

SR2 (2019 onwards) – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (effective from September 2019 onwards for students first registering in or after September 2019)

A note on the application of this Regulation

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Admission, recognition of prior learning or credit, registration and enrolment of
students

General considerations

29. For graded exemption, the agreed grades shall be included in grade profiles and calculations when determining progression and award decisions in the programme in the place of the exempted assessment block/s.
30. For ungraded exemption, no grade shall be assigned to the exempted assessment block/s. Ungraded exemption credit shall be excluded from all calculations of GPA and volume of grade credit.
31. Exemptions (other than those based on Brunel credit) may not be applied to the following parts of programmes, which students must therefore normally attempt: (i) any FHEQ Level 6 or FHEQ Level 7 assessments in an ordinary bachelors, honours bachelors, medical degrees, or Integrated Masters degree programme; (ii) more than 50% of the assessed credit of non-degree undergraduate awards.
32. Exemptions from requirements associated with teaching and learning will normally reflect approved assessment exemptions.
33. Where appropriate, the period of study may be reduced pro rata for students granted exemption from assessment blocks in recognition of prior learning or higher education credit.
34. A formal record shall be made of the exemptions accorded to such applicants when they were admitted, and of any grades assigned for the purposes of calculating the outcomes of awards. Such applicants shall also be notified in writing regarding the exemption decisions.
35. Where a prior award of the University is used to provide partial exemption from a new award's requirements, the prior award must normally be rescinded before conferral of the new award. Where only partial credit of the prior award is used in this way, the Academic Registrar shall advise on the need to rescind the prior award.

Individual variations to programmes, changes to modes of study and transfers, extensions and abeyances

36. Additional guidance on variations to programmes, changes to modes of study and transfers, extensions and abeyances is published by the University

approved by the authorised member of staff in the Department offering the

Assessment of students

Assessments and Assessment Blocks

45. The arrangements for the assessment of foundation years are set out in the relevant programme specification. The following regulations pertain to assessment at FHEQ Level 4, 5 and 6, and FHEQ Level 7 assessment where this forms part of an undergraduate programme offered under these regulations.

46. Each element of assessment (other than those assessed on a pass / fail basis) shall be assessed as follows:

| Indicative Mark Band | Degree class equivalent | Grade | Grade Point |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 90 and above | 1 | A* | 17 |
| 80-89 | 1 | A+ | 16 |
| 73-79 | 1 | A | 15 |
| 70-72 | 1 | A- | 14 |
| 68-69 | 2.1 | B+ | 13 |
| 63-67 | 2.1 | B | 12 |
| 60-62 | 2.1 | B- | 11 |
| 58-59 | 2.2 | C+ | 10 |
| 53-57 | 2.2 | C | 9 |
| 50-52 | 2.2 | C- | 8 |
| 48-49 | 3 | D+ | 7 |
| 43-47 | 3 | D | 6 |
| 40-42 | 3 | D- | 5 |
| 38-39 | Fail | E+ | 4 |
| 33-37 | Fail | | |

- f) that the student has not satisfactorily completed the final Level and is not entitled to reassessment and shall be withdrawn from the programme.

62. Where a student fulfils the requirements for more than one award under these regulations, the Board of Examiners will normally only recommend the award of the highest qualification for which they are eligible.

Reassessment: general considerations

63. Students who at first assessment do not meet the minimum requirement for satisfactory completion of a Level (including the final Level) of a programme may be entitled to reassessment in one or more assessment elements. Students at any Level who, after any reassessment to which they are entitled, do not meet the minimum requirements for satisfactory completion of a Level, shall be required to withdraw from the programme. †

64. The maximum grade which will be awarded in any assessment block subject to reassessment is the threshold grade (D)

72. At FHEQ Level 7, a student who at first assessment has failed to achieve a grade of at least C- in an assessment block or in any core assessment, is entitled to reassessment in any assessments where s/he has failed to achieve a grade of C- or better, provided that the total credit value of the assessment blocks which are reassessed (in whole or in part) in the Level is no more than 40 credits. If the total credit value of the assessment blocks which would require reassessment under 45.9 (e)10.5 a

APPENDICES: REGULATIONS FOR PROGRESSION AND AWARD (Award-specific)

APPENDIX A: Honours Bachelors Degrees

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* The borderline mechanism, for cases where the Minimum Weighted GPA requirement has not been met, is defined in A6 below.

A6. Where a student has met all requirements for the award of a particular classification of an honours bachelors degree other than the minimum GPA requirement, a strict borderline mechanism will be employed that takes into account the weighted credit volume of grades in the class (as defined in 2.46 above) or better, such that the Minimum Weighted GPA requirement for each classification is modified as follows:

| Honours Bachelors Degree Classification | Borderline Mechanisms | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Volume of grades (weighted by assessment block credit value <u>and</u> by Level weighting) in Class or better | Class | | |
| | 1 st | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| | Minimum weighted GPA | | |
| At least 50% of grades (weighted) in Class or better | 12.5 | 9.5 | 6.5 |

A7. A Board of Examiners may, in exceptional circumstances, exercise discretion in determining the class of degree to be recommended, when it recognises that equity of treatment of students and/or confidence in standards will be protected by the exercise of discretion. Discretion may not be exercised in determining whether to recommend the award of a 3rd class degree. The reasons for discretionary recommendations shall be individually recorded by the Board of Examiners.

