

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (HONS)

YEAR 3

Schedule of Assessment 2018/2019 Intermediate BDS

Programme Structure and Requirements

Year 3 of the BDS degree programme comprises courses delivered across a range of Themes, notably Human Diseases and Clinical Dentistry. The assessments in these subjects contribute to the Intermediate BDS Examinations.

The overall Intermediate BDS (Year 3) mark will itself contribute 25% to the Final Degree Classification achieved at the end of Year 5. In line with University regulations, the final classification of the BDS degree will be:

Honours	70% or above
Commendation	60-69%
Pass	50-59%

OVERALL ASSESSED COMPONENTS IN INTERMEDIATE BDS

For the Intermediate BDS summative examinations in Year 3, marks will be obtained from end of year academic and clinical examinations, and course work (including projects).

PART A	DE3001	Human Disease Examinations	30%
PART B	DE3002	Coursework	20%
PART C	DE3003	End of Year Clinical-based written Examinations	30%
PART D	DE3004	Clinical Case Reports and Viva Presentation	20%

The overall assessed components (or 'OAC's) for Intermediate BDS will be called Parts A, B, C and D. Each of these overall assessed components is divided into individual Assessed Sub-Components (e.g. A1, A2).

Pass mark and Compensation

The pass mark for each assessed component is 50%.

Compensation will be made available *within* certain Overall Assessed Components (i.e. Parts A, and D) but not *between* Overall Assessed Components (i.e. there is no compensation between Parts A, B, C and D). See each Part for further information.

PART A – DE3001 Human Disease Examination (June 2019)

Contribution: 30% of Intermediate BDS

Written Examination

- Contribution: 100% of Part A
- 1 x 2 hour MSA, SBA, MCQ and ANSWER MATCHING Paper (total of 20 questions)

PART B – DE3002 Coursework

Contribution: 20% of Intermediate BDS

Projects

- B1 Powerpoint Presentation Project
Contribution: 25% of Part B
- B2 Critical Appraisal Project and Open Book written examination
Contribution: 25% of Part B
- B3 Clinical Case Report Project
Contribution: 50% of Part B

Compensation: Candidates who achieve a mark of less than 50% for all B1, B2 or B3 will fail the component, however candidates who receive between 40-49% in B1, B2, B3 will be eligible for compensation with other B components provided the average mark across the three parts is at least 50%.

PART C – DE3003 End of Year Clinical-based Examinations (June 2018)

Contribution: 30% of Intermediate BDS

C1 Clinical SBA Examination Paper I

1x 2 hour SBA Paper comprising Oral Surgery, Oral Radiology and Management of Dental Emergencies (Contributes 30% of C)

C2 Clinical SBA Examination Paper II

1 x 2 hour SBA Paper comprising Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics (Contributes 30% of Part C)

C3 Clinical SBA Examination Paper III

1 x 3 hour SBA Paper comprising Restorative Dentistry (Contributes 40% of Part C)

Compensation: No compensation will be made available between C1, C2 and C3. A candidate who fails to achieve a mark standard set to **50%** in either of C1, C2 or C3 will be deemed to have failed Part C of the examination and will have to resit the failed paper.

The pass mark for the three components is standard set to 50%

PART D – DE3004 Clinical Case Presentation

Contribution: 20% of Intermediate BDS

- (i) **2 x Case Reports** will be submitted prior to the Clinical Case Presentation Vivas that are held in June 2018.

Each Case Report carries 40% of the marks available for the Intermediate BDS Part D examination (Contributes a total of 80% of Part D)

Two further cases must be prepared but not submitted. These two reports will be held pending the need to resit this component or can be a framework for a subsequent Finals Case Report.

