

# Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Master of Arts (MA)

1. The degree of Master of Arts (MA) may be conferred in one of three forms: either as the Degree of MA, as the Designated Degree of MA, or as the Degree of MA with Honours.

## ACCELERATED HONOURS PROGRAMME

- 2.1 Candidates may be admitted directly to the second session of study for the degree by the Senatus Academicus and thereby reduce the prescribed period of study for the Degree of MA with Honours by one session. Such candidates must hold qualifications as approved by the University Committee on Teaching and Learning annually.

Candidates wishing to apply to the Senatus Academicus for admission under this provision must do so not later than the end of the first week of teaching in the first half-session of their first registration for the degree of MA. Any such application must be supported in writing by the relevant Head or Heads of School.

- 2.2 In order to be eligible to enter an Honours Programme after one session in attendance candidates admitted directly to the second session of study for the degree must obtain not fewer than 120 credit points within that session and must satisfy the standard required by the Head or Heads of School concerned for entry to Honours in the appropriate courses at Level 2.
- 2.3 A candidate registered under this Regulation who fails to meet the requirements of 2.2 or who subsequently elects to graduate with a non-Honours version of the Degree of Master of Arts (either the Degree or the Designated Degree) will be required to satisfy the full requirements of MA Regulations 3 to 10 as applicable.

## REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DEGREE

3. Every candidate for the Degree of MA must obtain a minimum of 360 credit points. A candidate who has completed the minimum requirements for another degree may not count towards this requirement more than 120 credit points obtained while studying for that degree.
4. Every candidate, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, must attend courses in the University of Aberdeen for a minimum of three sessions.
5. A graduating curriculum must include:
  - (i) at least 240 credit points in courses from each of three of the following subject groups, as defined in Annex B to these regulations:
    - (a) Literary and language studies.
    - (b) Philosophical, historical and cultural studies.
    - (c) Economic and social sciences.
    - (d) Mathematical, computing and physical sciences.
    - (e) Business and management studies.
    - (f) Educational Studies
  - (ii) candidates first enrolled in or after Academic Year 2003/04 must obtain at least a minimum of 60 credit points at level 3. Candidates from earlier intakes not complying with that requirement must comply with the requirements of Supplementary Regulations 6 (i) as contained in the *University Calendar* for 2003/04.
6. The minimum 360 credit points must not include credit points in a course no longer offered for the degree, or previously offered under another title or at another level, with credit points in a course comprising all or part of the same syllabus material.
7. Candidates who have complied with the provisions of Regulations 3 to 6, and with the General Degree Regulations, shall be entitled to apply for award of the Degree of Master of Arts.

## REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DESIGNATED DEGREE

8. Every candidate for the Designated Degree of MA must obtain a minimum of 360 credit points including (i) at least 120 credit points at level 2 or above, (ii) at least 90 credit points at level 3. A candidate who has completed the minimum requirements for another degree may not count towards this requirement more than 120 credit points obtained while studying for that degree.
9. Candidates who have complied with the provisions of Regulations 4, 6 and 8, and with the General Degree Regulations, and who have satisfied the additional requirements as prescribed in the relevant section of Annex C for one of the disciplines as defined in Annex A to these regulations, shall be entitled to apply for the award of the Designated Degree of MA and to have the name of that discipline inscribed on their degree certificate.
10. Notwithstanding Supplementary Regulation 9, exceptionally with the permission of the Senatus Academicus, candidates registered for Honours programmes in disciplines not listed in Regulation 9 above, and who have obtained a minimum of 90 credit points at level 3, may also be permitted to apply for the award of a designated degree, appropriately designated, where, for good cause, they are unable to complete the requirements for their Honours programme.

## REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DEGREE WITH HONOURS

11. Every candidate for the Degree of MA with Honours must obtain a minimum of 480 credit points unless admitted under the terms of Regulation 2 above, in which case they must obtain a minimum of 360 credit points. A candidate who has completed the minimum requirements for another degree may not count towards this requirement more than 240 credit points.

