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**GENERAL RULES FOR DEGREES,
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES**

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PART 1: RULES FOR BACHELORS DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

Basic Definitions

1. *A Problem:* Means lack of knowledge in understanding a particular phenomenon or conflicting knowledges about the same phenomenon or lack of integration of skills in solving a practical, intellectual moral dilemma.
2. *A Project:* Means a well planned design that seeks to address a particular problem as defined by a particular department or clusters of departments.
3. *Assessment :* Means the evaluation of a student's achievement of the learning outcomes of a module through written, oral and other forms of evaluations.
4. *Continuous Assessment:* Means the evaluation of a student performance in an oral and written examination, tutorials, assignments and projects reports during a particular year of registration.
5. *Core Module:* A compulsory ancillary module is a subject that must be passed before a curriculum is completed.
6. *Co-requisite:* If a module X is a co-requisite for a module Y, a student must register for module X simultaneously with the module Y.
7. *Curriculum:* A curriculum is a comprehensive programme of studies for a particular degree or diploma.
8. *Examination :* Means the act of examining a candidate's knowledge by means of written or oral tests.
4. *Final Mark:* A final mark for an ordinary, special, aegrotat examination or continuous assessment is a combination of the semester or year mark and the examination mark. In the case of supplementary examinations, the final mark is determined by the examination mark only.
10. *Major subject:* A major subject is that subject in a curriculum which determines the nature of the curriculum. The final examination in a major subject may not be written before the end of the final year of study in that subject.
11. *Module:* Means a coherent, self-contained unit of learning, which is designed to achieve a set of specific learning outcomes that are assessed within that unit of learning, and which is the smallest unit for which a final mark is entered in the student records.
12. *Prerequisite:* If a module X is a prerequisite for a module Y, a student must pass module X before he can register for module Y.
13. *Programme:* A combination of prescribed modules to be completed to fulfill the requirements for a specific qualification.
14. *Recognition of prior learning:* Means the granting of status or credit for previous learning and experience obtained by prospective student.
15. *Semester module:* A semester module following an assessment comprises the study of a subject over semester, and is the smallest unit in respect of which a candidate's performance is registered in the student records. Except where rules provide otherwise, semester modules may be taken in any sequence.
16. *Semester Mark:* A semester mark is a mark earned by a student in respect of tests, assignments, practicals, class participation, etc., during a semester.
17. *Syllabus:* A syllabus is the content of a *module*. The term *module* refers to a year or semester module.

Module Codes

1. Each module is identified by a module code consisting of three capital letters, e.g. CHM. The subject code normally identifies the Department offering the module. Additionally, the modules comprising each subject are distinguished by a four-digit number.
2. The first digit indicates the year or,
 - 0 = bridging or non-credit courses
 - 1 = first year of study
 - 2 = second year
 - 3 = third year
 - 4 = fourth year
 - 5 = Honours
 - 6 = Master's
 - 7 = year
3. The second digit to show WHEN and DURATION of the module, e.g.
 - 1 = first term
 - 2 = second term
 - 5 = first semester
 - 6 = second semester
 - 7 = year
4. The third digit indicates the number of contact hours per week (as should be indicated in the timetable).
5. The fourth digit is used to indicate if more than one module is offered at the same time.
6. In the case of tutorial hours the letter "t" will be used at the end. In case that the module is repeated, another letter will be used at the end.
- 6.1 An example for a module and its code could therefore be:

PSY1542

PSY	=	Psychology module
1	=	first year of study
5	=	offered during the first semester
4	=	four contact hours per week
2	=	number of modules offered at the same time

Rules

G.1 Admission

- 1.1 A candidate for the degree must have obtained the Matriculation certificate of the Committee of University Principals (SAUVCA) Matriculation Board, a certificate of exemption granted by the Board or any other certificate that the Senate may approve.
- 1.2. A student must have obtained at least an E Higher Grade or D Standard Grade in English.
- 1.3 Appropriate prior learning in the relevant field of study will also be recognized as a criterion for admission.

G.2 Minimum duration of study

- 2.1 A student will indicate on registration, where Schools requires it, whether he/she is a full-time or part time student.
- 2.2 Full-time students shall register not more than six (6) modules per semester and part-time students not more than three (3).
- 2.3 A student will be required to complete his/her degree within a period not exceeding three years of the minimum required. Extension may be granted by Senate.

