STATUTE A3

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (APPLIED LINGUISTICS)

1. For admission as a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics), a person must -
   
   (1) be a graduate of this University or such graduate of another university as the Academic Board may approve, and must have obtained a degree with Honours in English or in another subject with appropriate post-graduate training in English; or

   (2) possess such other qualifications and experience as the Academic Board may approve; and

   (3) have two years of teaching or other relevant experience.

Candidates with the necessary qualifications in subjects other than English may be required to undertake a prescribed course of reading at the end of which they will be required to sit for and pass an examination to qualify for admission.

2. A person will normally be admitted as a candidate only at the beginning of an academic year.

3. (1) The minimum period of candidature is twenty-four months and the maximum period of candidature is forty-eight months.

   (2) A candidate, after completing the minimum period of his candidature for the degree, may with the approval of the Head of the Division of English Language and Applied Linguistics, complete his dissertation outside the university or overseas.

4. During the period of study a candidate must pursue such courses of study as may be prescribed by Regulations made by the Board of Graduate Studies on the advice of the School of Arts.

5. (1) The candidate must take a written examination on such subjects as may be prescribed by Regulations.

   (2) The results of the written examination will be submitted to the Board of Graduate Studies.

REGULATIONS MADE UNDER STATUTE A3

Subjects of Study

1. The course leading to the degree of Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics)
comprises five compulsory subjects, three elective subjects, and a project on which the candidate must submit a dissertation.

2. The subjects of study are arranged in four groups to provide necessary flexibility to cater for candidates with a wide range of academic backgrounds and interests.

3. The groupings of the subjects of study are as follows:

**Group A: English Language Learning and Teaching**

3 Compulsory subjects

- MAE601 Language Learning and Acquisition: Psycholinguistics
- MAE602 Research in Language Teaching
- MAE603 Curriculum Design and Evaluation

**Group B: Linguistic Theory**

2 Electives from this group

- MAE604 Language Analysis: English Lexicon, Grammar, Phonetics & Phonology
- MAE605 Language and Meaning: Semantics, Pragmatics
- MAE606 Language in Society: Sociolinguistics, Cultures in Contact
- MAE607 Language in Use: Spoken & Written Discourse
- MAE608 Contemporary Developments in Linguistics

**Group C: Areas of Special Interest**

1 Elective from this group

- MAE609 Language Planning and Bilingualism
- MAE610 EFL/ESL Teaching
- MAE611 ESP/EAP Teaching
- MAE612 Language Across the Curriculum
- MAE613 Literacy Development
- MAE614 Literature in the Language Arts
- MAE615 Language Teacher Education
- MAE616 Materials Development
- MAE617 Special Topic

(Not all the above subjects will be offered in any one year.)

**Group D: Research**

2 Compulsory subjects

- MAE618 Research Methodology
- MAE619 Academic Writing
4. The distribution of subjects of study to each of the semesters in the academic year shall be determined by the School of Arts.

5. (1) The project undertaken by the candidate must be on a topic approved by the School of Arts and the dissertation thereon must be submitted within forty-eight months from the date of the candidate’s first admission to the course.

(2) The dissertation shall have between 15,000 and 20,000 words and shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions prescribed in clause 10 of Statute 18 (Degrees of Master).

(3) A candidate who is required to re-sit an examination in any subject can only submit his dissertation when he has passed the examination.

Examinations

6. (1) Examinations will be held towards the end of each semester. Candidates will be examined in each of the subjects offered during the semester, except for the following subjects which are assessed by assignment:

- MAE602 Research in Language Teaching
- MAE603 Curriculum Design and Evaluation
- The Elective from Group C
- MAE618 Research Methodology
- MAE619 Academic Writing

(2) A candidate who has not completed and passed at least four subjects since his admission to the programme will be dismissed if he has either:

(a) failed to obtain a pass after two attempts in any on subject; or

(b) failed in two or more subjects at any one semestral examination; or

(c) failed his first attempts in a total of three subjects since his admission to the programme.

(3) Regulation 6(2) will not apply to any candidate who has passed at least four subjects since his admission to the programme.

(4) A candidate who fails an attempt in any subject is required to repeat the course of study in the subject before attempting the examination in that subject again. In the case of failure in an elective subject, the candidate may, with the approval of the Dean of the School of Arts, offer an alternative subject, which for this purpose will be deemed a repeat attempt in the original subject.

(5) Transfer of credits and subject exemptions granted will not be counted as subjects passed in counting the number of subjects a
candidate has passed since his admission to the programme.

7. (1) A candidate who is prevented by illness from taking or completing the Examination may be permitted by the Board of Graduate Studies to take the Examination again at a subsequent period of the Examination provided that the illness is reported to the Registrar and a medical report submitted to the Registrar within forty-eight hours of the candidate’s absence from the examination. In such a case, the candidate may be required, at the discretion of the Board of Graduate Studies, to repeat the course before sitting the Examination again.

(2) Any fee payable for the medical examination under regulation 7(1) of these Regulations shall be paid by the candidate.

Exemptions

8. The Academic Board may grant such exemptions as it thinks fit from the requirements of these Regulations.

End of Statute A3