A8. Where a student registered for a programme leading to an honours bachelors degree does not fulfil the requirements for the award under these Regulations, the relevant Board of Examiners will normally consider the eligibility of a student for the award either of an ordinary bachelors degree (if available), or Diploma of Higher Education or Certificate of Higher Education, as set out the programme specification for the relevant honours bachelors degree.

A9. Where, in accordance with Regulation 4, a Board of Examiners determines to recommend the award of an aegrotat degree, the award shall not be classified.

APPENDIX B: Integrated Masters Degrees

Progression requirements (Foundation Year)

B1. The requirements for progression from the Foundation Year are set out in the programme specification for the relevant Integrated Masters degree programme.

Progression requirements (FHEQ Level 4)

B2. The minimum requirement for the satisfactory completion of FHEQ Level 4 of an Integrated Masters degree is:

- x No credit at Grade F;
- x No more than 40 credits achieved in Grade Band E (E+, E, E-);
- x No core credit below D-.

Progression requirements FHEQ Level 5

B3. The minimum requirement for the satisfactory completion of FHEQ Level 5 of an Integrated Masters degree is:

- x No credit at Grade F;
- x No more than 40 credits achieved in Grade Band E (E+, E, E-);
- x No core credit below D-;
- x A minimum GPA of 9 in FHEQ Level 5.

B4. Any requirement for progression from FHEQ Level 5 to FHEQ Level 6 of an Integrated Masters degree which exceeds the minimum requirements shall be set out and approved in the relevant programme specification.

Progression requirements (FHEQ Level 6)

B5. The minimum requirement for the satisfactory completion of FHEQ Level 6 of an Integrated Masters degree will be to reach a standard which is at least equivalent to the requirements across FHEQ Levels 5 and 6 for an honours bachelors degree at 2.ii class, as set out in Appendix A regulations B, C and D above.

B6. Any requirement for progression from FHEQ Level 6 to the FHEQ Level 7 of an Integrated Masters degree which exceeds the minimum requirements shall be set out and approved in the relevant programme specification.

Completion of Final Level and recommendation for Awards

B7. A profile of grades and a grade-point average will be prepared for each student, derived from the marks or grades assigned by the assessors and assured by the relevant Panel of 12 p0bc 0 Tw 2.533tmees and 0 Tw 16.892 08d [(m)-9 (.002 Tc 0.002 Tw 8.271 0 Td [(Le)10.5 (o)10

B8. For an integrated masters degree, the weighting of Levels in the profile of grades and grade-point average for the determination of award and classification shall be:

- x FHEQ Level 4: no weighting;
- x FHEQ Level 5: 1/5;
- x FHEQ Level 6: 2/5;
- x FHEQ Level 7: 2/5.

B9. The minimum requirements for the award of an integrated masters degree and for each classification of degree are defined as follows:

| Integrated Masters Degree Classifications | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--------------|-------------------|
| Class | Maximum credit volume of Grade F | Maximum credit volume of assessment blocks containing core assessments below D- | Maximum credit volume (not Level-weighted) of non-core Grade Band E (E+, E, E-) | | |
| | | FHEQ Levels 5 + 6 | FHEQ Level 5 | FHEQ Level 6 | FHEQ Levels 5 + 6 |
| 1 st | 0 | | | | |

APPENDIX C: Ordinary Bachelors Degrees

Progression requirements: entry to FHEQ Level 5

C1. Students shall not register for FHEQ Level 4 of a programme leading to an ordinary bachelors degree. The requirements in FHEQ Level 4 for transfer to an ordinary bachelors degree will be set out in the programme specification for the relevant ordinary bachelors degree.

Progression requirements: FHEQ Level 5 to FHEQ Level 6

C2. The minimum requirement for the satisfactory completion of FHEQ Level 5 of an ordinary bachelors degree is:

- x No credit at Grade F;
- x No more than 40 credits

APPENDIX D: Diploma of Higher Education and Certificate of Higher Education

Completion of Final Level and recommendation for award

D1. A profile of credit at each Level studied shall be prepared for each student, derived from the credit values of the assessment blocks (as specified in the Outline of each assessment block).

D2. The requirements for an award of Certificate of Higher Education

APPENDIX E: Foundation Degrees

Progression requirements (FHEQ Level 4)

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Foundation Degree Class Borderline Mechanism

Volume of grades (weighted by assessment block credit value and by Level weighting) in Class or better, where Class corresponds to the following

Class

Grades:

Distinction: A-, A, A+, A++

Merit: B-, B, B+

