

University of Aberdeen

University Court

Proposed Changes to Resolution: Changes to Regulations of Various Degrees

Notice is today, Tuesday 7 May 2024, hereby given under the terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 that at its meeting of 24 April 2024, the University Court, on the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, resolved to send to the Business Committee of the General Council and make available to any other body or person having an interest, the enclosed Draft Resolution.

Proposed Changes

The Court has agreed to formally consult, as required by statute, on changes to the Resolution [Changes to Regulations of Various Degrees].

This Resolution enacts changes to the General Regulations for First Degrees, General Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards, General Regulations for Research Degrees, Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh) (Distance), Regulations for Degrees Undertaken at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at South China Normal University (SCNU), Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB) accelerated, Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws with English Law (LLB) accelerated, Supplementary Regulations for the Award of all Degrees in Science, Supplementary Regulations for the Award of an Undergraduate Master's Degree, and Supplementary Regulations for Postgraduate Study.

This Resolution also introduces Supplementary Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Master of Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology.

The changes provide clarifications to existing regulations, additions of new regulations and removal of regulations where required. In turn, the changes are as follows:

(i) Changes to All Degree Regulations

The proposed change in respect of all degree regulations at all levels (undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research) is the amendment of terminology from 'half-session' or 'half-sessions' to 'term' or 'terms'. This change reflects the Senate approval of revisions to the Academic Year Structure.

(ii) General Regulations for First Degrees

The proposed changes to the General Regulations for First Degrees comprise:

- **Regulation 1.1:** In addition to the amendment of terminology as outlined in 4(i) above, the addition of a definition of 'term' and the removal of the definition of 'half session'.

- **Regulation 4.2:** The amendment of the existing regulation regarding full-time study, to stipulate that a student undertaking 45 credit points or more in any one term is deemed to be full-time.
- **Regulation 17.3:** The amendment of the existing regulation to correct a typographical error and to appropriately reflect that students must complete the credit points required at level 2, within four terms of full-time study.
- **Regulation 20.2:** The amendment of the existing regulation to provide clarity on the requirements for graduation.
- **Regulation 21:** Various changes are proposed to Regulation 21, in order to provide clarity on the requirements for the award of compensatory credit. The regulation now reflects the fact that compensation can be awarded to students in their final year of study only, and for any Honours course undertaken in their final year (at levels 3 or 4) which is not compulsory for their degree.
- **Regulation 22.3:** The amendment of the existing regulation to clarify that where students have achieved 240 credits, including 90 at level 2 or above, they will be eligible for the award of the Undergraduate Diploma in Higher Education (UGDipHE).

(iii) *Supplementary Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Master of Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology*

The introduction of new Regulations governing the 'Degree of Master of Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology. The MSci in Counselling Psychology is an integrated Master's degree, the regulations for which will be held within the regulations for Education degrees. The new regulations also proposed the introduction of a new Master of Arts (MA) degree in Psychology, Counselling and Education for the purposes of an exit award only.

(iv) *Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh) (Distance)*

The amendment of Regulation 3 to remove the requirement for candidates to undertake 30 credit points at level 4 from outwith Divinity.

(v) *Regulations for Degrees Undertaken at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at South China Normal University (SCNU)*

The amendment of existing SCNU regulation to provide clarification on the requirements for the award of the Undergraduate Diploma in Higher Education (UgDipHE).

(vi) *Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB)*

The amendment of existing Regulation 8, to include reference to students studying abroad for a full year in programme year 3. This option is available only to students undertaking the Degree of LLB in International Law and Comparative Law.

(vii) *Supplementary Regulations for the Degree Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Accelerated*

(viii) *Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws with English Law (LLB) Accelerated*

The amendment to the existing Regulations 58 and 63, to include information of students undertaking the programmes part-time.

(ix) *Supplementary Regulations for the Award of all Degrees in Science*

(x) *Supplementary Regulations for the Award of an Undergraduate Master's Degree*

The amendment to the existing Regulations to remove the Degree of Master of Physics (MPhys).

(xi) *Supplementary Regulations for Postgraduate Study*

(xii) *General Regulations for Research Degrees*

(xiii) *General Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards*

The amendment of the existing regulations to provide clarity (as exists within undergraduate regulations) that, normally, candidates will graduate in person in the academic year following the completion of their studies.

The General Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards have also been amended to stipulate that students undertaking the Degree of MSc in International Human Resource Management are not eligible for the award of compensatory credit, as a consequence of the requirement of the programme's accrediting body.

