduation grade point average*** is calculated based on the said credits. Students who apply to change their specialization may therefore not be able to count all credits previously earned as part of their new degree plan. No more than 10% of the total credits in a degree plan may be graded Pass/Not Passed. The degree requirements specified when a student is admitted to his degree programme shall remain in effect until the degree is completed. The duration of a degree programme shall be stated in credits which, given normal scheduling patterns, can be completed within a customary number of years. A maximum time limit of four additional regular semesters beyond the norm may be imposed.