

ED Dentistry Assessment Regulations

Pathomorphology and Oral Pathology • 2026/2027

1. Requirements for passing the courses

Two multiple-choice question (MCQ) tests are held in each semester. Each test consists of 30 questions, each with one correct answer, and lasts 30 minutes. A correct answer earns 1 point; an incorrect answer, no answer or more than one answer selected earns 0 points. Students must obtain at least 18 out of 30 points to pass each test. A higher score in one test cannot compensate for a failing score in the other.

Students must achieve the learning outcomes and meet the attendance requirements set out in the Course Regulations. Skills are assessed through ongoing observation of students' work and discussion during practical classes, without separately scored practical tasks. Passing a test does not replace the requirement to demonstrate the relevant skills.

The syllabuses specify the topics covered by K1 and K2, including practical classes and the corresponding lecture content. Test dates are given in the timetable. Separate, equivalent question sets are used for different groups and dates. Each test is held after the relevant content has been taught.

2. Grading scale

Grade	Percentage score
5.0 (very good)	93–100%
4.5 (above good)	85–92%
4.0 (good)	77–84%
3.5 (fairly good)	69–76%
3.0 (satisfactory)	60–68%
2.0 (fail)	below 60%

For non-integer percentage scores, the lower thresholds of 60%, 69%, 77%, 85% and 93% apply. Scores are not rounded up to a threshold.

For a 30-question test: 5.0 – 28–30 points; 4.5 – 26–27; 4.0 – 24–25; 3.5 – 21–23; 3.0 – 18–20; 2.0 – 0–17.

3. Resits

Each component test may be resat once. If a student fails the resit, they are entitled to take a comprehensive test covering all the material taught in that semester, provided that they have attempted the component tests. The comprehensive test must be scheduled no later than 2 working days before the planned final course assessment or examination (§ 29(1–2)).

The comprehensive test and its resits consist of 60 MCQs, last 60 minutes and require at least 36 out of 60 points to pass. The scoring rules for component tests apply. In the winter semester, students who fail the final test required to pass the course are entitled to two test resits (§ 29(5)).

In the summer semester, failure to pass the comprehensive test means that the student is not admitted to the first examination sitting and receives a failing grade for that sitting. A further test to qualify for admission to the examination is held before the resit examination period begins. Passing it allows the student to take the first examination resit; failing it means that the student cannot pass the course (§ 29(3–4)).

The dates referred to in § 29(2–5) are set by the course coordinator in consultation with the student. There must be an interval of at least 2 days between tests. Students who fail the first examination sitting are entitled to two resits. Each subsequent examination in the same course must take place at least 2 working days after the result of the preceding examination is announced (§ 31(7) and § 33).

4. Final examination

Students are admitted to the examination after passing the classes and achieving all learning outcomes for both courses.

The main examination and its resits take the form of a written MCQ test consisting of 60 questions: 30 in Pathomorphology and 30 in Oral Pathology. One correct answer earns 1 point; an incorrect answer, no answer or more than one answer selected earns 0 points. The pass mark is a total of 36 out of 60 points. The final grade is the examination grade; test grades do not increase the examination grade.

5. Assessment procedures and absences

All course assessments and examinations are subject to the requirements for independent work and the prohibitions set out in § 26(8–12) of the Study Regulations, taking account of exceptions for medical devices and approved accommodations. Any identified breaches are dealt with in accordance with the Study Regulations.

Excused absences from tests are considered in accordance with § 12. Students must notify the lead examiner of the reason for missing an examination within 3 working days of the scheduled date and submit supporting documentation promptly once the reason for the absence no longer applies. Reinstatement of the examination opportunity and the consequences of an unexcused absence are governed by § 34.

6. Results and student entitlements

Grades are entered in the electronic assessment record within 5 working days and no later than the end of the resit examination period (§ 26(14)). Assessment dates and the publication of results must allow for the required intervals between tests and examinations.

Students are entitled to inspect their marked written work, the questions and the answer key for 2 weeks after the results are announced, without making electronic recordings or copies (§ 37). Test papers are retained for 12 months and examination papers for 24 months.

Objections to questions and the answer key are considered in accordance with § 32. Applications for a course assessment before a committee must be submitted under § 35 within 3 working days of failing the assessment. Applications for an examination before a committee must be submitted under § 36 within 3 calendar days of the result being announced.

These regulations take effect following approval and publication.