

Summary of Key Changes for 2016-17 Edition of the *University Calendar*

Please note that the regulations in the new edition of the Calendar apply to all students. The only exception to this rule is that continuing students will be governed by the degree regulations in place in the year of first registration on their current programme of study. (For Honours students, this means the year in which they commenced their Honours programme.)

Fees and General Information for Students

The following changes have been made to regulations in the Fees and General section:

1. Code of Assessment – Penalties for the late submission of coursework (s. 16.25-16.28)

Penalties are applied where coursework is submitted after the submission deadline, with any work that is submitted more than five days late being graded H. A new amendment to these rules accommodates the practice of rapid turnaround of feedback in some assessments. In such cases late work will be graded H within five days if it is submitted after feedback has been provided to the cohort.

16.26 Except as modified by §16.27 - §16.28, the primary grade and secondary band awarded for coursework which is submitted after the published deadline will be calculated as follows:

- a) in respect of work submitted not more than five working days after the deadline:
 - i) the work will be assessed in the usual way, and the primary grade and secondary band so determined will then be reduced by two secondary bands for each working day (or part of a working day) the work was submitted late;
 - ii) where work is submitted after feedback on that work (which may include grades) has already been provided to the student class, grade H will be awarded. Feedback may be provided to the student class less than five working days after the submission deadline in relation to no more than 25% by weight of a course's summative assessment.
- b) grade H will be awarded where work is submitted more than five working days after the deadline.

2. Code of Assessment – Guidelines for Boards of Examiners on the exercise of discretion

Colleagues are reminded of amendments to the Guidelines on the operation of discretion that were introduced for the 2015-16 spring diet. The amendments:

- clarify that GPA on its own cannot be used as a criterion to justify promotion (s. 2.7.1)
- show how GPA may be considered alongside grade profile (s. 2.7.3 (a))
- provide further information on the role of the External Examiner in making discretionary decisions (s. 2.7.4).

The guidelines can be found in the Guide to the Code of Assessment - www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_124293_en.pdf.

3. Procedure for Determining Fitness to Practise

The Procedure for Determining Fitness to Practise (Fees & General Regulation 36) has been revised for 2016-17. Revisions have been made to improve clarity and consistency in the regulation, and there has also been some amendment to the procedure to provide more

flexibility in its operation. This relates to (i) the interface between FtP and the Code of Student Conduct and (ii) the role of the Head of School in FtP cases.

Please note: For 2016-17, there has been a change to the format of the Fees and General Information section. This is now in html which links to items under broad themes to help students and staff find appropriate sections. A pdf copy is also available for printing.

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