



Annex (2) of the Guide

University Examination Instructions No. (11) of 2026

The full text of the examination instructions in force from the academic year 2026-2027
– coursework and examinations, absence and postponement, carry-over and
equivalency, averages and graduation ranking, and cancellation of enrolment.

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Article 1

These Instructions shall apply to all universities, colleges and institutes, public and private, affiliated with each of them, and to both morning and evening study.

Article 2

First

The College or Institute Council, upon a proposal from the Department Council or the Branch in colleges that have no departments, shall determine the coursework examinations, their type, the manner of conducting them and the calculation of their percentages, provided that the coursework mark shall be not less than (30%) thirty per cent and not more than (50%) fifty per cent of the final mark, with the exception of courses of a practical and applied nature, the determination of whose percentages shall be left to the University Council.

Second

(a) The credit hours for the study requirements of each level of study in the course (credit) system shall be determined as follows:

- ① University requirements: a set of compulsory and elective courses aimed at increasing the student's knowledge in the social, scientific, professional and humanities fields of knowledge, at a percentage of (10%-15%).
 - ② College or Institute requirements: a set of compulsory and elective courses aimed at providing the student with a common scientific base within the general specialisation of the college and assisting him in his specialised study in the department, at a percentage of (16%-22%).
 - ③ Department (specialisation) requirements: a set of compulsory and elective courses aimed at deepening the student's knowledge and acquiring skills in the field of his specialisation, at a percentage of (63%-74%).
- ⓑ The College or Institute Council may propose other study requirements for obtaining the required degree for each specialisation, which the student shall be required to fulfil during his period of study, in a manner not inconsistent with paragraph (a) of this item.

Third

The College or Institute Council shall determine, at the beginning of each academic year, the courses of a practical or applied nature that have no final examination, including a research project or graduation project.

Fourth

The University Council, upon the recommendation of the College or Institute Council and upon a proposal from the Department Council or the Branch, shall ratify the following:

a

Naming the courses in which the student's success in the practical and applied component is a condition for eligibility to sit the final examination, provided that the practical and applied requirements and the timings necessary for their completion are determined and announced to the students before the start of the academic year.

b

Determining the timings for completing the requirements of the study system within the academic year, which shall be announced to the students before the start of the academic year.

Fifth

A student who has not completed the requirements of the courses stipulated in paragraph (a) of item (Fourth) of this Article shall be permitted to sit the second-round examination, provided that he completes those requirements before the start of the examination; otherwise, the student shall be deemed to have failed his year.

Sixth

Where a student fails courses of a theoretical, practical or applied nature in the first round, he shall re-sit the theoretical, practical and applied examination in the second round.

Seventh

The final examinations in the final-year classes of colleges of medicine shall be comprehensive, covering certain courses from previous years as determined by the College Council, and the annual coursework marks for the sixth-year courses therein shall be calculated at (20%) twenty per cent of the final mark.

Eighth

The minimum pass mark shall be (50%) fifty per cent for each course, and in colleges that follow the course (credit) system it shall be (60%) sixty per cent.

Article 3

Final examinations may not be conducted on the basis of (100%) one hundred per cent of the mark, for any reason whatsoever.

Article 4

First The period of study in the semester system shall be not less than (15) fifteen weeks per semester, and in the annual system not less than (30) thirty weeks; final examinations and holidays shall not be counted within these periods.

Second The period of study in the course (credit) system shall be not less than (15) fifteen weeks for each of the two semesters, excluding final examinations and holidays; universities may open a third (optional) semester with a period of study of (8) eight weeks, subject to the availability of the material and human resources.

Article 5

First The College or Institute Council, upon a proposal from the Dean, shall form a central examination committee chaired by the Dean, with a number of members of the teaching staff as members, and sub-committees shall be formed according to the scientific departments or branches to administer and supervise the examinations during the academic year, provided that all members of the committees are members of the teaching staff of the college or institute.

Second The final examination for courses shall be confidential.

Third The University Council may ratify a proposal by the College Council to conduct a mid-semester or mid-year examination, which shall be confidential and shall be treated in the same manner as the final examination with respect to postponement; the College Council shall be left to determine the date for conducting the examination for postponed students.

Article 6

The member of the teaching staff shall be bound by the following:

First Adopting the curriculum prescribed by the department or the college and distributing its topics within the period specified for study in accordance with item (First) of Article (4) of these Instructions.

Second Determining the number of monthly examinations and the distribution of the annual or semester coursework marks and the final examination marks, provided that these are submitted to the Department Council or the Branch for approval and announcement to the students.

Third Conducting daily examinations, the number of which shall be left to his discretion.

