

JINNAH SINDH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

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1. Introduction

This policy pertains to academic progression matters only. The policy does not apply to Academic misconduct or non-academic misconduct.

2. Purpose

This policy lays down the process to be adopted by JSMU for its undergraduate programs. The purpose is to streamline progression of undergraduate students of constituent and affiliated institutions of JSMU

3. Scope

This policy is applicable to all:

- a. undergraduate programs examined by JSMU
- b. students currently/onwards enrolled at JSMU.

4. Policy statement

4.1 Promotion

- i. Students will be promoted to the next year of the program upon obtaining pass marks in the respective theory and clinical/practical examinations
- ii. Students declared fail will have to take a retake examination in the specific component/s (i.e. theory and / or clinical / practical exam) of the subject failed. BDS students who fail even one component will have to retake both components in any case.
- iii. Students failing the retake examination in any part of the examination will be declared year back.
- iv. Year back students of:
 - a. MBBS program will be allowed a total of eight attempts in years 1 and 2 combined. A maximum of six attempts are allowed in year 1 including annual and retake.

- i. In case a student passes year 1 in third or fifth attempt, he/she will be allowed a maximum of four or two attempts in year 2 respectively including annual and retake. *(Please refer to annexure for further clarification)*
- b. BDS program will be allowed a total of six attempts in year 1 only (including annual and retake).
- c. Pharmacy Sciences and Nursing will follow policy as per their regulatory body
- d. IHBM are allowed up to five attempts in each subject including annual and retake examination. The fourth and fifth attempts with the approval of the Vice Chancellor, JSMU
- e. All other programs are allowed maximum four attempts in year 1.
- v. Absence/non registration in any examination will be counted as attempt availed.
- vi. The above-mentioned rules are **NOT** applicable in retrospect.
 - a. For students of MBBS program these rules will only be applicable on MBBS 2017 batch and onward admitted batches.
 - b. For students of BDS program these rules will only be applicable on BDS 2018 batch and onward admitted batches.
- vii. MBBS Students failing to clear the first and second year in 8 attempts and BDS students failing to clear the first year in six attempts will be declared debarred in MBBS or BDS respectively.
- viii. Students declared debarred will not be allowed to continue his/her education in Jinnah Sindh Medical University.
- ix. The maximum time duration for a student in any program will be twice the duration of the program with effect from current enrollment of Batch 2019/20

4.2 Freezing

- x. Freezing of academic time can only be applied after passing the second year of the respective program.
- xi. The maximum time for freezing academic program should not exceed the total duration of undergraduate academic program for example it is maximum five years MBBS program.
- xii. Application for freezing time must be recommended by the respective board of studies for approval by the JSMU competent authority.
- xiii. Students who have enrolled in any of the JSMU 4-year programs will have to appear and pass again in the last examination (all components) taken prior to freezing of the academic program. This is applicable if their freezing duration exceeds 2 years. For MBBS & Pharm D students, if a student's freezing duration exceeds 3 years, s/he will have to appear and pass again in the last examination (all components) taken prior to freezing of the academic program.
- xiv. It can be availed only once in the entire academic program.

4.3 Migration

- xv. Emigration can only be applied after passing the second year of the respective program
- xvi. Students immigrating from other institutions will only be eligible after passing year 2

of their respective program.

- xvii. Migration can only be on vacant seat or on mutual basis with approval of both the institutions involved.
- xviii. The migration fees of Rs. 100,000/= (one lac only) will be charged by the JSMU.
- xix. Migration is not allowed if the curriculum followed in both universities is different.
- xx. If a policy is not mentioned in this document and is present in the Prospectus of the respective year, the policy given in the prospectus will be strictly followed.

5. Policy Implementation Procedure:

- i. The head of the program will present the relevant student’s case to the respective Board of Studies (BoS).
- ii. The recommendation of the respective BoS will be presented to the JSMU competent authority for approval.
- iii. Any matter pertaining to promotion/progression of undergraduate students not covered in this policy will be placed in the respective Board of Studies for review and recommendation.

6. Extenuating circumstances

Students who can demonstrate that there were extenuating circumstances, which prevented them from appearing in the examinations may appeal to the respective Board of Studies. Documentation with respect to the grounds for appeal, must be provided by the student

7. Revision/Modification History & frequency

The policy will be reviewed every three years. However, the owner of the policy may request for a revision based on emerging needs and with the approval from competent authority.

Revision No.	Reviewed by	Date Reviewed Date/ Month/Year	Description of Change (if Any).
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Guidelines for MBBS batch 2017 students

1. There are total eight attempts for MBBS 2017 students to pass 1st and 2nd year.
2. The distribution is maximum 6 attempts in any first year or second year. She/he is bound to clear the other year in maximum two attempts.
3. Annual plus retake are counted as two attempts and all calculation will be in even number.
4. The student will be declared Year back on failing in any retake/supplementary examination.
5. A candidate clearing first year MBBS in first or second attempt will have maximum six attempts in balance for clearing 2nd year MBBS.
6. A candidate clearing first year MBBS in third or fourth attempt will have maximum four attempts in balance for clearing 2nd year MBBS.
7. A candidate clearing first year MBBS in fifth or sixth attempt will have maximum two attempts in balance for clearing 2nd year MBBS.
8. Seventh attempt is not allowed in first or second year.
9. A candidate failing in first year MBBS in sixth attempt will have no attempt in balance for clearing 2nd year MBBS. Such students will be debarred from University enrolment register.