(a) Bachelor's Degrees

Students registering for a B. Degree shall be required to enrol for three(s) compulsory university wide core modules

- African Civilisation (AFC),
- English Communication Skills (ECS) and
- Scientific Methods and Theory of Knowledge (STK)

BA	3 years
BA(SW)	4 years
BA (Ed)	4 years
BA(Ed) (Agric)	4 years
BA (RS)	3 years
BAdmin	3 years
BAgric	3 years
BCom	3 years
BEcon	3 years
BERM	4 years
BESc	4 years
BA (Law)	3 years
BA (Mus)	3 years
BA (Crim Jus)	3 years
BProc	4 years
BCur	3 years
BCur(Prax Ext)	4 years
BSc	3 years
BSc (Agric)	3 years
BSc (Env Sc)	3 years
BURP	4 years
BSc (Sc. Ed)	4 years

(b) Post-Graduate Degrees/Diplomas

Pg. Dip. AS	
Pg. Dip. GS	
University Education Diploma	1 year
Honours	1 year
BEd	2 years
LLB	2 years
Master's	1 year
Doctors	2 years
Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)	1 year

© ***Diplomas***

Diploma in African Studies	
Diploma in Education Management	1 year
Diploma in Early Childhood Education	1 year
Diploma in School Library and Information Science	2 years
Advanced Diploma In Community Health Nursing Science	1½ year

(d) ***Certificate***

Certificate in African Studies	1 year
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G.3 Simultaneous registration for two curricula

A student shall not register for a degree, diploma or certificate simultaneously with another degree, diploma or certificate at either under -graduate or post graduate level at this or any other university.

G.4 Time-table clashes

Students may not register for modules which at any time clash on the time-table.

G.5 Recognition of attendance and credit

5.1 Senate may grant a student exemption from attendance or examination in a module by virtue of recognition obtained in the same or an equivalent course or module for another degree, diploma or certificate of the University.

5.2 With approval of Senate, courses or modules passed at other tertiary institutions may be recognized as part of a curriculum for a degree or diploma subject to the following:

5.2.1 Acceptance by Senate of certificates of competence issued by the outside institution.

5.2.2 At least half the minimum number of modules prescribed for the degree or diploma or certificate, including all final year modules of major programmes must be passed at the University of Venda.

5.3 Subject to rule G 5.2.2 not more than two honours courses or 4 modules passed at another university may be recognised towards honours degree studies at the University of Venda.

G.6 Cancellation of modules

Cancellation of a module after the commencement of the following/next term shall not be allowed.

G.7 Completion of curricula at another University.

Senate may permit a student who lacks a single/one or two modules to complete a degree or diploma, to complete this course or two modules at another university, on condition that such a student satisfies the Senate that he cannot, for sound reasons, attend such lectures at this university.

G.8 Application of old and new rules in the event of rule amendments or interruption of studies

- 8.1 A student who registers for a curriculum and fails to renew his/her registration for such studies in the following calendar year, shall be judged to have interrupted his studies.
- 8.2 Where a rule relating to the composition of a curriculum is amended, a student who began his/her studies under an old rule and did not interrupt his/her studies may complete his/her curriculum under the old rule. A student who interrupts his/her studies forfeits the right to continue his/her studies according to the old rule.
- 8.3 Senate may, in exceptional circumstances, permit a student who interrupted his/her studies before a new rule came into force to continue his/her studies under such conditions as a school Academic Board may recommend.

G.9 Modules taken for non-degree purposes

- 9.1 Modules taken for non-degree purposes, at this university, shall not be acknowledged for degree purposes without the approval of Senate.
- 9.2 A student who fails to obtain a degree because of failure in one or two modules may not present that module after taking it for non-degree purposes at any other university, subject to rule G 7.

G.10 Re-admission of students who have failed courses/modules

- 10.1 A student shall not be permitted to repeat a module more than once without the approval of Senate provided that the student shows a good general progress in his/her curricula.
- 10.2 A student who failed to obtain at four semester modules credits after his first **two** years of study will not be allowed to register the following year.
- 10.3 If a student fails a first-semester module which is a prerequisite for a second semester module but qualifies for a supplementary examination, he shall be admitted to the second semester in such course, pending receipt of the results, but his registration for this module will be cancelled if he fails the supplementary.
- 10.4 A student who is awaiting the outcome of an assessment exam may attend lectures, but will not be allowed to register for the following year, until such time as the results are available, and handed in with the relevant academic record.