12. All candidates for Honours shall present themselves for examination in an Honours programme approved for the degree of MA as defined in Annex A to these regulations.
13. The degree shall not be conferred on candidates unless they have satisfied the examiners in an approved Honours programme.
14. Candidates for the Degree of MA with Honours, unless admitted under the terms of Regulation 2 above or granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, must attend courses in the University of Aberdeen for a minimum of four sessions.
15. Candidates, unless admitted under the terms of Regulation 2 above, shall not be admitted to any Honours programme unless they have previously obtained 240 credit points from courses at levels 1 and 2, of which at least 165 must be from courses listed in Annex B to these regulations. The Senatus Academicus, on the recommendation of the Head(s) of the School(s) concerned, may exempt candidates from this requirement.
16. Candidates shall not be admitted to any Honours programme unless they have secured the approval of the Head(s) of the School(s) concerned; candidates in an Honours programme may register for additional courses only after consultation with the Head(s) of the School(s) concerned. Candidates who register for any additional Honours level courses shall not be permitted to count those courses towards the Honours degree classification and these courses must thus be identified as additional in writing at the start of the academic year.
17. Once admitted to an Honours programme, candidates must comply with the prescriptions of that programme as specified in Annex B to these regulations.
18. Except by special permission of the Senatus Academicus on the recommendation of the Head(s) of the School(s) concerned, candidates in any Honours programme must complete the prescribed degree assessment by the end of their Senior Honours session.
19. Except by special permission of the Senatus Academicus on the recommendation of the Heads of the Schools concerned, candidates for Joint Honours or Combined Honours are allowed to write one dissertation only, in either of their constituent disciplines.
20. Candidates who have obtained Honours in one programme may present themselves for Honours in a second programme provided that all the assessments for both are completed within six sessions of attendance from the date of their first registration for the degree, and provided that no subject included in the first programme is included in the second programme.
21. Candidates may be exempted from attendance on courses by the Senatus Academicus for the purposes of approved study away from the University on the recommendation of the Head of School concerned.
22. Candidates who have complied with the provisions of Regulations 11 to 21 and with the General Degree Regulations shall be entitled to apply for award of the Degree of MA with Honours. Any such candidates who have already had the Degree of MA conferred upon them shall, on completing the necessary additional requirements, be entitled to receive a Certificate stating the class of Honours awarded to them. Candidates for the MA with Honours in Computing with Industrial Placement shall, on satisfactory completion of the requirements for that degree, be awarded the Degree of Master in Science (MSci).

## Annex A: Degree programmes approved for the award of Master of Arts (MA)

### REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DESIGNATED DEGREE

1. Candidates who have complied with the provisions of Regulations 4, 6 and 8, and with the General Degree Regulations, and who have satisfied the additional requirements as prescribed in the relevant section of Annex C for one of the disciplines defined below, shall be entitled to apply for the award of the Designated Degree of MA and to have the name of that discipline inscribed on their degree certificate.

Accountancy, Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Archaeology, Behavioural Studies, Celtic Civilisation, Computing, Divinity, Economics, English, European Studies, Film & Visual Culture, Finance, French Studies, Gaelic Studies, Gaelic with Education (UHIMI), Gaelic with Educational Studies (UHIMI), Geography, German Studies, Hispanic Studies, History, History of Art, Information Systems and Management, Land and Property Studies, Language & Linguistics, Literature in a World Context, Management Studies, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Studies, Psychology, Real Estate, Scottish Archaeology, Scottish Cultural Studies, Sociology.

### REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DEGREE WITH HONOURS

All candidates for Honours shall present themselves for examination in an Honours programme approved for the degree of MA. Those programmes marked \* can only be taken by full-time study. The approved programmes are:

- (1) MA with Single Honours:

Accountancy, Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Archaeology, \*Behavioural Studies, Celtic Studies, \*Computing (also available with Industrial Placement), Divinity, Economics, English, English and Scottish Literature, European Studies, Film & Visual Culture, French Studies, Gaelic Studies, Geography, German Studies, Hispanic Studies (Latin America), Hispanic Studies (Spain), History, History of Art, Language & Linguistics, Literature in a World Context, Management Studies, Mathematics, Mental Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, \*Psychology, Real Estate, Religious Studies, Scottish Archaeology, Sociology.

- (2) MA with Joint or Combined Honours:

