

1.4.6 CURRICULUM STRUCTURE AND REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

ADA University strives to ensure the coherence, breadth and high quality of its degree programs. This requires that all programs adhere to a set of curriculum regulations and to a corresponding curriculum structure. The curriculum structure may differ across different Schools and programs, but the design and delivery of all degree programs and curricula must follow certain minimum requirements. This ensures that all students enrolled in degree programs at ADA University are educated through similarly structured, comprehensive curricula and are able to achieve pre-defined learning outcomes. The purpose of this document is to outline ADA University's curriculum structure and regulations.

2. Scope and Recommendations

This regulation applies to all undergraduate and graduate degree programs at ADA University.

Schools are expected to follow the curriculum structure and regulations outlined in this document as well as ADA University's *Undergraduate Degree Regulations*, *Graduate Degree Regulations* and *Degree Program Development and Modification Policy* when launching new degree programs and/or modifying current degree programs.

3. Definitions

General Education: This encompasses courses offered to all students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs at ADA University. The purpose of the General Education component is to cultivate a well-rounded person in foundational areas such as the Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning; Writing and Information Literacy; and Leadership and Communication.

Major Core: Courses labeled as Major Core offer a fundamental understanding of subjects covered by a student's main field of specialization. Major Core courses are a mandatory part of a degree program.

Technical Electives: These are courses in advanced topics covered by a student's main field of specialization. Students are offered a range of Technical Electives to choose from.

Free Electives: Any credit-bearing course can be considered a Free Elective if the respective course is not an integral part of a student's degree program. Free Electives can be chosen from any other degree program offered at ADA University.

Functional Enablers: These are courses that aim to develop core study- and work-related skills. Functional Enablers cover IT skills, but also internships and career strategies.

4. Curriculum Regulations

4.1 Undergraduate Curriculum Regulations

- a. All undergraduate degree programs at ADA University have a General Education component which usually consists of 60 credits or 10 courses. The General Education requirements are similar across all programs, but they may differ depending on the nature of the degree. For details on the General Education component, see ADA University's *General Education Regulations*.
- b. All undergraduate degree programs at ADA University have a Major Core component consisting of a minimum 120 credits or 20 courses. Some programs may include more than the minimum requirement for the Major Core component.
- c. All undergraduate degree programs at ADA University have a Technical Elective component consisting of 24 credits or 4 courses.
- d. Most undergraduate degree programs at ADA University have a Free Elective component consisting of 24 credits or 4 courses. Some programs may require fewer credits allocated to the Free Elective component. The *Bachelor of Laws* program at ADA University does not include a Free Elective component.
- e. Most undergraduate degree programs at ADA University have a Functional Enabler component consisting of 12 credits or 2 courses. The *Bachelor of Laws* program and the *Bachelor of Science in Mathematics* program at ADA University include only 6 credits for the Functional Enabler component.
- f. Further degree requirements are outlined in ADA University's *Undergraduate Degree Regulations*.

4.2 Graduate Curriculum Regulations

- a. All graduate degree programs at ADA University have a Major Core component and a Technical Elective component.
- b. The Major Core component usually covers 72 credits (for 90 credit programs) or 52 credits (for 70 credit programs).
- c. A graduate degree program usually requires no more than 18 credits or 3 courses for the Technical Elective component.
- d. All graduate degree programs at ADA University include an Independent Study requirement. Students must complete either a Capstone Project or a Master Thesis. The program *Master of Business Administration* requires either a Business Consultancy Project, a Business Plan or a Master Thesis to complete the Independent Study requirement. In all graduate degree programs, the Independent Study requirement is considered to be part of the Major Core component and usually covers 18 credits.
- e. The specific allocation of courses and credits for each component depends on the nature of the degree program.
- f. Further degree requirements are outlined in ADA University's *Graduate Degree Regulations*.

5. Curriculum Structure

5.1 General Provisions

- a. The specific curriculum structure at both the undergraduate and the graduate level may differ across Schools and programs.
- b. Curricula must adhere to the regulations delineated in 4.1 or 4.2 respectively. They must be structured coherently and provide for a logical sequence of courses.

c. The following charts exemplify the typical curriculum structure of most of ADA University's undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

5.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Structure

Year	Semester	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5
1	1	MC	MC	GE	GE	GE
	2	MC	MC	GE	GE	GE
	Summer					
2	3	MC	MC	MC	GE	GE
	4	MC	MC	MC	GE	GE
	Summer					
3	5	MC	MC	MC	FE	EN
	6	MC	MC	MC	FE	EN
	Summer		Internship			
4	7	MC	MC	TE	TE	FE
	8	MC	MC	TE	TE	FE

Component	Code	Credit Hours
General Education	GE	60
Major Core	MC	120
Technical Elective	TE	24
Free Elective	FE	24
Functional Enabler	EN	12
Total		240

5.3 Graduate Curriculum Structure

Year	Semester	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4
1	1	MC	MC	MC	
	2	MC	MC	MC	
	Summer	TE			
2	3	MC	MC	MC	IS
	4	TE	TE	IS	

Component	Code	Credit Hours
Major Core	MC	54
Technical Elective	TE	18
Independent Study	IS	18
Total		90