Fourth Announcing the annual or semester coursework marks to the students within a period of not less than (5) five days before the start of the final examinations, after ratification by the Head of the Department or the Branch in colleges that have no departments; the student shall have the right to object to the mark or to have an error corrected within (3) three days of the announcement of the marks.

Article 7

First Every two semester subjects in colleges or institutes that adopt the semester system shall be counted as one annual subject, except where the number of hours of the semester subject is equal to the minimum number of study hours for a single subject during the academic year.

Second For the purposes of academic equivalency, every two summer semesters shall be counted as equivalent to one semester in colleges or institutes that adopt the course (credit) system; all semesters shall be equivalent in terms of the total actual study hours of the course, and they need not be equal in terms of the credit units for which the student is registered nor in terms of the student's effort based on the number of hours.

Article 8

The following shall be observed in a student's study under the semester and annual systems:

First A student who has failed half of the courses or fewer in the first-round examination shall be permitted to sit the second-round examinations in the courses he failed; where the number of courses is odd, the fraction shall be rounded in the student's favour; otherwise he shall be deemed to have failed in the first round, with the exception of final-year students in the College of Medicine, subject to the provisions of Article (21) of these Instructions.

Second A student shall be deemed to have failed his year if he is absent, without a legitimate excuse, from the first-round examination in one or more courses.

Third

If a 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 he failed.

Fourth

A failed student shall be exempted from deleted courses and shall be required to take newly introduced courses when curricula are changed, provided that this shall not lead to his advancement to a higher year or to his graduation unless he has fulfilled all the study or graduation requirements on an equal footing with his peers in the year in which he failed, and he shall be deemed a graduate of the subsequent academic year.

Fifth

Where a student passes all the courses of the year in which he is enrolled but fails the courses required of him by reason of academic equivalency from a lower year, he shall be advanced to the higher year and shall remain carried over with the courses he failed, and he must pass them in the subsequent year even if he passes the courses of the higher year.

Sixth

A student who has passed in the first round shall have the right to re-sit, in the second round, the examination in not more than two courses which he previously passed in the same year with a mark below (60%) sixty per cent, provided that his previous mark is cancelled.

Article 9

First

A student may sit the second-round examinations if his failure to sit the first-round examinations was due to a legitimate excuse or force majeure, in accordance with controls approved by the College or Institute Council and issued by the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, provided that this is supported by official documents, including the following cases:

- a** Sudden illness.
- b** Death of a relative of the first or second degree.
- c** Detention and arrest.
- d** Road traffic (run-over) accidents.

Second

The second-round examination may not be postponed under any circumstances whatsoever.

Article 10

The following shall be observed in a student's study under the course (credit) system:

- First** The final examinations shall be for one round only.
- Second** The student's cumulative average shall be not less than (60%) sixty per cent at the end of each semester.
- Third** A student shall have the right to re-register for not more than (4) four courses which he previously passed if his cumulative average is (60%) sixty per cent or more, provided that his previous mark is cancelled; he may re-register for more than (4) four courses if his cumulative average is less than (60%) sixty per cent.

Article 11

- First** A student shall be given notice, through the notice board or the official website of the college or institute, if his absences reach (5%) five per cent of the total prescribed hours, and shall be given a final warning if his absences reach (10%) ten per cent, in accordance with the mechanism mentioned above.
- Second** A student shall be deemed to have failed a course if his absences exceed (10%) ten per cent of the hours prescribed for that course without a legitimate excuse, or (15%) fifteen per cent with a legitimate excuse approved by the College or Institute Council.
- Third** A student who has failed due to absence in some courses shall be permitted to complete the academic year and sit the examinations in the other courses, and shall be deemed to have failed the courses in which he was absent.
- Fourth** Where a student passes the first semester in a college or institute that adopts the semester system and fails due to absence in the second semester, he shall be deemed to have failed his year and shall be required to attend the second semester only of the subsequent academic year.

Article 12

The examination committee shall prepare the final results and submit them to the Department Council or the Branch for referral, together with its recommendations, to the College or Institute Council for

approval and announcement, with the exception of the final-year classes, whose results shall be ratified by the University President.

Article 13

(10) Ten marks shall be deducted from the final mark of each course which the student passed in the second round, with the exception of a postponed student, when calculating the average; where he obtains a mark below (60%) sixty per cent, his final mark in that course shall be (50%) fifty per cent.

Article 14

First

The student's average shall be calculated on the basis of the marks he obtained in each course, taking into account the number of credit units for each course.

Second

One credit unit shall be deemed the effort of one theoretical hour per week for a period of (15) fifteen weeks.

