

NU promotes failed students

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THE National University on Monday decided to promote the first year honours students, who failed in five of the seven courses in the first year final examinations, to second year in the face of protests from the failed students.

A release of the university said that the decision was made on special consideration and taking account of future of the students and the guardians.

According to the release, the students who got maximum five F grades would be get promotion to second year, but they would need to take the examinations again in the courses they failed and obtain the pass mark, minimum 40.

The National University

on July 17 published the results of the honours first year final examinations in which about 54 per cent of students passed the exams.

Students failed the exams the 2010-11 session across the country took to the street protesting against the results.

According to the new system, the students need to obtain at least 1.75 grade point in first year, 2 grade points in second year and 2.25 grade points in third year to get promotion to the next year.

Students alleged that the new system was responsible for the failure of large number of students.

They also demanded that the question papers be set and the answer scripts be evaluated by internal examiners of the university.