

University Calendar: 2020/21

Academic Regulations: Faculty of Environmental and Life Sciences

School	Health Sciences
Final Award	Postgraduate Certificate Postgraduate Diploma Master of Science
Programme(s)	Postgraduate Diploma Adult Nursing Postgraduate Diploma Children's Nursing Postgraduate Diploma Mental Health Nursing Master of Science Adult Nursing Master of Science Children's Nursing Master of Science Mental Health Nursing Master of Science Midwifery with Advanced Standing Master of Science Occupational Therapy Master of Science Physiotherapy
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The Academic Regulations which are detailed in Section IV, [General Information and Regulations](#) of the [University Calendar](#) apply to and regulate the programme(s) listed above.

On occasion, programmes can be exempted from one or more of the clauses in the Regulations; one or more of the clauses can be varied; and programmes can impose additional requirements.

- Exemptions are characterised by the omission of the relevant clause.
- Variations are characterised by the replacement of the clause with alternative wording.
- Additions are characterised by requirements in addition to those detailed in the Academic regulations.

The programmes listed have approval from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for the **exemptions** and/or **variations** and/or **additions** to the regulations noted below.

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the relevant Programme Specification and the General Regulations in Part IV of the Calendar. Numbering of paragraphs in this section corresponds to the paragraph numbers in the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes](#).

Where a paragraph is marked **Exemption** or **Not Applicable**, the corresponding paragraph in the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes](#) does not apply to students on the above programmes.

Where a paragraph is marked **Variation**, the text here supersedes the corresponding paragraph in the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes](#) for students on the above programmes.

Where a paragraph is marked **Applies Unchanged**, the corresponding paragraph in the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes](#) applies to students on the above programmes.

Where a paragraph is marked **Addition**, it indicates an extra requirement which applies to students on the above programmes to that given in the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master's Programmes](#).

1.	Introduction	
1.1	These Regulations apply to the following University of Southampton postgraduate awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Arts (MA) • Master of Music (MMus) • Master of Science (MSc) • Master of Science in the Social Sciences (MSc (Social Science)) 	Applies unchanged

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • Master of Public Administration (MPA) • Master of Public Administration (Practice) (MPA (Practice)) • Master of Nursing (MNurs) • Master of Laws (LLM) • Master of Research (MRes) • Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) • Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) • Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) 	
1.2	Any approved variations and exemptions to these Regulations are specified in the Programme Regulations in the University Calendar (see Section 10).	Applies unchanged
1.3	Integrated Master's are covered by the Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes .	Applies unchanged
1.4	The Regulations should be read in conjunction with the Regulations and Definitions Applying to Progression for all Credit-Bearing Programmes . Defined terms are capitalised in the regulations.	Applies unchanged
1.5	In the case of part-time programmes the Regulations, including provision for Compensation and Referral, apply for the programme as a whole and not for each academic year over which the programme is taken.	Applies unchanged
1.6	A Board of Examiners, on the recommendation of a Special Considerations Board, has the authority to apply a variation to aspects of these Regulations where a student has exceptional circumstances as defined in the Regulations Governing Special Considerations (including Deadline Extension Requests) for all Taught Programmes and Taught Assessed Components of Research Degrees . Detailed guidance is given in the Quality Handbook .	Applies unchanged

2.	Programme Structure	
2.1	Postgraduate master's programmes are constructed from Modules, the majority of which are set at level 7 in the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies . However, some study may be at other levels as permitted by the Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Scheme . A detailed programme structure will be provided in the Programme Specification.	Applies unchanged
2.2	A Pass in a Module, including a Pass by Compensation, leads to the award of the Credit associated with the Module.	Applies unchanged
2.3	Postgraduate master's programmes typically consist of a taught element made up from a defined number of Modules and an independent study element normally consisting of a dissertation. For programmes where the independent study element is assessed by means other than a dissertation, specific guidance will be given in the Programme Regulations in the University Calendar or the Programme Specification. The dissertation module/independent study element is Core.	Variation These Pre-registration Masters programmes are two calendar years in length and consist of two Parts with a progression point from Part 1 to Part 2. The Modules and Parts are specified in the Programme Specification.