Accountancy-Anthropology, Accountancy-Divinity, Accountancy-Economics, Accountancy-Finance, Accountancy-French, Accountancy-Geography, Accountancy-German, Accountancy-Hispanic Studies, Accountancy-Legal Studies, Accountancy-Management Studies, Accountancy-Philosophy, Accountancy-Real Estate, Accountancy-Sociology, Accountancy with Computing, Accountancy with French, Accountancy with German, Anthropology-Archaeology, \*Anthropology-Behavioural Studies, Anthropology-Celtic Civilisation, Anthropology-Divinity, Anthropology-Economics, Anthropology-Education (Primary), Anthropology-English, Anthropology-Film & Visual Culture, Anthropology-Finance, Anthropology-French, Anthropology-French (Mode B), Anthropology-Gaelic Studies, Anthropology-Geography, Anthropology-German, Anthropology-German (Mode B), Anthropology-Hispanic Studies, Anthropology-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Anthropology-History, Anthropology-History of Art, Anthropology-International Relations, Anthropology-Language & Linguistics, Anthropology-Legal Studies, Anthropology-Literature in a World Context, Anthropology-Management Studies, Anthropology-Philosophy, Anthropology-Politics, \*Anthropology-Psychology, Anthropology-Religious Studies, Anthropology-Sociology, Archaeology-Celtic Civilisation, Archaeology-Geography, Archaeology-History, Archaeology-History of Art, Archaeology-Philosophy, Archaeology-Scandinavian Studies, \*Behavioural Studies-Education (Primary), \*Behavioural Studies-Management Studies, \*Behavioural Studies-Philosophy, \*Behavioural Studies-Sociology, \*Behavioural Studies with French, \*Behavioural Studies with Gaelic Studies, \*Behavioural Studies with German, Celtic Civilisation-Divinity, Celtic Civilisation-English, Celtic Civilisation-French, Celtic Civilisation-French (Mode B), Celtic Civilisation-Gaelic Studies, Celtic Civilisation-German, Celtic Civilisation-German (Mode B), Celtic Civilisation-Hispanic Studies, Celtic Civilisation-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Celtic Civilisation-History, Celtic Civilisation-History of Art, Celtic Civilisation-Language and Linguistics, Celtic Civilisation-Literature in a World Context, Celtic Civilisation-Philosophy, Celtic Civilisation-Religious Studies, Celtic Civilisation-Scandinavian Studies, Celtic Civilisation-Sociology, Celtic Studies-Divinity, Celtic Studies-English, Celtic Studies-French, Celtic Studies-French (Mode B), Celtic Studies-Gaelic Studies, Celtic Studies-History, Celtic Studies-Scandinavian Studies, \*Computing-History, \*Computing and Mathematics, \*Computing and Music, \*Computing-Philosophy, Divinity-Economics, Divinity-English, Divinity-Film & Visual Culture, Divinity-Finance, Divinity-French, Divinity-French (Mode B), Divinity-Gaelic Studies, Divinity-German, Divinity-German (Mode B), Divinity-Hispanic Studies, Divinity-Hispanic (Mode B), Divinity-History, Divinity-History of Art, Divinity-International Relations, Divinity-Language & Linguistics, Divinity-Legal Studies, Divinity-Literature in a World Context, Divinity-Philosophy, Divinity-Politics, Divinity-Sociology, Divinity with Music Studies, Economics-English, Economics-Finance, Economics-French, Economics-French (Mode B), Economics-Gaelic Studies, Economics-Geography, Economics-German, Economics-German (Mode B), Economics-Hispanic Studies, Economics-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Economics-History, Economics-History of Art, Economics-International Relations, Economics-Legal Studies, Economics-Literature in a World Context, Economics-Management Studies, Economics-Mathematics, Economics-Philosophy, Economics-Politics, \*Economics-Psychology, Economics-Real Estate, Economics-Sociology, Economics with Computing, Education (Primary)-English, Education (Secondary)-English, Education (Primary)-French Studies, Education (Primary)-French Studies (Mode B), Education (Secondary)-French Studies, Education (Secondary)-French Studies (Mode B), Education (Primary)-Gaelic Studies, Education (Primary)-Geography, Education (Secondary)-Geography, Education (Primary)-German, Education (Primary)-German (Mode B), Education (Secondary)-German, Education (Primary)-Hispanic Studies, Education (Primary)-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Education (Primary)-History, Education (Secondary)-History, Education (Primary)-International Relations, Education (Secondary)-International Relations, Education (Primary)-Mathematics, Education (Secondary)-Mathematics, Education (Primary)-Physics, Education (Secondary)-Physics, Education (Primary)-Politics, Education (Secondary)-Politics, Education (Primary)-Psychology, Education (Primary)-Sociology, English-Film & Visual Culture, English-Finance, English-French, English-French (Mode B), English-Gaelic Studies, English-German, English-German (Mode B), English-Hispanic Studies, English-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), English-History, English-History of Art, English-International Relations, English-Language & Linguistics, English-Legal Studies, English-Literature in a World Context, English-Management Studies, English-Philosophy, English-Politics, English-Religious Studies, English-Scandinavian Studies, English-Sociology, English with Music Studies, Film & Visual Culture-French, Film and Visual Culture-French (Mode B), Film & Visual Culture-Gaelic Studies, Film & Visual Culture-German, Film and Visual Culture-German (Mode B), Film & Visual Culture-Hispanic Studies, Film and Visual Culture-Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Film & Visual Culture-History, Film & Visual Culture-History of Art, Film & Visual Culture-International Relations, Film & Visual Culture-Literature in a World

