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

- The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB) may be conferred in one of two forms: either as the Degree of LLB or as the
 Degree of LLB with Honours. The degree shall not be conferred honoris causa tantum. The Degree of LLB may be
 awarded with Commendation or Distinction.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of Regulations 3 to 5 every candidate for the Degree of LLB must obtain a minimum of 360 credit points. 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. Candidates already in possession of a degree before registering for the LLB are normally granted such exemption.
 - (i) Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than three sessions.
 - (ii) Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than five sessions.
 - (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 For the purpose of this Regulation two half-sessions of part-time study shall be counted as the equivalent of one half-session of full-time study.
- 3. Every candidate must include in their curriculum and have passed the prescribed degree assessment in the compulsory courses for their particular degree programme as listed in the programme prescription.
- 4. The minimum 360 credit points required for the award of the Degree must not include credit points from the course LS2533 Business Law
- 5. Candidates who have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 and of the General Degree Regulations shall be entitled to apply for the Degree of LLB. Any such candidates for the degree who have successfully completed the courses detailed in the relevant section of programme prescriptions will be entitled to have their degree certificate endorsed LLB with Options in French Language, LLB with Options in Gaelic Language, LLB with Options in German Language, LLB with Options in Spanish Language, LLB with Options in Economics, LLB with Options in Accountancy, LLB with Options in Business Management, or LLB with Options in Music, as appropriate.
- 6. Subject to Regulation 17.1.4. of the General Regulations for First Degrees, a candidate who has completed programme year 3 of the non-honours degree and has fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 may, with the permission of the Senatus Academicus, progress from programme year 3 of the non-honours degree programme to year 3 of the Honours degree programme.

REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DEGREE WITH HONOURS

- **7.** Candidates for the Degree of LLB with Honours, must obtain at least 480 credit points, and must comply with the provisions of Regulation 3.
- 8. Candidates must attend courses of instruction in an Honours programme comprising a dissertation (LS 4025) 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 Candidates must attend courses of instruction in an Honours programme comprising a dissertation (LS 4025), any five of the courses offered for the Degree of LLB with Honours, as specified in Annex A. In addition, LS 3525 must be undertaken in programme year 4.
 - (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. .
- 9. Candidates for the Degree of LLB with Honours must have their dissertation topic approved by an appropriate member of the staff of the School of Law. Candidates shall submit their dissertation in the Senior Honours session by the relevant date as publicised by the School, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the prior permission of the Senatus Academicus has been obtained. Candidates who do not comply with this regulation may be subject to such punitive action as may be decided by the Board of Examiners for the Honours programme.
- 10. Candidates who have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 7 and 8 and of the General Degree Regulations shall be entitled to apply for the Degree of LLB with Honours. Any such candidates who have already had the Degree of LLB conferred upon them shall be entitled to receive a certificate stating the class of Honours awarded to them. Any such candidates who have successfully completed the courses detailed in the relevant section of programme prescriptions will be entitled to have their degree certificate endorsed LLB (Honours) with Options in French Language, LLB (Honours) with Options in German Language, LLB (Honours) with Options in German Language, LLB (Honours) with Options in Spanish Language, LLB (Honours) with Options in Economics, LLB (Honours) with Options in Accountancy, LLB (Honours) with Options in Business Management, or LLB (Honours) with Options in Music, as appropriate.

Bachelor of Laws and French Law (LLB and French Law)