3.	Passing a Module	
3.1	Where a numerical mark is awarded, the Module Pass Mark for students on postgraduate master's programmes is 50. Some Modules are marked only as Pass or Fail.	Applies unchanged
3.2	Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requires a Pass Mark that is higher than the University standard Module Pass Mark, this will be stated in the Programme Regulations in the University Calendar.	Applies unchanged

4.	Compensation	
4.1	A Pass by Compensation may be given in a non-Core Module when a student has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. achieved or exceeded the Average Mark of 50 for the taught part of the programme; and 	Exemption No compensation is permitted. All modules are Core.

	ii. achieved the Qualifying Mark in that non-Core Module.	
4.2	The standard Qualifying Mark for Modules on postgraduate master's programmes is 35. Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requires a Qualifying Mark that is higher than the University standard Qualifying Mark, this will be stated in the Programme Regulations in the University Calendar.	Not applicable
4.3	A Pass by Compensation can only be given in a limited number of Credits as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A Pass by Compensation can be given in taught Modules totalling at most 15 ECTS (30 CATS) Credits for a Master's programme or Postgraduate Diploma, and totalling at most 10 ECTS (20 CATS) Credits for a Postgraduate Certificate, except that: ii. In programmes with a minimum Module size of 10 ECTS (20 CATS) Credits, a Pass by Compensation can be given in taught Modules totalling at most 20 ECTS (40 CATS) Credits for a Master's programme or Postgraduate Diploma, and totalling at most 10 ECTS (20 CATS) Credits for a Postgraduate Certificate. 	Not applicable
4.4	The Compensation criteria apply at both the first and Referral attempts.	Not applicable
4.5	The compensated mark will not be raised to the Module Pass Mark, but full Credit will be awarded for the Module. The Module Mark awarded will be included in the student's classification calculation, where applicable.	Not applicable
4.6	A student will not be required or permitted to Refer in a Module once the Board of Examiners awards a Pass by Compensation in that Module.	Not applicable
4.7	Where a student fails more Modules than can be Passed by Compensation, the student can select which Modules to Refer, with the constraint that Core Modules and all Modules in which the mark obtained is less than the Qualifying Mark must be Referred.	Not applicable

5.	Referral	
5.1	A student who fails a taught Module, after the application of Compensation, may take Referral assessments in failed taught Modules totalling at most 15 ECTS (30 CATS) Credits, subject to the following exemptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For programmes with a minimal Module size of 10 ECTS (20 CATS) Credits, a student who fails a taught Module, after the application of Compensation, may take Referral assessments in failed taught Modules totalling at most 20 ECTS (40 CATS) Credits. ii. For programmes where all Modules are Core and where it is specified in the Programme Regulations in the University Calendar, the student may take Referral assessments in failed taught Modules totalling at most 30 ECTS (60 CATS) Credits. 	<p>Variation</p> <p>Students in Part 1 of their programme may take Referral assessments in failed taught Modules totalling at most 30 ECTS (60 CATS) Credits. Students who are eligible to refer in Part 1 may Conditionally Progress to the first practice placement module in Part 2 of their programme. Students may not commence any further Part 2 modules until Part 1 has been achieved.</p> <p>There is no limit on the total number of credits that a student can refer in Part 2. In Part 2 of their programme, it may be in the student's best interests to take Referrals at the earliest opportunity, which may be outside the normal assessment periods. For such students, Referrals may be permitted while they are still completing their other taught Modules.</p>
5.2	The mark obtained at Referral will be Capped at the Module Pass Mark.	Applies unchanged

5.3	The Capped Mark achieved at Referral will be used for calculating the Final Average Mark and determining award eligibility and final classification, where applicable.	Applies unchanged
5.4	Where a student is undertaking their programme through part time study, it may be in the student's best interests to take Referrals at the earliest opportunity, which may be outside the normal assessment periods. For such students, Referrals may be permitted while they are still completing their other taught Modules. The arrangements will be communicated via the Programme Handbook.	Not applicable