Comments to the University Court

Any other body or person having an interest who wishes to comment on the proposals should lodge such representations (in writing) by Thursday, 6 June 2024 with Mr Bruce Purdon, Clerk to the Court, b.purdon@abdn.ac.uk, Directorate of Planning and Governance, Regent Walk, Old Aberdeen, AB24 3FX.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

COURT

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO x OF 2024 [CHANGES IN REGULATIONS FOR VARIOUS DEGREES]

After consultation with the Senatus Academicus, the University Court, at its meeting on < > passed the following Resolution:

1. On the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, the following changes to Degree Regulations are hereby approved.
2. Following approval of a change in terminology by the Senatus Academics, in all existing regulations, for 'half-session' substitute 'term'; for 'half-sessions' substitute 'terms'.
3. This Resolution shall come into force on the fifteenth day of September, two thousand and twenty-four.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FIRST DEGREES**Regulation 1.1**

In the existing regulation, for '11' substitute '10'.

In the existing regulation, after 'weeks of teaching' insert 'and a further week, to be used at the discretion of each School (e.g., for the purposes of reading, revision or field trips,'.

In the existing regulation, delete 'revision and'.

- 1.1 For the purposes of the General Degree Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Half-sessionTerm: a period, prescribed by the Senatus Academicus, which includes ~~11-10~~ weeks of teaching and a further week, to be used at the discretion of each School (e.g., for the purposes of reading, revision or field trips, followed by a period for ~~revision and~~ assessment.

Academic Year: the period which commences on the first day of a Winter Term and extends until the last day of the Summer Vacation in the succeeding calendar year.

Session: the aggregate of two ~~half-session~~ terms, whether or not these are immediately consecutive, plus, for purposes of the Regulations which govern students' progress, the summer diet of prescribed degree assessments following those ~~half-session~~ terms.

Course:	a defined programme of study, normally spanning a <u>half-session term</u> or a half of a <u>half-session term</u> , which is self-contained and leads to a specified amount of credit.
Degree Programme:	the aggregation of all taught elements leading to a defined graduating curriculum, including an Honours programme where appropriate.
Programme Year:	the stage of a degree programme, as defined in the Schedule of Courses annexed to Degree Regulations, on which a student is eligible to embark when registering at the start of any academic year or at the start of the second <u>half-session term</u> as appropriate, subject to their having completed or been exempted from the progression requirements of General Regulation 16, together with any Supplementary Regulations regarding progression to which they may be subject.
Honours Programme:	the aggregation of all Honours courses and assessment prescribed by the Senatus Academicus as qualifying for the award of a degree with Honours in a specified subject or group of subjects.
Credit Point:	the outcome of learning achieved by an average student through 10 notional hours of learning time.
General Credit:	credit previously obtained by a student which does not count towards the qualification for which that student is currently registered. (Note: The credit which does so count is termed 'specific credit').
Class Certificate:	a certificate confirming that a candidate has attended and duly performed the work prescribed for a course.
Exemption:	for the purposes of General Regulation 14, a concession made on the basis of successful completion of previous study which exempts candidates from attendance on and/or assessment in a specific course or courses, or from the requirement to obtain a specified number of credit points, but which of itself has no credit value.
Recognition:	for the purposes of General Regulation 14, the acceptance of successful completion of previous study as equivalent to the award of credit for a named course or courses, or to the award of unnamed credit of a specified value.
Enhanced Study:	any course drawn from those offered as (i) a course designated as 'Sixth Century', (ii) a course offered as part of a Sustained Study route, (iii) a Disciplinary Breadth course
Sustained Study:	a defined group of four 15 credit courses which taken together lead to a specified endorsement on the transcript.

Disciplinary Breadth: any course taken by a student in a discipline outside their specified degree intention, where that course is not included in the specification of their degree programme in the University Calendar.

Short Course Approach: study on an individual course basis rather than being registered for a specific degree programme. Students studying on this basis can elect to take one or more individual courses or to study on a course-by-course basis, building over time, to complete sufficient credits for the award of a degree or other award (subject to availability).

Regulation 4.2

In the existing regulation, following 'any academic year' insert 'and / or more than 45 credit points in at least one term'.

4.2 Candidates registered for part-time study may not register for more than 75 credit points in any academic year, nor more than 45 credit points in either ~~half-session~~term. Candidates registered for more than 75 credit points in any academic year and/-or more than 45 credit points in at least one term are deemed to be full-time. In the case of an Honours programme any period of part-time study must normally be continuous and not exceed twice the period of study permitted for completion of that Honours programme (or that part of it being undertaken by part-time study).