Context, Film & Visual Culture-Philosophy, Film & Visual Culture-Politics, Film & Visual Culture-Religious Studies, Film & Visual Culture-Sociology, Finance-French, Finance-French (Mode B), Finance-Geography, Finance-German, Finance-German (Mode B), Finance-Hispanic Studies, Finance Hispanic Studies (Mode B), Finance-History, Finance-History of Art, Finance-International Relations, Finance-Legal Studies, Finance-Literature in a World Context, Finance-Management Studies, Finance-Philosophy, Finance-Politics, Finance-Real Estate, Finance-Sociology, Finance with Computing, French-Gaelic Studies, French-Geography, French-German, French-Hispanic Studies, French-History, French-History (Mode B), French-History of Art, French-History of Art (Mode B), French-International Relations, French-International Relations (Mode B), French-Language & Linguistics, French-Language and Linguistics (Mode B), French-Legal Studies, French-Legal Studies (Mode B), French-Literature in a World Context, French-Literature in a World Context (Mode B), French-Management Studies, French-Management Studies (Mode B), French-Mathematics, French-Mathematics (Mode B), French-Philosophy, French-Philosophy (Mode B), French-Politics, French-Politics (Mode B), French-Religious Studies, French-Religious Studies (Mode B), French-Sociology, French-Sociology (Mode B), French with Music Studies, French with Music Studies (Mode B), Gaelic with Education (Primary) (UHIMI), Gaelic with Education (Secondary) (UHIMI), Gaelic Studies-Geography, Gaelic Studies-German, Gaelic Studies-Hispanic Studies, Gaelic Studies-History, Gaelic Studies-History of Art, Gaelic Studies-Language & Linguistics, Gaelic Studies-Literature in a World Context, Gaelic Studies-Management Studies, Gaelic Studies-Politics, Gaelic Studies-Religious Studies, Gaelic Studies-Scandinavian Studies, Gaelic Studies-Sociology, Geography-German, Geography-Hispanic Studies, Geography-History, Geography-International Relations, Geography-Literature in a World Context, Geography-Management Studies, , Geography-Sociology, German-Hispanic Studies, German-History, German-History (Mode B), German-History of Art, German-History of Art (Mode B), German-International Relations, German-International Relations (Mode B), German-Language & Linguistics, German-Language and Linguistics (Mode B), German-Legal Studies, German-Legal Studies (Mode B), German-Literature in a World Context, German-Literature in a World Context (Mode B), German-Management Studies, German-Management Studies (Mode B), German-Mathematics, German-Mathematics (Mode B), German-Philosophy, German-Philosophy (Mode B), German-Politics, German-Politics (Mode B), German-Religious Studies, German-Religious Studies (Mode B), German-Sociology, German-Sociology (Mode B), German with Music Studies, German with Music Studies (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-History, Hispanic Studies-History (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-History of Art, Hispanic Studies-History of Art (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-International Relations, Hispanic Studies-International Relations (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Language & Linguistics, Hispanic Studies-Language & Linguistics (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Legal Studies, Hispanic Studies-Legal Studies (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Literature in a World Context, Hispanic Studies-Literature in a World Context (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Management Studies, Hispanic Studies-Management Studies (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Mathematics, Hispanic Studies-Mathematics (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Philosophy, Hispanic Studies-Philosophy (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Politics, Hispanic Studies-Politics (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Religious Studies, Hispanic Studies-Religious Studies (Mode B), Hispanic Studies-Sociology, Hispanic Studies, Sociology (Mode B), Hispanic Studies with Music Studies, Hispanic Studies with Music Studies (Mode B), History-History of Art, History-International Relations, History-Language & Linguistics, History-Legal Studies, History-Literature in a World Context, History-Management Studies, History-Mathematics, History-Philosophy, History-Politics, History-Religious Studies, History-Scandinavian Studies, History-Sociology, History with Music Studies, History of Art-Language & Linguistics, History of Art-Literature in a World Context, History of Art-Philosophy, History of Art-Religious Studies, History of Art with Music Studies, \*Information Systems and Management, International Relations-Language and Linguistics, International Relations-Legal Studies, International Relations-Literature in a World Context, International Relations-Management Studies, International Relations-Philosophy, International Relations-Religious Studies, International Relations-Sociology, Language & Linguistics-Literature in a World Context, Language & Linguistics-Philosophy, Language & Linguistics-Religious Studies, Language & Linguistics-Sociology, Languages and Literature of Scotland, Legal Studies-Management Studies, Legal Studies-Philosophy, Legal Studies-Politics, \*Legal Studies-Psychology, Legal Studies-Sociology, Literature in a World Context-Management Studies, Literature in a World Context-Philosophy, Literature in a World Context-Politics, Literature in a World Context-Religious Studies, Literature in a World Context-Sociology, Management Studies-Mathematics, Management Studies-Philosophy, Management Studies-Politics, \*Management Studies-Psychology, Management Studies-Real Estate, Management Studies-Sociology, Management Studies with Computing, Mathematics-Philosophy, Mathematics-Physics, Mathematics-Sociology, Mathematics with Computing, Mathematics with Gaelic, Philosophy-Physics, Philosophy-Politics, \*Philosophy-Psychology, Philosophy-Religious Studies, Philosophy-Sociology, Philosophy with Music Studies, Politics and International Relations, Politics-Religious Studies, Politics-Sociology, \*Psychology-Sociology, \*Psychology with French, \*Psychology with Gaelic, \*Psychology with German, Religious Studies-Sociology, Religious Studies with Music Studies.