G.11 Switching from one school or one degree to another

No students will be allowed to switch from one school or degree to another without approval of the relevant Deans.

G.12 Admission for Assessment

- 12.1 Subject to School rules, a candidate will only be continuously assessed in a particular module if he/she attended lectures, tutorials and prescribed practicals satisfactorily and obtained a semester mark of at least 40 %.
- 12.2 A candidate shall not be entitled to his/her assessment results unless he has paid the prescribed fees.
- 12.3 A student must acquire a subminimum of 40% in each of the three components of assessment. A student who fails one of these components, will be allowed to repeat only that component. The written examination component will be rewritten during the next normal examination period for that specific module.

- 12.4 Details concerning subminima in sections of module, where these are required, appear in the rules of the School concerned.
- 12.5 All written examinations will be written only during official examination sessions.

G.13 Minimum pass and distinction

- 13.1 The minimum final mark to pass in any semester or year is 50%. Subject to Departmental rules, a sub-minimum of 40% in the assessment is required.
- 13.2 A course/module is passed with distinction if the final mark is 75% or higher. Bachelor's degrees and diplomas are awarded with distinction if the average of the major subjects over all years of study is 75% or higher.

G.14 Aegrotat examinations, Tests and other forms of Assessment

- 14.1 An assessment may be granted to a student who has been prevented from sitting for the examination:
- (a) by illness on the day of the examination/assessment, or during or immediately before the examination/assessment, provided that a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner is submitted to the satisfaction of the Senate, and provided further that the student's application is supported by the invigilator concerned or another responsible person; or
 - (b) as a result of domestic circumstances such as serious illness or death of a close relative during the examination/assessment, or other reasons, provided that the Senate judges it to be a *bona fide* case, and the student can provide satisfactory proof of such extraordinary circumstances.
- 14.2 The School Academic Board Examination Committee will determine whether the whole or only part of the examination in the subject concerned shall be written.
- 14.3 Where a candidate is permitted to write a part of the examination or present himself/herself for assessment that part of the examination/assessment presented before the illness or relevant circumstances shall remain valid.
- 14.4 Application for such a special examination and assessment must be made on the prescribed form within 14 days of the date on which the examination was held, and the student must pay the applicable fees as determined by the Council.
- 14.5 **No supplementary examinations are awarded on aegrotat examinations except if the course/module is the only outstanding course/module for the award of the degree.**

G.15 Special and Supplementary Examinations

- 15.1 The Examinations Committees of the School Academic Board may admit a student to a supplementary examinations.
- 15.2 Admission to a supplementary examination is subject to the relevant School rules.
- 15.3
- (a) A candidate who fails the main examination may be considered for a supplementary examination provided that the final mark (year/semester mark) plus examination mark is 40% or above.
 - (b) A final year student who, after the main (November) examination, has failed only **one** two modules for which he/she was registered for that year, and only requires that one or two modules to obtain (complete) a degree, may write a

supplementary examination in that subject in January once only, whether or not he qualifies for a supplementary examination for that module as per G15.3 (a). However, this concession does not apply to students who have one outstanding module after passing one or more supplementary examinations in January.

- © Students who have one outstanding module to qualify for a degree after an aegrotat examination in January may be awarded a supplementary examination in June.

These students will not be required to pay any registration fees. However, if the student fails in June, a registration fee will be required for admittance to the next assessment period. (Refer to G. 10.4)

- (d) A student who fails to write a supplementary or an aegrotat examination in January due to illness or other domestic circumstances as outlined in rule G14.1(a) and (b), may, with the approval of the Dean, be allowed to write these examination in June.
- (e) A student who passes a module after re-writing it does not qualify for any further supplementary or additional examinations in another module for any reason.

- 15.4 A candidate wishing to take the supplementary examination granted to him/her shall pay the required examination fees.
- 15.5 Fees are to be paid before sitting for supplementary
- 15.6 A candidate must obtain at least 50 % for a pass in the supplementary examination.
- 15.7 The semestermark is not taken into consideration.
- 15.8 No aegrotat examinations are awarded to a supplementary or aegrotat examination.

PART 2: RULES FOR POST-GRADUATE DEGREES

G.16 General

- 1. Post-graduate modules shall be offered subject to the availability of suitably qualified staff in the appropriate fields of study.
- 2. A student who has enrolled for post-graduate studies must renew his/her registration at the beginning of each academic year until he/she has complied with all the requirements of the degree.

