

Exit Exams

Purpose:

Oman Academic Standards for GFP require an exit assessment to determine whether a student has met the required GFP learning outcomes in four areas of learning, English, Mathematics, Computing, and General study skills.

“As there are no standardized national tests, each HEI has the responsibility for developing its own methods of assessment against the student learning outcomes in these standards. The HEI must demonstrate that the chosen assessment method is effective in determining whether the student has attained the required learning outcomes.” (OAS 2.4 f)

Hence, DU has exit exams in place in the final levels of all 3 areas of learning, as General study skills are embedded in all the subjects. Level 3 English students and Level 2 Math and IT students are required to take exit exams in addition to their term-end exams.

Pattern:

At present, Exit Exams for all subjects are conducted online at FP IT labs. DU-FP uses the Cambridge CEPT exam for English, which determines the level of English language proficiency of the learners (Below A1, A2, B1, ...) with reference to the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR). For Math and IT, the exit exam was prepared in-house and reviewed.

As of now, 50% of the weighting has been given to the exit exams and 50% to the course assessment of the final levels, and students are required to achieve an overall 50% to pass each subject.

Promotion & Exit Policy:

Students are evaluated regularly to help determine their progress and attainment of the set goals. They are provided with every opportunity to be promoted to upper levels based on the promotion policy requirements stated in each syllabus. Students who fulfil the exit requirements of the final levels are eligible to exit the FP and join their desired university majors. However, all students are required to take an Exit Exam as part of the promotion requirements to the University.

Please note the following:

1. Students can progress to their majors in the College only after successfully completing all FP requirements (English, Math, and IT) with an overall 50% pass grade.
2. Students majoring in Architectural Engineering must score no less than 70% in English, Math, and IT to be able to proceed to college.

Student awareness & Mock exams:

Final-level students are made aware of the purpose and pattern of the exit exams and given adequate opportunities for practice during their classes. Moreover, mock exams are made available on the Moodle platform for students to get familiarized with the exams and to practice more at home.

Exit exam coordinators:

The designated exit exam coordinators, in liaison with the level/unit coordinators, are responsible to organize, conduct and publish the results of exit exams in line with the requirements of colleges and Oman Academic Standards.