Third

When calculating the credit units for practical hours, the following shall be observed:

- a Colleges: one practical hour is equivalent to half a theoretical hour.
- b Institutes: one practical hour is equivalent to one theoretical hour.

Article 15

First

The minimum number of credit units required for graduation, according to the levels of study in the course (credit) system, shall be as follows:

- a (2) two levels: (72) credit units.
- b (4) four levels: (144) credit units.
- c (5) five levels: (180) credit units.
- d (6) six levels: (216) credit units.

Second

A level of study in colleges and institutes shall be equivalent to one academic year when calculating the period of study required for graduation.

Article 16**First**

(a) The graduation ranking of a student studying under either the annual or the semester system shall be calculated as follows:

- 1 In a programme of study of (2) two years' duration, the percentages of the years for calculating the graduation ranking shall be as follows: first year (40%) forty per cent; second year (60%) sixty per cent.
 - 2 In a programme of study of (4) four years' duration, the distribution of the percentages of the years shall be as follows: first year (10%) ten per cent; second year (20%) twenty per cent; third year (30%) thirty per cent; fourth year (40%) forty per cent.
 - 3 In a programme of study of (5) five years' duration, the distribution of the percentages of the years shall be as follows: first year (5%) five per cent; second year (10%) ten per cent; third year (15%) fifteen per cent; fourth year (30%) thirty per cent; fifth year (40%) forty per cent.
 - 4 In a programme of study of (6) six years' duration, the distribution of the percentages of the years shall be as follows: first year (5%) five per cent; second year (5%) five per cent; third year (5%) five per cent; fourth year (20%) twenty per cent; fifth year (25%) twenty-five per cent; sixth year (40%) forty per cent.
- b The graduation average shall be calculated by multiplying the student's average in each year by the percentage indicated against it, and the total for the academic years shall be the student's graduation average, provided that it is calculated to three decimal places without rounding.
- c The graduation average of a student admitted to a year higher than the first year (such as top-ranked institute graduates admitted to the second year in technical colleges and others) shall be calculated only for the years he studied after his admission, at the same percentages prescribed above for each year, after recalculating them on the basis of (100%) one hundred per cent.

Second

A level of study in the course (credit) system shall be equivalent to an academic year in the annual system when calculating the graduation ranking in accordance with item (First) of this Article.

Article 17

First Results shall be announced with the following grades to determine the student's standing among successful students in terms of marks:

- a** Excellent - corresponding to marks of (90 ninety - 100 one hundred).
- b** Very Good - corresponding to marks of (80 eighty to less than 90 ninety).
- c** Good - corresponding to marks of (70 seventy to less than 80 eighty).
- d** Medium - corresponding to marks of (60 sixty to less than 70 seventy).
- e** Pass - corresponding to marks of (50 fifty to less than 60 sixty).
- f** Weak - corresponding to marks of (49) forty-nine and below, and the student shall be deemed to have failed.

Second Fractions of the final mark shall be rounded up to a whole mark if they are one half or more, for a single course or module.

Third Fractions of the mark may not be rounded up to a whole mark with respect to the graduation average.

Article 18

The student's relationship with the college or institute shall end and his enrolment shall be cancelled in the following cases:

First If he fails (2) two consecutive years in his year, by reason of:

- a** Exhausting (4) four examination attempts.
- b** A final-year student in colleges of medicine exhausting (3) three examination attempts.
- c** Absence.

Second If the student fails (3) three non-consecutive years in a college, or (2) two years in an institute; years of postponement and non-failure years shall not be counted within this.

Third If a student studying under the course (credit) system exceeds one and a half times the period prescribed for study in his specialisation; semesters of postponement and non-failure years shall not be counted within this.

Article 19

First

(a) If a student's attempt to cheat in daily, weekly, monthly or semester examinations is proven, he shall be deemed to have failed that examination and shall have the right to sit the final examinations.

b

If a student's attempt to cheat in the first- or second-round final examinations is proven, he shall be deemed to have failed the course of that examination only.

c

If the student's attempt to cheat is repeated, he shall be deemed to have failed all the courses of that year.

Second

(a) If a student's cheating in daily, weekly, monthly or semester examinations is proven, he shall be deemed to have failed his year in the course of that examination only.

b

If a student's cheating in the final examinations is proven, he shall be deemed to have failed all the courses of that year, and if this is repeated he shall be expelled from the college or institute and his enrolment shall be cancelled from the records.

Third

If it is proven that another person sat the examination inside the examination hall on behalf of the student in his place, the student shall be deemed to have failed all courses and his enrolment shall be cancelled; the same ruling shall apply to the impersonator if he is a university student, and both shall be referred to the judiciary.