G.17 Honours Bachelor Degree

These are basic regulations, but prospective candidates are advised that some departments may stipulate additional requirements:

- 1. To qualify for admission, a student shall possess a Bachelor's degree; or if the Senate approves, the student shall have completed the modules for a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent status shall have been conferred on the student by Senate.
- 1. A candidate shall satisfy Senate regarding his/her proficiency in that subject before he/she is admitted to the module, if he/she has obtained the Bachelor's degree
 - (a) at the University of Venda, without the subject envisaged having been one of his/her major programme, or
 - (b) at other university.
- 3. For full-time students the Honours degree is offered over one academic year and students write and present themselves for continuous assessment during the year of registration. For part-time students the degree is normally offered over two years. Part-time students are assessed at the same time as full-time students during scheduled

- assessment and examination periods. Except with the special permission of Senate, the duration of the full-time study shall not exceed two years, and the duration of the part-time study shall not exceed three years.
4. A student who fails more than one module at Honours level shall not be assessed on any modules or to be re-registered for such modules in that subject except with the permission of Senate.
 5. To be awarded the degree, a candidate shall pass modules as prescribed by individual Departments. Where the curriculum consists of a number of modules, a candidate shall obtain an aggregate of at least 50 % with a subminimum of 40 % in each module, unless otherwise stipulated by Departments. In the case of a curriculum consisting of a number of distinct modules, a candidate shall obtain an aggregate of at least 50 % in each course/module, with a subminimum of 40 % in each module.
 6. A candidate who fails one module in the curriculum, and obtains an aggregate of at least 45 % may, on recommendation of the Head of Department concerned, be admitted for assessment in that module on one further occasion.
 7. Notwithstanding the rules on supplementary examination, supplementary examination will **not** be offered to Honours students except with permission of Senate.
 8. No semester or year mark is taken into consideration unless otherwise stipulated by individual Departments.
 9. To obtain the degree *cum laude* a candidate must attain an aggregate of at least 75%.
 10. *Duration of Study:* The degree shall not be conferred on a candidate before at least one year has elapsed since he obtained the Bachelor's degree or another degree as set out in the School rules and unless he/she has been registered for one year at this University.

G.18 MASTER'S DEGREE

A Admission

1. Subject to special provisions in the School rules, a student shall, to be admitted, have obtained the Honours Bachelor's degree in the subject for which he wants to enrol or have had equivalent status conferred on him/her by Senate and/ or have satisfied Senate as to his proficiency in the subject.
2. Before a student's application for registration can be considered, the title or topic of his projected dissertation and/or examination topic, if applicable, together with a brief outline of the research design, must be submitted to the Registrar for recommendation by the Head of the Department and approval by the School Board concerned.
3. A student will be required to visit the University for an interview with the Head of the Department concerned before registration.
4. Unless otherwise decided by the Senate, a second Master's degree may not be taken in the same subject.

B Duration of study

1. Unless otherwise decided by Senate and subject to special provision in the School rules, the degree may be conferred if the candidate has been registered for at least one academic year for the degree concerned at this University.
2. The maximum period of study is four years. If a student fails to complete his studies within four years of registering for the degree, Senate may refuse to renew his registration or may renew it subject to any conditions it may deem fit to impose.
3. For the duration of his/her studies a student shall register each year by the stipulated date. Re-registration is subject annually to the recommendation of the Head of Department.

2. The Senate may, at any time, suspend or cancel the registration of a student who, in its view, is not making satisfactory progress in his studies.
4. A student who wishes to defer his studies at any stage must submit a motivated application beforehand. Such deferment will, if granted, be for a period of one year only, after which a further application must be submitted. Deferment will, at most, be granted twice. A student who applies for deferment shall be bound by provisions of G.8.

C Examination and Assessment

1. Subject to special provision in the School rules, the assessment consists of the submission of a dissertation and/ or a written/oral examination.
2. The examiners of a dissertation may, if they deem it necessary, call the candidate in to clarify any specific aspect(s) of his/her dissertation topic before recommending the result. The Dean or the Chairman of Senate may also request such clarification.
3. No person may submit a dissertation for assessment more than once without the Special permission of Senate.
4. A candidate who wishes to receive his degree at the April/May graduation ceremony shall notify the Registrar not later than 30 September of the preceding year that he intends to submit his dissertation for assessment. The dissertation shall be submitted by 30 November or by special written permission of the Head of the Department, the Dean and the Registrar, not later than 15 January: provided that this does not constitute a guarantee on the part of the University that the dissertation will have been examined in time for the ensuing graduation ceremony.
5. (a) A candidate shall not submit a dissertation unless it is accompanied by a written Declaration by a supervisor in which permission for so doing is granted. Such a declaration does not commit the supervisor to recommend that the degree be awarded.