Regulation 17.1

In the existing regulation, for 'years' substitute 'terms'.

17.1 The Senatus Academicus may require candidates to discontinue attendance on courses:

- (1) if, being candidates registered on the University's Access Higher Education programme, they have not completed the programme to a standard deemed to be satisfactory by the Senatus Academicus; *or*
- (2) if, being candidates in programme year 1, they have not obtained 120 credit points within four ~~half-session~~terms of full-time study or the equivalent from their entry to programme year 1 of the degree for which they are currently registered.
- (3) if, being candidates in programme year 2, they have not obtained by award or recognition or been exempted from, 240 credit points including at least 60 credit points at level 2 or above, within four ~~years~~terms of full-time study or the equivalent from their first entry to programme year 2 of the degree for which they are currently registered.
- (4) if, being candidates in programme year 3, they have not completed the requirements necessary for graduation with a non-Honours degree or admission to an Honours programme within four ~~half-session~~terms of full-time study or the equivalent from their first entry to programme year 3 of the degree for which they are currently registered.

For the purpose of this Regulation two ~~half-session~~terms of part-time study shall be counted as

the equivalent of one ~~half-session term~~ of full-time study.

Regulation 20.2

In the existing regulation, for '90 credit points at Level 4.' Substitute '180 credit points at Level 3 or above with a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4.'

20.2 In order to qualify with the award of a Degree with Honours, candidates must achieve by award, recognition or exemption, not fewer than 180 credit points at Level 3 or above with a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4. ~~90 credit points at Level 4.~~

Regulation 21

In the existing regulation, after 'In the case of a candidate' insert, 'in their final year of study'

In the existing regulation, after 'Honours degree assessment' insert, '(courses at levels 3 and above)'

Regulation 21 (a)

In the existing regulation, for '90 credit points at Level 4.' Substitute '180 credit points at Level 3 or above with a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4.'

Regulation 21 (d)

In the existing regulation, for 'level 3' substitute 'level 1 or 2'.

In the existing regulation, for 'level 4' substitute 'level 3'.

In the existing regulation, after 'the assessment, but' delete 'the course is at level 1 or 2 or the course is at level 3 or above and'.

21. In the case of a candidate, in their final year of study, ~~–~~who has failed to complete satisfactorily an element of Honours degree assessment (courses at levels 3 and above) at the time prescribed by Regulation 9.4 and who still wishes to obtain a degree with Honours, then the appropriate procedure from (a) to (e) below shall apply:

- (a) If the candidate has achieved at least 180 credit points at level 3 or above with a minimum of 90 of these at level 4 ~~90 Credit points at level 4~~ and has completed the assessment but been awarded a mark on the Common Grading Scale between E1 and E3 inclusive, they shall be awarded the same amount of unnamed specific credit, not exceeding 30 credit points in total, at level 1. Candidates may not receive compensatory credit for courses defined as compulsory for their degree programme. Candidates who have failed to achieve 90 Credit points at Level 4 or who have failed to achieve a pass in a compulsory course must refer to sub-sections (b), (c) or (d) below,
- (b) If, but only if, the failure is on account of illness or other good cause, the candidate shall be required to submit themselves for assessment at the next available opportunity, and shall be permitted to count the result of that assessment towards Honours classification;
- (c) If the failure is the result of absence or non-submission for any other cause, the candidate shall be awarded zero for the assessment concerned and shall be required to

submit themselves for assessment at the next available opportunity. The grade awarded at that reassessment will be capped at D3.

- (d) If the candidate has completed the assessment, but ~~the course is at level 3, or the course is at level 4 or above and~~ the mark awarded on the Common Grading Scale is below E3, the candidate shall be required to submit themselves for assessment at the next available opportunity. The grade awarded at that reassessment will be capped to D3;
- (e) If any of options (b), (c) or (d) above would normally apply, but medical advice indicates that it would be unreasonable to require a candidate to appear for assessment on a subsequent occasion, and if the candidate's past record provides sufficient evidence that they would have obtained Honours, the examiners may recommend the award of an *Aegrotat* degree, but only after obtaining the consent of the candidate. The award of an *Aegrotat* degree will debar candidates from counting towards Honours degree assessment any result achieved thereafter.

Notes: (i) For courses at level 4 and above, the timing and format of the assessment required under any of sub-sections (b), (c) or (d) above shall be determined by the Senatus Academicus on the recommendation of the Head of the relevant School.

