

## A summary of amendments to the Academic Regulations for 2023/24

### Context

The University recently undertook an exercise to review its Academic Regulations the outcome of which is the published academic regulations. These were approved by Academic Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023, however the requirement for further amendments was recognised.

The Academic Regulations were amended and resubmitted to Academic Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 where they were approved and it was confirmed by Academic Board that the approved academic regulations will apply to all students registered with the University.

### Amendments

- Some sections which were deemed to be more suited to a specific policy, in these cases the information has been removed from the academic regulations and will be included in relevant policies.
- All Academic Regulations have been re-written to be more reader friendly, streamlined, and clear.
- An introductory section has been added to the general Academic Regulations covering the FHEQ, a summary of awards table, a summary of study options, information on credit tariffs and a definition of core and optional modules (section A, general regulations).
- A table has been introduced summarising maximum periods of registration for University awards (section B.4, general regulations).
- The number of credits which can be compensated within each award has been clarified along with the criteria needed to apply compensation (section E.10, general regulations).
- Resit opportunities can now take place at the next available opportunity (referenced within each award specific regulations), this means that students are able to carry out resits within the academic year, not just the end of the academic year, where an opportunity has been created by the programme team and communicated to the students.
- The progression point between taught and research modules has been removed from postgraduate taught degrees, this means that postgraduate taught students can commence their research module prior to having studied all taught modules.
- Pass degrees have been removed and will no longer be a recognised subsidiary award, this means that a student who has achieved 320 credits (120 at level 4, 120 credits at level 5 and 80 credits at level 6) but not enough to achieve an honours degree (360 credits) will not be awarded a pass degree. The next possible exit award going forward will be an ordinary degree (300 credits).