(b) In cases where a co-supervisor has been appointed, the supervisor must ensure that the co-supervisor agrees to the submission of the dissertation.
6. For assessment purposes, a candidate shall submit at least three suitably bound copies of the dissertation, which remain the property of the University. After approval of the dissertation, and before conferment of the degree, the candidate shall submit a further two hard-bound copies and one unbound copy, which remain the property of the University. A copy must be donated to both the University and National Library. A candidate must submit a further bound copy to the Research and Publication Committee if he received a bursary from the HSRC or CSIR.

D. Graduate Examination Committee:

The Senate shall appoint the following:

- (a) three examiners, of whom at least two shall be external;
 - (b) an examination committee which shall include at least two external examiner and one internal examiner who is not a supervisor or co-supervisor(s);
 - (c) a chairperson of the examination committee, in a no-examination capacity, who shall normally be the Head of the Department or another senior member of the Department subjected to (c) above.
1. No dissertation which has previously been submitted for a degree at any university shall be accepted, but material taken by the candidate from existing publications may be incorporated in the dissertation. Such material must be clearly acknowledged. If called

upon, the candidate shall submit, together with his dissertation a copy of every dissertation previously submitted by him for another degree, whether it was accepted or not.

2. The dissertation shall show proof of the candidate's proficiency in the field and ability to do research independently. The contents should be logical, the language of a high standard and the technical work satisfactory.
 - (a) A summary of not more than 150 words (350 words for a doctoral thesis) in the language in which the dissertation is written, shall form an integral part of the dissertation. The summary must be submitted to the supervisor for approval.
 - (b) If the dissertation is not written in English, each copy of the dissertation must also contain a copy of the summary in English.
3. A dissertation shall be typed in the A4 format, on good quality paper with no show-through, using at least one and half spacing and leaving a left margin of at least 2 centimetres. The dissertation shall be bound between hard covers with a glued spine. The title of the dissertation and the name of the candidate shall appear on the cover as well as on the spine of each bound copy. The dissertation may not be typed on stencil and must in the opinion of the University, be suitable for microfilming.
4. The title page of a dissertation shall bear a declaration such as the following (for a degree the curriculum of which comprises only a dissertation);

(Full title of the dissertation.....
by (full name of the candidate)
submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of
in the subject of at the University
of Venda Supervisor/Co-supervisor(if applicable)Date submitted

5. When the dissertation is submitted for examination, it must be accompanied by the following declaration by candidate:

I,.....*hereby declare that the dissertation for thedegree at the University of Venda hereby submitted by me has not previously been submitted for a degree at this or any other university, and that it is my own work in design and in execution and that all referencematerial contained therein has been duly acknowledged.*
Signature: Date:

6. The pass mark for a dissertation is 50 %.
7. A Master's degree can be obtained with distinction. The distinction mark is 75 %. Any special requirement in respect of a pass with distinction are indicated in the School rules.
8.
 - (a) The University is authorised to make microfiche copies of a dissertation or thesis and to distribute such copies as it deems fit.
 - (b) The University also has the authority to publish the whole, or part, or parts, of a dissertation of thesis if the candidate does not make any attempt to do so within a period of six months after such document is handed in for examination.

- (c) In the event of the publication of the whole, or part, or parts, of a dissertation or thesis by a candidate, mention must be made that such dissertation or thesis was the product of a degree obtained at this University. The name of the supervisor as well as the Department in which the study was completed must also be mentioned.
- (d) Unless otherwise decided by Senate, a student who wishes his dissertation or part(s) of his dissertation to be treated as confidential/secret, must submit a fully substantiated application, supported by the institution concerned, when the title or topic of his projected dissertation is initially submitted for approval. If it is approved that the dissertation be kept confidential/secret, the procedure to be followed will be determined by the Senate.

G.19 DOCTORAL DEGREES

Rule G17, with the following amendments and additions, applies *mutatis mutandis*.