Article 20

First

The University Council, upon the recommendation of the College or Institute Council, may count a non-failure year for a student who fails the courses in which he did not sit the second round in the second year, where he submits a medical report certified by a competent committee in the Ministry of Health, or for a reason beyond his control during the examination period which the College or Institute Council finds convincing, supported by official documents establishing the case.

Second

The University Council, upon the recommendation of the College or Institute Council, may permit a student who has failed the final year for two consecutive years, where his failure in the second year was in one annual course or two semester courses, to attend and sit the examination in the third year, provided that he has not exhausted the period permitted for his remaining in the college or institute.

Third The Minister, upon the recommendation of the Board of Opinion and for legitimate reasons, may count a non-failure year for a student who has failed two consecutive years, provided that he has not exhausted the period permitted for his remaining in the college or institute.

Fourth A student who fails any course must register for the course and repeat it with attendance and examination, subject to the provisions of item (Third) of Article (18) of these Instructions.

Fifth A failed student shall have the right to register for any course in which he obtained a failing grade (3) three times; if he fails for the fourth time, he shall not be permitted to complete further attempts except by decision of the Minister upon the recommendation of the competent department in the Ministry.

Article 21

First Students whose enrolment was cancelled from morning study shall be admitted to colleges or institutes of morning study in a different specialisation and within a minimum admission average for that year lower than that of the colleges and institutes in which their enrolment was cancelled; the students shall join starting from the first years, and the College or Institute Council may exempt them from certain courses.

Second (a) Students whose enrolment was cancelled in the third year or above in colleges/morning study shall be admitted to the second year in the corresponding or closely related specialisation of each of them in one of the technical institutes, in either morning or evening study.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this item shall apply to students whose enrolment was cancelled in colleges/evening study, for their admission to one of the technical institutes/evening study.

(c) Students whose enrolment was cancelled in technical institutes/morning study shall be returned to the same years and specialisations, or those close to them, in evening study, taking into account the academic requirements. Third - Students whose enrolment was cancelled in the sixth year of colleges of medicine shall be granted the opportunity to sit the examination, in two rounds only.

Fourth The provisions of items (First), (Second) and (Third) of this Article shall be deemed independent options which students whose enrolment was cancelled may not combine.

Fifth The provisions of this Article shall not apply to students who were admitted to colleges and institutes under a special privilege of their own, including (the top ten per cent of institute graduates, the top ten in Iraq in vocational preparatory schools, and distinguished employees).

Sixth Students may submit an application to be covered by the provisions of items (First), (Second) and (Third) of this Article no later than the end of the academic year following the cancellation of their enrolment.

Seventh The provisions of this Article shall not apply to students whose enrolment was cancelled by reason of failure for two consecutive years where their failure in one or both of those two academic years was due to cheating or an attempt to cheat, or was due to a disciplinary penalty.

Eighth Students whose enrolment was cancelled in morning study may be admitted to colleges or institutes of evening study, in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.

Ninth The provisions of item (Eighth) of this Article shall apply to students whose enrolment was cancelled in evening study, in specialisations other than those in which their enrolment was cancelled.

Article 22

First A student may postpone his study for one year for legitimate reasons which the College or Institute Council finds convincing, provided that the application for postponement is submitted at least (20) twenty days before the start of the final examination.

Second The University President, upon the recommendation of the College or Institute Council, may postpone a student's study for a second academic year for legitimate reasons which he finds convincing, provided that the application for postponement is submitted at least (20) twenty days before the start of the final examination.

Third The Minister, or whomever he authorises, upon the recommendation of the University Council and for legitimate reasons which he finds convincing, may postpone a student's study for a third academic year.

Fourth (a) The provisions of items (First), (Second) and (Third) of this Article shall apply to students in colleges or institutes that follow the semester or the annual system.

- b** A student's study may be postponed in the second semester if he has passed the first semester, in which case the postponement shall be deemed to be for the second semester only.

Fifth

A student may postpone his study in colleges or institutes that adopt the course (credit) system as follows:

- a** For one academic year, or for one or two semesters, for legitimate reasons which the College or Institute Council finds convincing, provided that the application for postponement is submitted at least (20) twenty days before the start of the final examination.
- b** The University President, upon the direction of the College or Institute Council, may postpone a student's study for a third or fourth semester, provided that the application for postponement is submitted at least (20) twenty days before the start of the final examinations of the semester.
- c** The Minister, or whomever he authorises, upon the recommendation of the University Council and for legitimate reasons which he finds convincing, may postpone a student's study for a fifth semester.

Article 23

Examination Instructions No. (134) of 2000 are hereby repealed.

Article 24

These Instructions shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be deemed in force as of the academic year 2026-2027.