



Chapter Ten – General
Regulations / Item (10-2)

Handling of Students' Cases at the End of the Academic Year 2025/2026

Rules on failure and passing, repeating the year, the time limit and cancellation of enrolment, and the handling of critical cases by decision of the Board of Opinion.

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Note: The texts are translated from the official Arabic; the Arabic original is the authoritative version.

Notice: This item appears in the Guide for the academic year 2026/2027 and governs the results of the academic year **2025/2026**; it applies to the year it concerns.

10-2- Handling of Students' Cases at the End of the Academic Year (2025/2026)

- 1 A student who has failed in half of the courses or more in the first-round examinations shall be permitted to sit the second-round examinations in the courses in which he failed, taking into account the provisions of Article (19) of the University Examination Instructions No. (11) of 2026.
- 2 If the student is deemed to have failed in either the first or the second round, he shall repeat the year with attendance and examination in the courses in which he failed only.
- 3 The fraction of the final mark in any course shall be rounded to the nearest whole number (for example, 49.5 becomes 50 and 49.4 becomes 49).
- 4 Article (11/Second) of the University Examination Instructions No. 11 of 2026 shall be implemented in accordance with the following:
 - a A student who has failed due to absence in any course shall be deemed to have failed in his year (since he is not entitled to sit the final examinations in both rounds for that course, nor is he entitled to pass by carry-over to the higher academic year); he shall be permitted to complete the academic year and to sit the examinations in the other courses.
 - b A student who is absent from the final examinations in one course or more shall be deemed to have failed the examination and shall not be deemed to have failed due to absence; he shall be entitled to participate in the second-round examination after submitting a legitimate excuse approved by the College Council, as provided in Article 9/First of the University Examination Instructions No. 11 of 2026.
- 5 Students who have failed in two courses or fewer because they did not attend the final examination in either or both of the two rounds shall be covered by the carry-over system, since they are deemed to have failed due to absence from the examination concerned and not due to absence in the course concerned, taking into account the provisions of Article (2/Fifth) of the University Examination Instructions No. 11 of 2026.
- 6 The student's enrolment shall be cancelled if the duration of his study exceeds one and a half times the period prescribed for study in his specialisation, including years of failure; years of postponement and non-failure years shall not be counted within it.
- 7 The year of failure shall not be counted, for students whose nomination has been amended, within the time limit of their study at the College/Institute to which they were nominated; a new time limit shall be calculated for the students starting from the year of the amendment of nomination. Likewise, the year of postponement shall not be counted among the three years of postponement stipulated in the instructions in force.
- 8 Carry-over courses shall be covered by the provisions of Article (13) of the University Examination Instructions No. 11 of 2026; (10) ten marks shall be deducted from the final mark when calculating the average, and the student shall be treated as a student who passed in the second round.

- 9 The round in which the student completed the study requirements shall be adopted for determining the graduation round; accordingly, the student shall be deemed one of the second-round graduates if he passed the academic equivalency courses or the carry-over courses in the second round, even if he had successfully passed the final-year courses in the first round.
- 10 The students' graduation year shall be the year in which they completed all the study requirements.
- 11 Critical cases of students at the end of the academic year shall be handled by the granting of marks by a decision of the Board of Opinion exclusively.

As for students of the colleges of medicine, the following shall be observed:

- 1 Final-year students of the colleges of medicine shall be entitled to three examination attempts, with a period of (6) six months separating each attempt from the next, regardless of the number of courses in which the student failed.
- 2 The period of retraining for any course in which the student failed shall be one and a half months, so that the period of (6) six months is sufficient in the event that the student fails in four courses.
- 3 The round in which the student completed the study requirements shall be adopted as his graduation round, in accordance with the three rounds granted to final-year students of the colleges of medicine, provided that the third round is treated in the same manner as the second round in terms of instructions and regulations.
- 4 Final-year students of the colleges of medicine for the academic year 2020/2021 who passed in the third round shall have 2020/2021 as their graduation year, for the current academic year only, and (third-round graduates) shall be written in their documents; in the coming years, the graduation year shall be adopted as the year in which the student sat his third-round examination.
- 5 Final-year students of the colleges of medicine whose enrolment was cancelled because they had exhausted three examination attempts shall be permitted to return to study with two examination attempts only (regardless of whether or not the academic year in which their enrolment was cancelled is counted as a non-failure year), pursuant to (paragraph (b/First) of Article 18) and (paragraph Third of Article 21) of the University Examination Instructions No. 11 of 2026, provided that the students repeat, in the following year, the courses in which they failed with attendance and examination, with recalculation of the coursework marks.