6.	Repeat	
6.1	A student who has not passed at the first attempt or is not eligible to Refer, or who has Referred and not passed, may Repeat the taught part of the programme Internally or Externally as chosen by the student following academic advice from within the School.	Variation Repeat attempts may only be taken externally and may not include repeat of any practice modules. The programmes of students who fail practice modules, following any permitted referral attempt, will therefore be terminated.
6.2	Students choosing an External Repeat should ensure they are aware of the constraints related to dissertation completion as specified in Section 7 of these Regulations.	Applies unchanged
6.3	Paragraph 3 of the Regulations and Definitions Applying to Progression for all Credit-Bearing Programmes should be consulted regarding the right to Repeat for students sponsored by the University to enter the UK under the points-based visa system.	Applies unchanged
6.4	Internal Repeat: An Internal Repeat will consist of all taught Modules, including those passed at the first attempt. Marks for Modules in which the Pass Mark was not obtained at the first attempt will be Capped at the Pass Mark; for all other Modules the actual mark obtained at Repeat will be used to calculate the Final Average Mark.	Not applicable
6.5	External Repeat: An External Repeat will include only those taught Modules in which the Pass Mark was not obtained at the first attempt or at Referral. Existing Module Marks for Modules not Repeated will be used to calculate the Final Average Mark. Marks for Modules taken at External Repeat will be Capped at the Pass Mark to calculate the Final Average Mark	Variation In Part 2 of their programme, it may be in the student's best interests to take Repeats at the earliest opportunity, which may be outside the normal assessment periods. For such students, Repeats may be permitted while they are still completing their other taught Modules.
6.6	The Pass criteria for a student Repeating are the same as for the first attempt excluding the right of the Referral. The taught part of a programme may be Repeated only once. Should a student Fail the Repeated Modules, their registration with the University will end. The student will be provided with a record of any Modules passed and an exit award if eligible.	Applies unchanged
6.7	Where a student is undertaking their programme through part time study, it may be in the student's best interests to Repeat Modules at the earliest opportunity, which may be outside of the normal assessment periods. For such students, Repeats may be permitted while they are still completing their other taught Modules and Referrals. The arrangements will be communicated via the Programme Handbook.	Not applicable

7.	Dissertation	
7.1	The dissertation is not considered to be a taught Module and Compensation, Referral and Repeat are not applicable.	Applies unchanged
7.2	The Pass Mark for the dissertation is 50.	Applies unchanged

7.3	A student failing to achieve the Pass Mark may submit a revised dissertation on the same subject on one occasion only.	Applies unchanged
7.4	A student revising their dissertation will be given three months from the date the outcome of the Board of Examiners is published, to revise and resubmit their dissertation. If deemed appropriate by the Board of Examiners, a student revising their dissertation may be allowed access to facilities and/or resources for practical work during this time.	Applies unchanged
7.5	A student revising their dissertation will have access to two instances of supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The student will receive detailed written feedback on the failed dissertation and the improvements required. The student should also have the opportunity to meet with their supervisor to discuss the improvements required. ii. Before submission of the revised dissertation, the student will receive feedback on the revisions made. 	Applies unchanged
7.6	The mark for a revised dissertation will be Capped at the Pass Mark.	Applies unchanged
7.7	No Internal or External Repeat of the dissertation Module is allowed.	Applies unchanged
7.8	The dissertation Module can only be undertaken as an internal student. If a student has not passed sufficient taught Modules at the first attempt such that they will need to Repeat the taught part of their programme to achieve the award, they can choose one of the following options following academic advice from within the School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The student can choose to undertake and submit the dissertation and then Repeat the taught part of their programme Internally or Externally. If the student fails the dissertation submission, the student will be allowed to submit a revised dissertation on the same subject on one occasion only as described under paragraphs 7.3 to 7.6. No Repeat of the dissertation allowed. ii. The student can choose to stop undertaking any work on the dissertation and Repeat the taught part of the programme Internally. Following successful completion of the taught Modules, the student can then complete and submit the dissertation. If the student fails the dissertation, the student will be allowed to submit a revised dissertation on the same subject on one occasion only as described under paragraphs 7.3 to 7.6. No Repeat of the dissertation allowed. 	Applies unchanged

8.	Award Requirements	
8.1	When students have accumulated sufficient Credits, as described under paragraphs 8.2 to 8.4, they become eligible for an award of the University.	Applies unchanged
8.2	Master's Degree (See list of awards in 1.1) To be considered for a Master's degree a student must pass a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits and achieve a Final Average Mark of 50 or above.	Applies unchanged
8.3	Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) To be considered for a Postgraduate Diploma a student must pass a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits and achieve a Final Average Mark of 50 or above.	Applies unchanged
8.4	Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert/PGCE) To be considered for a Postgraduate Certificate a student must pass a minimum of 30 ECTS (60 CATS) Credits and achieve a Final Average Mark of 50 or above.	Applies unchanged
8.5	If a student is unable to achieve their intended award having taken all permissible reassessment opportunities, the	Applies unchanged