(3) MA with General Honours:

Scottish Cultural Studies  
Scottish Studies.

## Annex B: Allocation of courses to subject groups qualifying for the degree of MA

Note: A list showing the allocation of Continuing Education credit-bearing courses to subject groups qualifying for the degree of MA is available from either the Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning or the Clerk to the Quality Assurance Committee.

### Group a: Literary and language studies.

Biblical Studies:	All DR courses in Hebrew Bible and New Testament.
Celtic Civilisation / Celtic Studies:	All CE courses except CE 2031, 3063, 3074, 3563, 3574, 4086.
English:	All EL courses.
French:	All FR courses.
Gaelic:	All GH courses except GH 2006.
German:	All GM courses except GM 3050.
Greek:	DR 1039, 1538.
Hispanic Studies:	All SP courses.

CLL	
Christian Studies:	KL10/152P, KL102B, KL1021, KL 20/25A8, KL 20/25B5, KL30/35N1, KL30/35N8, KL40/4517, KL 4024, KL 4025, KL 4518.
Scottish Archaeology:	KL 30/35N1, KL 40/4517, KL 4518.

### Group b: Philosophical, historical and cultural studies.

Anthropology:	All AT courses.
Archaeology:	All AY courses.
Celtic:	CE 1031, 1532, 2562, 2531, 3589.
Divinity with Religious Studies:	All DR courses except those listed under Biblical Studies and Greek in <i>Group a</i> .
Film & Visual Culture:	All FS courses except FS 43IA.
Gaelic:	GH 2006.
History:	All HI courses.
History of Art:	All HA courses.
International Relations:	All courses (see Catalogue for those courses deemed International Relations).
Law:	All courses LS1... and LS2...
Music Studies:	All MU courses.
Philosophy:	All PH courses.
Politics:	PI 1013, 2007, 2507.

CLL	
Christian Studies:	All courses except KL 10/152P, KL 102B, KL 1021, KL 20/25B5, KL 20/25A8, KL 30/35N1, KL 30/35N8, KL 40/4517, KL 40/4525, KL 4518.
Scottish Archaeology:	KL 20/255H, KL 20/255M, KL 30/35D1, KL 40/45D1.
Scottish Cultural Studies:	All courses.

### Group c: Economic and social sciences.

Economics:	All EC courses.
Geography:	All GG courses.
Politics:	All PI courses except PI 1013, 2007, 2507.
Property/Real Estate:	All PO courses except PO 2005.
Psychology:	All PS courses.
Sociology:	All SO courses.

CLL	
Counselling Skills:	All courses.
Scottish Archaeology:	KL 155L, KL 205/255N, KL 20/255P, KL 20/255K, KL 30/3552, KL 30/355C, KL 3596, KL 40/4551, KL 40/4554.

### Group d: Mathematical, computing and physical sciences.

Computing:	All CS courses.
Marine and Coastal Resource Management:	All MR courses at level 1, MR 2508, MR 2509.
Mathematical Sciences:	All MX courses.
Mathematics:	All MA courses.
Statistics:	All ST courses, HE 2502.
Physics:	All PX courses.

### Group e: Business and management studies.

Accountancy:	All AC courses.
Management Studies:	All MS courses.
Property/Real Estate:	PO 2005

CLL	
Mentoring & Student Tutoring:	All courses.

**Group f: Educational Studies.**

Education:

ED 1056, 1544, 2055, 2555, 4018, 4019, 4020, 4511, 4701, 4702.

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