Regulation 22.3

In the existing regulation, following 'Level 2' insert 'or above'.

- 22.3 Any candidate who, while registered at the University, has obtained not less than 240 credit points, including not less than 90 credit points at Level 2 or above, from courses which can be counted towards graduation with a first degree, and who is not qualified for the award of any other degree, diploma or certificate of the University, other than the Undergraduate Certificate in Higher Education, shall be awarded an Undergraduate Diploma in Higher Education (UgDipHE).

2. Supplementary Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Master of Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology

Insert new regulations as follows:

1. The Degree of Master in Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology is an integrated Master's Degree. The MSci may be conferred as a first degree with Honours but only following the completion of an approved Honours programme.
2. Admittance to the Degree of Master in Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology will be to level 1 of the programme. Advanced entry is not permitted.
3. In terms of General Regulations for First Degrees 16.1 (c), except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus, candidates may not proceed to programme years 3, 4 or 5 of the degree of MSci in Counselling Psychology unless they have obtained the approval of the Head of the School of Education, and complied with the requirements of Regulation 7, as appropriate to their intended Honours programme.
4. The Examiners may recommend a candidate who has failed to achieve the standard necessary for the award of the degree of MSci in Counselling Psychology be awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Psychology, Counselling and Education with an appropriate designation with Honours.
5. The degree of Master of Arts in Psychology, Counselling and Education may be conferred as an exit degree only.
6. Candidates for the degree of MSci in Counselling Psychology who have failed to meet the standard for progression into level 5, but who have successfully completed all other required elements of the programme and have achieved at least 480 credit points including 90 credit points at level 4, will normally be awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Psychology, Counselling and Education with an appropriate designation with Honours.
7. Candidates for the degree of Master of Science (MSci) in Counselling Psychology who have failed to meet the standard for progression into level 4, but who have successfully completed all other required elements of the programme and have achieved at least 360 credit points including 60 credit points at level 3, will normally be recommended for the award of Degree of Master of Arts in Educational Studies.

3. Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh) (Distance)

Regulation 3

In the existing regulation, following 'and above must include' insert '180 credit points across levels 3 and 4 and'.

In the existing regulation, following 'level 4' delete 'and not more than 30 level 3 outwith Divinity'.

3. BTh (Distance) Honours. 480 credit points from courses within Divinity. Total credits at level 3 and above must include 180 credit points across level 3 and 4 and 90 credit points at level 4 ~~and not more than 30 level 3 outwith Divinity.~~

4. Regulations for Degrees Undertaken at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at South China Normal University (SCNU)

Regulation 13

In the existing regulation, following 'Level 2' insert 'or above'.

13. In respect of General Regulation 22.3, any candidate who, while registered at the Aberdeen Institute at SCNU, has obtained not less than 240 credit points, including not less than 90 credit points at Level 2 or above, from courses which can be counted towards graduation with a first degree (excluding courses in English Language), and who is not qualified for the award of any other degree, diploma or certificate of the University, other than the Undergraduate Certificate in Higher Education, shall be awarded an Undergraduate Diploma in Higher Education (UgDipHE).

5. Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Regulation 8

Amend the existing regulation as follows:

8. Candidates must attend courses of instruction in an Honours programme comprising a dissertation and any six of the courses offered for the Degree of LLB with Honours, as specified in Annex A.
- (i) Excepting Candidates who have undertaken an approved period of study abroad during ~~the second half session of~~ programme year 3. In this case:
- a. Candidates undertaking the second term of programme 3 abroad (applicable to the Degree of LLB with Honours) must attend courses of instruction in an Honours programme comprising a dissertation ~~and~~ any five of the courses offered ~~for the Degree of LLB with Honours~~, as specified in Annex A.
 - b. Candidates undertaking programme year 3 in full abroad (applicable to the Degree of LLB in International Law and Comparative Law only) must attend course of instruction in an Honours programme comprising a dissertation and any four of the courses prescribed for the degree, as specified in Annex A.
- (ii) One of these Honours/Annex A courses may be replaced by a Level 4 course from another School, with the permission of the Senatus Academicus.

6. Supplementary Regulations for the Degree Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Accelerated

Regulation 58

In the existing regulation, before 'Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.' insert '(i)'.

In the existing regulation, following 'Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.' Insert '(ii)Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than four sessions'.

