

## **Summary of Key Changes for 2019-20 Edition of the *University Regulations* [formerly known as the *University Calendar*]**

Please note that the provisions in the new edition of the University Regulations 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**

#### **Procedure for Determining Fitness to Study**

This procedure has been updated to reflect the different arrangements in place for PGR students undertaking a suspension of study (see section 34.3.7).

### **Expression of Grade Point Average (GPA) in degree regulations**

Degree regulations refer to various grade point averages as required for progress and for award. In previous versions of regulations GPAs were stated as an integer (e.g. 'the candidate must have obtained 240 credits at a GPA of 9') and sometimes an equivalent alphanumeric grade was also referred to (e.g. 'the candidate must have achieved a GPA of 15 (equivalent to B3) in the 180 credits completed on the programme').

The Code of Assessment requires that GPA is calculated to one decimal place (§16.34(a) of the Code) and therefore it has been agreed that greater clarity is achieved by expressing the GPA to one decimal place throughout. The reference to equivalent alphanumeric grades was also potentially confusing given that such grades reflect grade points being rounded to an integer. Such references have therefore been removed.

The examples cited will now appear in the following form:

'The candidate must have obtained 240 credits at a GPA of 9.0.'

'The candidate must have achieved a GPA of 15.0 in the 180 credits completed on the programme.'

### **Generic Regulations for Postgraduate Programmes delivered by Online Distance Learning**

A new set of generic degree regulations has been introduced to cover programmes delivered by Online Distance Learning. These largely mirror the existing generic regulations for Taught Masters Degrees and Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas but have particular features more appropriate to ODL:

*Maximum period of study:* this is six years for a Masters (reflecting the usual minimum of three years for ODL), and four years for a PG Certificate and a PG Diploma.

*Progress – two additional progress points:*

1. For students registered for a PG Diploma or a Masters there is an additional progress point after completion of **60 credits** of taught courses. In order to progress to the remaining taught courses on the programme students are required to achieve a GPA of at least 7.0. This relatively modest requirement enables the University to exclude students who are not fully engaging with studies or who do not show the potential to perform at the level required for the award.
2. Reflecting the fact that for ODL students there is more of a risk that they do not maintain engagement with their studies than for students studying on-campus, progress must be

considered after **two years** if a student has not yet completed 60 credits; in order to stay on the programme they are required to have achieved a GPA of 7.0 in what they have completed at that point.

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