

Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Pre-sessional Programmes

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following regulations apply to applicants who complete enrolment as from 1 June – 30 September 2019 for all Pre-sessional programmes of 6, 8, 11, 25, 39 weeks. Defined terms are capitalised in the regulations.
- 1.2 Where there are exceptional circumstances resulting in a student's performance being worthy of special consideration, as defined in the [Regulations Governing Special Considerations \(including Deadline Extension Requests\) for all Taught Programmes and Taught Assessed Components of Research Degrees](#), a Board of Examiners, on the recommendation of a Special Considerations Board, has the authority to disregard aspects of these regulations and seek alternative evidence, to show that the required learning outcomes have been achieved. Detailed guidance for Boards of Examiners is given in the [Quality Handbook](#).
- 1.3 Faculties may, with good cause, operate variations on the following Progression scheme. Normally such variations occur in order to meet the entry requirements of the substantive programme students will be progressing on to. Where Faculties operate variations on the scheme this will be stated in in the programme regulations in [Academic Regulations - Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#). In order to maintain oversight, AQSC will review all variations on an annual basis for compliance with the criteria.
- 1.4 Faculties may operate an exemption from the following Progression scheme. In order to maintain oversight, AQSC will review all variations on an annual basis for compliance with the criteria. Where Faculties operate an approved exemption this will be stated in the programme regulations in [Academic Regulations - Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#).

2. Definitions specific to Pre-sessional Programmes

- 2.1 The University standard Module Pass Mark for pre-sessional students taking 'PRES' Modules is 40. Where the substantive programme leading on from the pre-sessional programme requires a Module Pass Mark that differs from the University standard, this will be stated in the relevant programme regulations in [Academic Regulations - Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#).
- 2.2 The University standard Average Mark for a Part for all pre-sessional pathways is 50. Where the substantive programme leading on from the pre-sessional programme requires an Average Mark for a Part that differs from the University standard this will be stated in the relevant programme regulations in [Academic Regulations - Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#).
- 2.3 The University standard Qualifying Mark for all pre-sessional students taking 'PRES' modules is 40. Where the substantive programme leading on from the pre-sessional programme requires a Qualifying Mark that differs from the University standard this will be stated in the relevant programme regulations in [Academic Regulations - Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#).

3. Criteria for Progression

- 3.1 In order to progress to the substantive programme all 'PRES' modules and each Part must be passed at the specified Pass Mark except as allowed in paragraph 3.2 below. The Part must be successfully completed before the next Part is commenced.
- 3.2 *Pass by Compensation:* A student may be able to achieve a pass by compensation in either 3.2.1 or 3.2.2 below, but not both:
 - 3.2.1 A student achieving or exceeding the standard average mark for the part, but failing to achieve the standard pass mark in a specified number of modules (see (i) and (ii) below),

may pass by compensation, provided no module mark is less than the qualifying mark, and will progress to their substantive programme.

(i) Pre-sessional Programmes 11 weeks or longer: up to two PRES modules may be compensated

(ii) Pre-sessional Programmes less than 11 weeks: only one PRES module may be compensated.

3.2.2 A student achieving the module pass mark in all PRES modules, but failing to achieve the average mark for the part, may be awarded a pass by compensation provided the rounded average part mark is within 2 marks of the required average mark for the part and will progress to their substantive programme.

3.3 It is not possible to take a referral in individual Modules.

4. Repeat

4.1 A student who has not progressed to their substantive programme at the first attempt may Repeat the appropriate pre-sessional programme as an internal candidate. Normally this will be the following year.

4.2 A student will be required to Repeat all Modules, including those Passed at the first attempt.

4.3 The Progression criteria for a Repeating student are the same as for the first attempt.

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