

Summary of regulatory changes, effective 2019-20.

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REGULATION / POLICY	CHANGE FOR 2019-20	Status
ADMISSIONS		
Accreditation of Prior Learning	No change	n/a
REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT		
Registration and enrolment	Clarification that students on postgraduate research degree programmes are required to enrol at the beginning of every academic year, until they have completed the examination process.	APPROVED
Maximum period of registration	No change	n/a
Student Transfers	No change	n/a
Registering for the Ordinary Degree / Top-Up to Honours	No change	n/a
STUDYING		
Programme structure	No change	n/a
Work placements	No change	n/a
Study abroad / exchange	If a period of study abroad is optional, the student will be awarded general credit for that exchange year, with all modules taken during the year to be marked on a pass/fail basis. Numerical marks awarded by the host institution will not be used in calculating the final degree classification.	APPROVED
Religious Observance in Teaching, Learning and Assessment	No change	UNDER REVIEW 2019-20

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Study and Wellbeing Review	No change	n/a
ASSESSMENT		
Definitions of elements and components of assessment	No change	UNDER REVIEW 2019-20
Extenuating circumstances	Students who self-certify for circumstances affecting them for five working days or fewer may be granted a submission extension of five working days. If a student requires ten working days, they are required to provide supporting evidence for their EC claim.	APPROVED
	Clarification that the Fit-to-Sit policy relates to examinations only, and that students will need to apply for extenuating circumstances to obtain an extension for the late submission of coursework.	APPROVED
Submission of assessment	No change	n/a
How to pass a Level	No change	n/a
How to pass a Module	No change	n/a
Progression: project approval (PGR only)	Addition of two extra requirements to complete RDC1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Research Data Management Plan • confirmation of attendance at a University-wide induction event. 	APPROVED
Progression: Failure to progress (PGR only)	No change	n/a
Progression: Confirmation of route (PGR only)	No change	n/a
Examination and Outcome of Examination (PGR only)	No change	n/a
Procedure in the event of failure	AST5.1.1 In a postgraduate taught module, an aggregate mark of at least 50% must be achieved before compensation may be applied	APPROVED
	AST5.1.2 The compensation available at PGDip is increased to 30 credits	APPROVED
	AST5.2.5 time available for resubmission of a referred major project reduced to 12 weeks	n/a

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Exclusion of a student on the basis of lack of academic progress or professional development	No change	n/a
Subject Assessment Panels and Award Assessment Boards	No change	n/a
External Examiners	No change	n/a
Assessment Offences and PGR Student Research Misconduct.	Inclusion of procedures for considering cases of research misconduct committed by PGR students.	APPROVED in principle but in final drafting
	Examination offences and academic offences to be considered by a single Assessment Offences Panel.	APPROVED
Academic Appeals	Appeal process reconfigured, to include a Formal Stage decision (from the Complaints and Appeals Office), and a Review Stage decision (from a University Appeal Panel).	APPROVED
AWARDS		
Awards (including calculation of degree classification)	Removal of the award of MS from the University's Portfolio of Awards	APPROVED
	Criteria for award of Masters with Distinction and Masters with Merit amended	APPROVED
Posthumous and Aegrotat awards	No change	n/a
Certification of awards and supplementary certification	No change	n/a
Academic dress	No change	n/a
SPECIALISED REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		
GSM Regulatory Framework for	No change	n/a

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undergraduate awards (excluding law)		
GSM Regulatory Framework for undergraduate awards (Law programmes)	No change	n/a
GSM Regulatory Framework for Taught Postgraduate Awards	No change	n/a
	No change	n/a
Graduate Diploma in Law	Updated to align with the central University Academic Regulations, where appropriate.	APPROVED
Regulatory Framework for Undergraduate Awards: Two-year degrees	Updated to align with the central University Academic Regulations, where appropriate.	APPROVED
Regulations for Initial Teacher Training Postgraduate Certificate and Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (2013 onwards)	No change	n/a
Regulations for the Certificate in Education, Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (incorporating the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector) (pre 2013)	No change	n/a

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Regulations for the Certificate in Education, Postgraduate Certificate in Education and Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (incorporating the Diploma in Teaching in Education and Training) (2013 onwards)	No change	n/a
Regulations for Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice	No change	n/a
Regulations for the Certificate of Architectural Professional Practice	No change	n/a
Regulatory Framework for Taught Postgraduate Awards in Physician Associate Studies	No change	n/a
PhD by Published Works	No change	n/a
Professional Doctorates	No change	UNDER REVIEW, 2019-20
Higher Doctorates	No change	UNDER REVIEW, 2019-20