

## 5. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- (a) A candidate shall be deemed eligible for consideration for admission to a first degree programme at the University if the candidate has obtained:
- (i) The Ugandan Certificate of Education with a minimum of 5 Passes or an equivalent qualification, and
  - (ii) At least two Advanced Level Principal Passes in approved subjects at the same sitting of the Uganda Advance Level Certificate of Education Examination (A'Level) or an equivalent qualification.

For purposes of this regulation, except where otherwise provided for, all subjects offered by the Uganda National Examinations Board at O'Level and A'Level are regarded as approved subjects.

- (b) College/School requirements.

Within the framework of the General Direct Entry Requirements, there may be special College/School requirements which candidates must fulfil to gain admission to a programme in a specific academic unit.

### 5.1 THE WEIGHTING SYSTEM

**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** That the existing Weighting System shown below applies to all the eight Public Universities. Candidates are therefore advised to study and understand the weighting system before completing application forms and ensure that they get access to an updated weighting system for 2017/2018 Admissions.

### 5.2 WEIGHTING CRITERIA

All subjects taken at the Advanced Level of Education are grouped into three categories and weighted as follows for purposes of admission to any programme of Undergraduate study in the University.

Subject Category		Weight
(i)	Essential	3
(ii)	Relevant	2
(iii)	Desirable	1

The Essential A' Level subjects for University Programmes must be passed with a Principal Pass.

- 5.3 For a given candidate, not more than three subjects taken at the principal level shall carry a weight of 3, 2, or 1.
- 5.4 Not more than two subjects shall be designated as "Essential".
- 5.5 A pass with a Distinction or Credit in a subject taken at subsidiary level such as General Paper, Sub-Maths or Computer Studies shall carry one point. A subsidiary pass ranges from grades 1 to 6.

- 5.6 In case of programmes where “Essential” subjects may be three or more, an “Essential set” of subjects is defined. The **best-performed** two subjects of the essential set shall be designated as “**Essential Subjects**” and **weighted three**. The 3<sup>rd</sup> best done subject from the Essential Set shall be designated as the “**Relevant Subject**” and **weighted two**.
- 5.7 When computing points special programme requirements are also taken into consideration.
- 5.8 For ‘O’ level grades, Distinctions 1 & 2 carry 0.3 points, Credits 3 to 6 carry 0.2 , Passes 7 & 8 carry 0.1 and Fail (9) carry 0.0 weights respectively.
- 5.9 For A’ Level grades, the conversion scale is A=6, B=5, C=4, D=3, E=2, O=1, F=0 points.

## 6. THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF A CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

- a) The O’Level weight of a candidate for any programme in the University, is obtained by multiplying the numbers of Distinctions/Credits/Passes, by the relevant weights and adding up for the Distinctions, Credits and passes actually obtained by the candidate.
- b) The A’Level weight, for a given programme, of a candidate is obtained by multiplying each subject grade point by the relevant weighting factor and adding up for all the subjects taken and passed.
- c) The combined weight of a candidate for a given programme, is obtained by adding the O’Level weight obtained (a) above to the A’Level weight obtained (b) above. The best candidate for each programme is the one with the highest combined weight.
- d) Candidates are selected on merit from those who apply for a programme as their first choice plus those who apply for the programme as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> choice etc., if they have not been admitted to programmes of their earlier choices. All choices are considered.