- (ii) **Viva presentation** on the two Case Reports (Contributes a total of 20% of Part D)

The examiners have the discretion to fail a student whose responses in relevant sections of the viva voce would put a patient at significant risk, even though the accumulated marks would otherwise indicate a pass. Such a student would then be subject to the same rules and conditions that apply to any student who fails an assessment. The definition of a 'significant risk' must be taken within the context of the case and would include a life threatening decision (e.g. incorrect antibiotic) or the failure to diagnose and treat pathosis (e.g. carious lesions)

Absences

Students will be required to attend all assessments as listed. Absences will only be permitted if supported by appropriate documentation (e.g. medical certificate). Normally, students absent from any components of Parts A, C and D of the examination will be required to repeat element(s) of the examination at the appropriate resit time (i.e. special papers will not normally be issued).

In relation to Parts B1, B2 and B3 unauthorised failure to submit and/or present a Project will result in a mark of zero. Authorised absence will be considered by the Projects Committee, who will decide whether to allow an extension and/or a repeat presentation session.

Please note that, if you do not inform us promptly of special circumstances, then, by Senate Regulations, the Examining Board cannot take such reasons into consideration retrospectively.

Extenuating Circumstances

Students must report personal circumstances which may seriously disrupt their ability to study and/or affect their performance in an assessment or an examination using the Extenuating Circumstances form.

Forms and accompanying evidence should be sent to the School's Quality and Enhancement Manager, Alaw Forsythe xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xx.xx as soon as possible and within 7 days of the date of the affected assessment. Any information will remain confidential, where possible, and will be considered with due sensitivity.

Information on the Extenuating Circumstances process, including the form, can be found here: https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/study/exams-and-assessment/extenuating-circumstances?utm_source=linkfixer

Resit Examinations

A student unsuccessful in the examinations at the first attempt is permitted **two** further attempts, firstly during the re-sit period in August.

Students should therefore ensure they are available for resit examination during the published University resit dates **in August**.

<https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/your-study/exams-and-assessment/before-your-exams/exam-periods>

Should a student be unsuccessful a second time they will be required to resit Year 3 and will be permitted a third and final attempt in May/June of their repeat year.

In relation to Part C, students will be required to resit the failed paper(s) only; however, all marks for overall Part C will be capped at 50%.

Failure at a third attempt of the examination will lead to the student being excluded from further studies on the BDS Programme. Therefore, satisfactory completion of the examinations is necessary before a student is permitted to proceed to other parts of the Dental programme. A student may appeal against exclusion in line with University regulations.

The Examination Board

The Intermediate BDS Examination Board will consider the marks obtained in Intermediate BDS examinations. The results of the examinations will provisionally be released via your SIMS record. Registry will issue confirmed individual transcript records on a set date which is shown on your SIMS record. Students will be able to seek feedback from the Assessment Leads.

EXIT QUALIFICATION

On occasions a small number of students find that clinical dentistry is not something that they will feel able to undertake comfortably for the rest of their life.

Under these circumstances, having had thorough discussions with senior staff within the school, and provided that students have passed all the academic components of the degree over the first three years (i.e. Primary BDS Parts 1 and 2 and Intermediate BDS), it may be possible to have an exit degree from the course by the conferment of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Dentistry.

You must be aware, however, that this degree will **NOT** permit an individual to be licensed to practise by the General Dental Council.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPETENCE TESTS (FITNESS TO PRACTISE)

All students will be required to undertake various Formative Assessments throughout their study. Formative Assessments constitute class examinations, practicals and competence tests such as Objective Structured Clinical Examinations which students **must pass** in order to progress. These formative assessments are within the Schedule of Assessment and do not contribute to the overall End of Year examination marks or Degree Classification. However, failure in these assessments is a clear indication of a students' inability to develop their competence and Fitness to Practise.

Students will be provided with sufficient information and preparation time by topic coordinators in advance of any competence tests.

Any student failing to demonstrate competence through formative or competence assessments will be called to an Academic Progress Committee.

Students whose competence is cause for concern may be excluded from further studies on the BDS programme in accordance with University Regulations governing Academic Progress.