REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

These regulations apply to BBA(IS) graduates admitted to the one-year BEng(CompSc) curriculum in the academic year 2013-14 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

ISCS 1 Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science under these regulations, a candidate shall

(a) comply with the General Regulations;
(b) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
(c) hold the degree of BBA(IS) from The University of Hong Kong.

ISCS 2 Period of Study

The curriculum shall normally require two semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than one academic year, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of two academic years, except with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering.

ISCS 3 Curriculum Requirements

To be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science, a candidate shall

(a) comply with the General Regulations;
(b) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
(c) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with these regulations; and
(d) satisfy the examiners in no fewer than 66 credits of courses as prescribed in the syllabus.

ISCS 4 Candidates shall normally select not fewer than 30 and not more than 36 credits of courses in any one semester (except the summer semester), unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty of Engineering. Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year.

ISCS 5 Candidates with unsatisfactory academic progress may be required by the Board of the Faculty of Engineering to take a reduced study load.
ISCS 6  Selection of Courses

Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus before the beginning of each academic year. Changes to the selection of courses may be made only during the add/drop period of the semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall be subject to the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering. Withdrawal from courses beyond the designated add/drop period will be subject to the approval of the Board of the Faculty Engineering.

ISCS 7  Assessment and Grades

Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses which they have registered for, and assessment may be conducted in any one or any combination of the following manners: written examinations or tests, continuous assessment, laboratory work, field work, project reports, or in any other manner as specified in the syllabus. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG 8(a) of the Regulations for the First Degree Curricula.

ISCS 8  Written examinations or tests shall normally be held at the end of each semester unless otherwise specified in the syllabus.

ISCS 9  Failure in Assessment

Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner:

(a) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or
(b) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or
(c) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or
(d) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

ISCS 10  Candidates shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which they have received a grade D or above for the purpose of upgrading.

ISCS 11  Unsatisfactory Performance

A candidate will normally be recommended for discontinuation if they have:

(a) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or
(b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters; or
(c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in ISCS 2.

ISCS 12  Absence from Examination

Candidates who are unable, because of illness, to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to
be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate’s absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year’s examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

ISCS 13  Advanced Standing

Advanced standing may be granted to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully in an approved institution of higher education elsewhere in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula, provided that no candidate shall be eligible for such exemption without having earned at least 186 credits by passing courses in the BBA(IS) degree at this University. Advanced standing credits will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate and shall be included in the calculation of Semester, Year or Cumulative GPA and taken into consideration for the honours classification of the BEng(CompSc) degree to be awarded.

ISCS 14  Degree Classification

The degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science shall be awarded under these regulations in five divisions:

- First Class Honours
- Second Class Honours Division One
- Second Class Honours Division Two
- Third Class Honours
- Pass

and a pass list of successful candidates shall be posted on Faculty notice boards.

ISCS 15  The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of the Faculty of Engineering at its full discretion by taking into consideration the overall performance of candidates, or specifications in the syllabus, and other relevant factors as appropriate.