58. Subject to the provisions of Supplementary Regulations 58 to 59 every candidate for the Degree of LLB must obtain a minimum of 360 credit points. Candidates already in possession of a degree before registering for the LLB Accelerated will be awarded 120 credits of recognitions upon entry to the Degree. Candidates will be awarded 90 Level 1 unspecified recognitions, and 30 Level 3 unspecified recognitions. Candidates first enrolled during or after 2003/2004 must obtain a minimum of 60 credit points at level 3, with 30 credits in LS courses and 30 credits of Level 3 unspecified recognitions. Every candidate must be in attendance on classes for the following minimum periods, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, before applying for the degree.

- (i) Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.
~~(ii)~~ (ii) Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than four sessions.

7. Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws with English Law (LLB) Accelerated

Regulation 63

In the existing regulation, before 'Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.' Insert '(i)'

In the existing regulation, following 'Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.' Insert 'Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than four sessions.'

63. Subject to the provisions of Supplementary Regulations 63 to 64 every candidate for the Degree of LLB must obtain a minimum of 390 credit points. Candidates already in possession of a degree before registering for the LLB Accelerated will be awarded 120 credits of recognitions upon entry to the Degree. Candidates will be awarded 120 Level 1 unspecified recognitions. Candidates first enrolled during or after 2003/2004 must obtain a minimum of 60 credit points at level 3 or above in LS courses. Every candidate must be in attendance on classes for the following minimum periods, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, before applying for the degree.

(i) Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than two sessions.

(ii) Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than four sessions.

8. Supplementary Regulations for the Award of all Degrees in Science

Regulation 1

In the existing regulation, delete 'Degree of Master of Physics (MPhys)'.

1. First Degree programmes in Science may lead as appropriate to the award of a Bachelor's Degree (360 credits including 60 at level 3), a Designated Bachelor's Degree (360 credits including at least 240 at level 1 and 2 and 90 at level 3 in a specified discipline), a Bachelor's Degree with Honours (480 credits including at least 240 at levels 1 and 2 with at least 180 credits at level 3 or above, a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4), or an Integrated Master's Degree (600 credits including in addition to those required for the Bachelor's degree with Honours, 120 further credits comprising an enhanced research project or industrial placement). Candidates for a Designated Bachelor's Degree, Bachelor's Degree with Honours or Undergraduate Master's Degree must in addition comply with the specification for one of the relevant degree programmes specified in the Schedule of Degree Programmes. They must also satisfactorily complete any field work or practical courses as outlined in the programme prescription. The following awards are currently available: -

1.1 At Bachelor's Degree Level

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science (BSc)

1.2 At Designated Bachelor's Degree Level

Designated Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science (BSc)

Designated Degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BScBMS)

1.3 At Bachelor's Degree with Honours Level

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science with Honours (BSc)

Degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences with Honours (BScBMS)

1.4 At Integrated Master's Degree Level

Degree of Master of Chemistry (MChem)

Degree of Master of Engineering (MEng)

Degree of Master of Geology (MGeol)

~~Degree of Master of Physics (MPhys)~~

Degree of Master in Science (MSci)

Regulation 2

In the existing regulation, following 'MEng' insert 'and'.

In the existing regulation, following 'MGeol' delete 'MPhys'.

2. Except very candidate for the degree must, unless granted a concession in accordance with General Regulations for First Degrees Regulation 14, attend during one of the following minimum periods, as applicable, approved courses of instruction in the University of Aberdeen:

- (i) *Candidates for the degree by full-time study only:* not less than three sessions in the case of the Degree of a Bachelor's or Designated Bachelor's Degree; not less than four sessions in the case of a Bachelor's Degree with Honours; not less than five sessions of full-time study including an industrial placement in programme year 4 in the case of the Degree of Master in Science (MSci); nor less than five sessions of full-time study including an extended research project or industrial placement in the final year in the case of other Undergraduate Master's Degrees.
- (ii) *Candidates for the degree by part-time study only:* not less than five sessions in the case of a Bachelor's Degree, not less than six sessions in the case of a Designated Bachelor's Degree and not less than eight sessions in the case of a Bachelor's Degree with Honours.
- (iii) *Candidates for the degree by a combination of both part-time and full-time study:* such period as may be determined in individual cases by the Senatus Academicus

In terms of General Regulations for First Degrees 4, part-time study is permitted at all levels for the degrees of MChem, MEng and, MGeol and ~~MPhys~~. For the degree of MSci, part-time study is not permitted during the Industrial Placement. Candidates wishing to undertake part-time study during any part of the MSci Honours programme must seek guidance/approval from the Head of the appropriate School.