A. Admission

- 1. Subject to special provisions in the School rules, a student shall, to be admitted, have obtained the Master's degree or such other qualification as in the opinion of Senate is of equivalent status, in the School he wishes to study, except if Senate approves that it may be in another School, in which case he has satisfied Senate as to his proficiency in the field of study selected.
- 2. Before a student's application for registration can be considered, the title or topic of his proposed thesis, together with a brief outline of the research design, must be submitted to the Registrar (Academic) for recommendation by the School concerned and approval by Senate.

B. Duration of study

Unless otherwise decided by Senate and subject to special provision in the School

- (a) the degree may be conferred on a candidate only after he has been registered for a period of at least two years for the degree concerned at this University; and
- (b) the maximum period of study is five years, subject to Senate approval. Extension shall be granted only in exceptional cases and for only one year. A student who desire an extension must submit a motivated application for consideration by Senate.

C. Re-registration and deferment of studies

- 1. For the duration of his studies a student shall register each year by the stipulated date.
Registration is subject to the recommendation each year of the Head of Department and may be refused in any year on grounds of unsatisfactory progress. When a student applies for registration annually he must give, on the prescribed form, a short exposition of his progress to date and study plans for the year concerned.
- 2. A student who wishes to defer his studies at any stage must submit a motivated application beforehand. Such deferment will, if granted, be for a period of one year only, after which a further application must be submitted. Deferment will, at most, be granted twice.

D. Curriculum and repetition of examination

1. Subject to provision in the rules of the relevant School, a thesis must be submitted. The examiners of a thesis may, if they deem it necessary, call upon the candidate to clarify any specific aspects of his topic before recommending the result. The Dean or the Chairman of Senate may also request such clarification.
2. No person may present himself for the examination more than once, except with the special permission of Senate.

E. Thesis: Examination Committee

1. The Senate shall appoint:
 - (a) at least three examiners of whom at least two shall be external and one internal provided he/she is not a promoter or co-promoter;
 - (b) an examination committee which shall not include the promoter and normally the co-promoter(s);
 - © a chairperson of the examination committee, in a no-examining capacity, who shall normally be the Head of the Department or another senior member of the Department subject to (b) above.
2. No thesis which has previously been submitted for a degree at any University shall be accepted, but material taken by the candidate from existing publications may be incorporated in the dissertation. Such material must be clearly indicated. If called upon, the candidate shall submit, together with his thesis, a copy of every dissertation previously submitted by him for another degree, whether it was accepted or not.
3. The thesis shall show proof of the candidate's proficiency in the field and of his ability to do research independently. The contents should be logical, the language of a high standard and the technical work satisfactory.
4. A summary of not more than 350 words in the language in which the thesis is written shall form an integral part of the thesis. The summary must be submitted to the promoter for approval.
5. If the thesis is not written in English, each copy of the thesis must also contain a copy of the summary in English.
6. A thesis shall be typed in the A4 format, on good quality paper with no show-through, using at least one and a half spacing and leaving a left margin of at least 2 centimetres. The thesis shall be bound between hard covers with a glued spine. The title of the thesis and the name of the candidate shall appear on the cover as well as on the spine of each bound copy. The thesis may not be typed on stencils and must, in the opinion of the University, be suitable for microfilming.
7. The title page of a thesis shall bear the following inscription:

(Full title of thesis)
by (full name of the candidate)
submitted in fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of

*in the subject ofat
the University of Venda
Promoter
Co-Promoter (if applicable)
submitted on 20*

8. In addition to proof of the candidate's proficiency in the methods and techniques of research, a thesis shall not be approved unless it makes an original contribution to the specific field of study.
9. When the thesis is submitted for examination, it must be accompanied by the following declaration by the candidate:

*"Ihereby
declare that the thesis for thedegree at the
University of Venda, hereby submitted by me, has not previously been submitted
for a degree at this or any other university, and that it is my own work in design
and execution and that all reference material contained therein has been duly
acknowledged.*

Signature.....Date

10. The University is authorised to make microfiche copies of a thesis and to distribute such copies as it deems fit.
11. The University also has the authority to publish the whole, or part, or parts, of a thesis if the candidate does not make any attempt to do so within a period of six months after such document is handed in for examination.
12. In the event of the publication of the whole or part, or parts, of a thesis by a candidate, mention must be made that such thesis was the product of a degree obtained at this university. The name of the Supervisor as well as the Department in which the study was completed, must also be mentioned.