

TUITION FEES POLICY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS FOR THE 2021/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All students taking University courses are required annually to pay the tuition fee for their programme of study and, where applicable, any examination or re-examination fees.
2. Details of the tuition fees approved for each programme by the University Court for the Academic Year 2021/22 can be found [here](#)
3. All fees for the year become legally due and are normally payable in one sum, at the time of registration. All the above fee rates include a composition element which entitles every student to the use of University facilities such as the Students' Union Building and the Aberdeen Sports Village.
4. Students registered for a period of study spanning less than a full academic year pay an appropriate part-year fee.
5. In line with other universities, tuition fees are subject to annual review and the University reserves the right to routinely increase these from year to year. Students who are not on fixed fee programmes (see below*) should budget for an increase of between 5% and 9% per annum.

*Research students who are classed as Overseas for fee purposes, and who started after 1 August 2014, will have their annual tuition fee fixed at the rate for the academic year in which they started their studies.

Research students classed as Overseas who started before 1 August 2014/15 will have their annual tuition fee fixed at the 2014/15 fee rate.

Note, this does not apply to taught post-graduate students or research students who are classed as Home/EU or RUK for fees purposes. Such students will pay the appropriate fee rate for the academic year in which they are studying.

FEES FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

6. With the exception of programmes charged on a modular basis, or stand-alone qualifications, the fee for a Postgraduate Diploma will be 10/12 of the appropriate Masters fee.

PART-TIME TUITION FEE RATES

7. Postgraduate students registered for part-time study (where programmes allow) are charged at the appropriate part-time fee rate. The part-time fee rate for taught and research postgraduate programmes is 50% of the relevant full-time fee rate. Exception is:
 - Where the entire programme is charged on a modular basis. If a programme is charged on a modular basis then it will be clearly marked on the [fee database table](#) and will be charged according to the number of credits that a student is taking in the academic year.
8. The fees for part-time UK/EU and Overseas students registered on a taught postgraduate programme and registered for fewer than 60 credit points are reduced *pro rata*.

EXTENSIONS FOR TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

9. Taught Postgraduate students requiring an extension to their study will not be charged fees to cover this period.

RESEARCH STUDENTS STUDYING BY DISTANCE LEARNING/OFF CAMPUS

10. Research students admitted to undertake their programme by distance learning are not eligible for a reduction in their tuition fees. Such students must pay either the full time or part time rate, as appropriate to their studies.
11. Research students who are undertaking their study on campus, but who have approval to spend a part of their study off campus will not normally be eligible for a reduction in fees for the period spent off campus. In certain circumstances it might be appropriate to reduce fees by half for the period spent off campus, but this must be approved by the Head of School on recommendation by the supervisor.

CONTINUATION FEE FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

12. All research students who have completed their prescribed period of supervised study, but who have not submitted their thesis for examination, are required to pay a continuation fee of £120 in each academic year in which they are not liable for a tuition fee to continue their candidature for the degree. These students must submit an application to extend their candidature.

REINSTATEMENT FEE

13. Research students who are beyond the maximum period of study for their research degree, or who have not been given an approved extension, but have been given approval to submit a thesis for examination, are required to pay a fee of £1420 (1/3 of the full time Home/EU fee rate) upon submission of their thesis for examination.

RE-ASSESSMENT FEES

14. Students registered for courses at level 5 (postgraduate) or for a degree by research who have paid the appropriate tuition or supervision fees are entitled, without further payment, to one opportunity of assessment. Where re-assessment is permitted the following charges apply:
 - Taught postgraduate students taking the prescribed degree assessment for a course on a second or subsequent occasion without re-attending teaching will be required to pay £30 per course (capped at £180 for 6 or more reassessments).
 - Research postgraduate students required to resubmit their thesis for examination will be required to pay £150 upon submission of the revised thesis.
15. Students who fail to undertake a degree assessment for which they are a candidate will be liable for a re-assessment fee at any subsequent diet, except where a medical certificate or other exceptional reason explaining their absence is produced.
16. Candidates for the degrees of DLitt, DMus, DSc, LLD pay an examination fee of £900, and a re-examination fee, where applicable, of £450.

TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE OFF CAMPUS EXAMINATIONS

17. Students who are given permission to undertake an examination off campus are liable for a fee of £50 per examination. This does not include students who are undertaking a course by distance learning. Such students are not required to pay additional fees for undertaking an examination off campus.

REFUNDS FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL FROM STUDY

18. We strongly recommend that all students are familiar with the University's refund policy which can be found [here](#)

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