	University will make an exit award, if permitted by the Programme Specification, based on the Credits the student has achieved.	
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9.	Classification of Awards											
9.1	<p>Some awards are classified. The classification bands for Master's and Postgraduate Diploma awards are set out in the table below. These boundaries refer to the Final Average Mark rounded to the nearest integer.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Overall Average Mark 70 and over</td> <td>Postgraduate awards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70 and above</td> <td>Distinction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-69</td> <td>Merit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50-59</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Below 50</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </table>	Overall Average Mark 70 and over	Postgraduate awards	70 and above	Distinction	60-69	Merit	50-59	Pass	Below 50	Fail	Applies unchanged
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9.2	Master's Degree											
9.2.1	<p>A student will be awarded a Master's degree with distinction if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark is 69.5 or above, OR ii. a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark is between 68 and 69.4, and at least 50% of the Credits are at 70 or above. 	Applies unchanged										
9.2.2	<p>A student will be awarded a Master's degree with merit if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark is between 59.5 and 69.4, OR ii. a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark is between 58 and 59.4, and at least 50% of the Credits are at 60 or above. 	Applies unchanged										
9.2.3	<p>A student will be awarded a Master's degree if a minimum of 90 ECTS (180 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark is 50 or above, but the requirements for distinction or merit are not met.</p>	Applies unchanged										
9.3	Postgraduate Diploma											
9.3.1	<p>A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma with distinction if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark of the best 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits is 69.5 or above, OR ii. a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark of the best 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits is between 68 and 69.4, and at least 50% of the Credits are at 70 or above. 	Applies unchanged										
9.3.2	<p>A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma with merit if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark of the best 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits is between 59.5 and 69.4, OR ii. a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark of the best 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits is between 58 or 59.4, and at least 50% of the Credits are at 60 or above. 	Applies unchanged										
9.3.3	<p>A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma if a minimum of 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits has been achieved and the Final Average Mark of the best 60 ECTS (120 CATS) Credits is between 50 or above, but the requirements for distinction or merit are not met.</p>	Applies unchanged										
9.4	Postgraduate Certificate	Applies unchanged										

	There is no classification for a Postgraduate Certificate regardless of whether it is a standalone award or an exit award.	
9.5	Study Abroad/Exchange Students For programmes involving a period of study outside the UK, unless the programme has an approved translation of marks scheme, a student's classification will be calculated solely on marks obtained in Modules studied at the University of Southampton. Please refer to the Quality Handbook for the Translation of Marks/Transfer of Credit Policy.	Applies unchanged

10.	Variations and Exemptions	
10.1	Some programmes may require variations to the Regulations, for example to meet Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requirements or the requirements of legislation in another country for a programme delivered under the University's collaborative provision policy. Approved variations to the Regulations will be stated in the relevant Programme Regulations in the University Calendar. In order to maintain oversight, Academic Quality and Standards Committee will review all variations on an annual basis for compliance with the criteria.	Applies unchanged
10.2	With the approval of Academic Quality and Standards Committee, some programmes may operate an exemption from the Regulations. Approved exemptions will be stated in the relevant Programme Regulations in the University Calendar.	Applies unchanged

Additional Requirements

The clause(s) listed below are in addition to the Regulations.

<p>Programmes: MSc Adult Nursing MSc Children's Nursing MSc Mental Health Nursing PGDip Adult Nursing PGDip Children's Nursing PGDip Mental Health Nursing MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) MSc Occupational Therapy (pre-registration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes which lead to registration with the following Professional, Statutory & Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC), and The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) require applicants and students to be of good health and good character and worthy of professional registration. • All students will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check on admission. Continuation on your programme is subject to consideration of any criminal convictions, cautions and pending criminal investigations. The programme is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act [1986]. All students are required to inform the School of all criminal convictions both prior to and throughout their period of enrolment, at the earliest opportunity. • A satisfactory Occupational Health assessment is a condition of entry to the programme. Continuation on your programme is subject to specific health requirements (consistent with the provisions of the Equality Act [2010]). Students are required to inform the School of any change in health status that may impact on practice or their studies, throughout their period of enrolment, at the earliest opportunity.
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These regulations should be read in conjunction with the programme specification.

Disclaimer:

As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, these regulations may be revised during a student's period of registration, however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.