Note: For the purpose of this regulation full-time study during a session means either attendance in any academic year on courses leading to the award of more than 75 credit points, including a minimum of 30 credit points in each half-session term; or (for candidates attending blocked courses) attendance in any academic year on courses leading to the award of more than 75 credit points, including a minimum of 15 credit points in each of two six-week blocks together with pursuance of studies prescribed by a Tutor appointed by the Senatus Academicus of a minimum of 15 credit

points during each of the remaining blocks. Attendance not conforming to this definition is deemed part-time study.

Where a candidate is granted exemption or recognition on the basis of previous study, the minimum period of study for candidates in the University of Aberdeen may be reduced appropriately by the Senatus Academicus, but in no case shall the degree be awarded unless the period of study at the University of Aberdeen has been at least one session. In the case of candidates for an Integrated Master's Degree, the period of study at the University of Aberdeen must be at least three sessions and in no case shall the total period of study at a University or similar institution be less than four sessions.

9. Regulations for the Award of an Undergraduate Master's Degree

Regulation 12

In the existing regulation, following '(MGeol)' ~~delete~~ ', Degree of Master of Physics (MPhys)',

12. The Degree of Master of Chemistry (MChem), Degree of Master of Engineering (MEng), Degree of Master of Geology (MGeol), ~~Degree of Master of Physics (MPhys)~~, and Degree of Master in Science (MSci) may be conferred as first degrees with Honours in Science but only following the completion of an approved Honours programme.

Regulation 14

In the existing regulation, following 'MGeol' ~~delete~~ ', MPhys'.

14. In terms of General Regulations for First Degrees 16.1 (c), except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus, candidates may not proceed to programme years 3, 4 or 5 of the degree of MChem, MEng, MGeol, ~~MPhys~~ or MSci unless they have obtained the approval of the Head of the appropriate School, and complied with the requirements of Regulation 9, as appropriate to their intended Honours programme.

Regulation 16

In the existing regulation, following 'MEng' insert 'or'.

In the existing regulation, following 'MGeol' delete 'or MPhys'.

16. The examiners may recommend a candidate who has failed to achieve the standard necessary for the award of the degree of MChem, MEng ~~or~~, MGeol ~~or MPhys~~, be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science with Honours, in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations governing that degree. In the case of the degree of MSci, the examiners may recommend a candidate who has failed to achieve the standard necessary for the award of the degree be awarded the Degree of Master of Arts, Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science or the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences with an appropriate designation with Honours.

10. Supplementary Regulations for Postgraduate Study

Regulation 1

In the existing regulations, after ‘the Senatus Academicus’ insert:

‘Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.’

Graduation ceremonies are held in June and November but degrees may be conferred in *absentia* at any meeting of the Senatus Academicus. Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.

11. General Regulations for Research Degrees

Regulation 41

In the existing regulations, after ‘paid the tuition fees required’ insert:

‘Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.’

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

41. The degree shall not be conferred on candidates unless:

- (i) they have completed the period specified under Regulation 15, read with Regulation 16;
- (ii) they have paid the tuition fees required.

Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.

12. Schedule B – General Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards

Regulation 13

In the existing regulation, after ‘professional engineering institutions’ insert:

‘The award of credit in such instances is not permissible for candidates registered on the Degree of MSc in International Human Resource Management as a consequence of the fact the programme is accredited, and the achievement of all courses is a requirement for completion.’

13. In exceptional circumstances, at the recommendation of the exam board, an external examiner may confirm at the exam board meeting the award of a Masters to a student notwithstanding a marginal fail in up to 30 credits, or up to 20 credits for programmes within the School of Engineering programmes in the School of Engineering that are accredited by Engineering Council licenced professional engineering institutions. [The award of credit in such instances is not permissible for candidates registered on the Degree of MSc in International Human Resource Management as a consequence of the fact the programme is accredited, and the achievement of all courses is a requirement for completion.](#)

Regulation 16

In the existing regulation, after ‘paid the tuition fees required’ insert:

‘Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.’

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

16. The degree shall not be conferred on candidates unless:

- (iii) they have completed the period specified under Regulation 15, read with Regulation 16;
- (iv) they have paid the tuition fees required.

[Every candidate who wishes to graduate in person must normally do so in the academic year following the date of completion of their studies and will only be permitted to graduate once for the same degree. Any student who fails to apply to graduate in the academic year following becoming eligible to graduate will automatically graduate in-absentia and will not normally be permitted to attend a future in-person ceremony.](#)