- 11. The Degree of LLB and French Law extends over four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. The Degree of LLB and French Law with Honours extends over five sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. For both degrees, candidates must spend a session of study, normally in programme year three except with permission of the Senatus Acadmicus, at the University of Grenoble, Lyon University 2, Strasbourg University, University of Clermont 1, or Reims University where the medium of instruction is French Language. This portion of the degree must be taken on a full-time basis.
- **12.** To be eligible to study at the aforementioned French Universities, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, candidates must have passed by the end of their second session of full-time study or the equivalent; all the courses prescribed for programme years 1 and 2 in the programme prescription, at least 210 credit points over programme years 1 and 2, and the pre-requisite courses for entry into programme year 4.
- **13.** During their session at one or other of the French Universities, candidates shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures in force at the relevant University.
- **14.** Candidates who pass the relevant courses prescribed for programme year 3 as indicated in the programme prescription shall be awarded the Diploma in French Law by the University of Grenoble, the Diploma of French Legal Studies by the University of Lyon 2, the Diploma in Legal Sciences by the University of Clermont 1, or Certificate in Legal Studies by Reims University or the University of Strasbourg, as appropriate.
- **15.** Except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus or where General Regulation 17.1 applies candidates may not progress into:
 - (I) Junior Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 360 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws and French Law];
 - (II) Non- Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 330 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and French Law (Non-Honours)];
 - (III) Junior Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB Hons or LLB Hons with Options in French Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
 - (IV) Non- Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB or LLB with Options in French Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 210 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
- 16. Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB and French Law if they have:
 - (i) fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations;
 - (ii) successfully completed, or been granted exemption from all the courses detailed in the programme prescription; and
 - (iii) successfully completed the Diploma in French Law from the University of Grenoble or the Diploma in French Legal Studies from Lyon University 2 or the Diploma in Legal Sciences from the University of Clermont 1 or the Certificate in Legal Studies from Reims University or the Certificate in Legal Studies from Strasbourg University.
- 17. Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB Honours and French Law if they have satisfied the provisions of Regulation 16 (supra) and have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 8 and 9 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations.
- 18. A candidate shall immediately inform his or her Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen and the appropriate French University if he or she is unable to attend courses at Grenoble, Lyon University 2, Strasbourg University, University of Clermont 1 or Reims University for a period longer than two continuous weeks, or fails to take examinations or to complete any required course assessment. In the case of illness he or she shall send a copy of a medical certificate to the Law School and to the Go Abroad Tutor of Aberdeen University; and in any other case shall submit reasons in writing to the Go Abroad Tutor explaining the absence or failure to complete a required course assessment.
- 19. A candidate who does not obtain the Diploma in French Law or the Diploma in French Legal Studies or Diploma in Legal Studies or the Certificate in Legal Studies from the appropriate French University will not be allowed to continue with the Degree of LLB and French Law but will normally be required to transfer to the Degree of LLB, or the Degree of LLB with Honours, or one of these forms of the degree with Options in French Language as determined in regulation 15 (iii) and (iv).

Bachelor of Laws and German Law (LLB and German Law)

- 20. The Degree of LLB and German Law extends over four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. The Degree of LLB and German Law with Honours extends over five sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. For both degrees, candidates must spend a session of study, normally in programme year three except with permission of the Senatus Academicus, at the University of Regensburg, the University of Freiburg or the University of Marburg where the medium of instruction is German Language. This portion of the degree must be taken on a full-time basis.
- 21. To be eligible to study at the University of Regensburg, the University of Freiburg or the University of Marburg, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, candidates must have passed by the end of their second session of full-time study or the equivalent; all the courses prescribed for programme years 1 and 2 in the programme prescription, at least 210 credit points over programme years 1 and 2, and the pre-requisite courses for entry into programme year 4.
- 22. During their session at the University of Regensburg, the University of Freiburg, or the University of Marburg candidates shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures in force at the relevant University.
- 23. Candidates who pass the courses prescribed for programme year 3 as indicated in programme prescriptions shall be awarded the Certificate in German Law by the University of Regensburg and candidates who pass the courses prescribed for programme year 3 as indicated in programme prescriptions shall be awarded the Diploma in German Law by the University of Freiburg.
- **24.** Except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus or where General Regulation 17.1 applies candidates may not progress into:
 - (I) Junior Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 360 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws and German Law];
 - (II) Non- Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 330 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and German Law (Non-Honours)];
 - (III) Junior Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB Hons or LLB Hons with Options in German Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
 - (IV) Non- Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB or LLB with Options in German Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 210 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
- 25. Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB and German Law if they have:
 - (i) fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations;
 - (ii) successfully completed, or been granted exemption from, all the courses detailed in the programme prescription; and
 - (iii) successfully completed the Certificate in German Law from the University of Regensburg or the Diploma in German Law from the University of Freiburg or gained 60 ECTS credit points from the University of Marburg.
- **26.** Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB Honours and German Law if they have satisfied the provisions of Regulation 25 (supra) and have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 8 and 9 of the LLB Regulations, and Regulations 8 and 9 of the General Degree Regulations.
- 27. A candidate shall immediately inform his or her Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen and Regensburg, Freiburg or Marburg Universities if he or she is unable to attend courses at Regensburg, Freiburg or Marburg Universities for a period longer than two continuous weeks, or fails to take examinations or to complete any required course assessment. In the case of illness he or she shall send a copy of a medical certificate to the Law School and to the Go Abroad Tutor of Aberdeen University; and in any other case shall submit reasons in writing to the Go Abroad Tutor explaining the absence or failure to complete a required course assessment.
- 28. A candidate who does not take or fails any assessment required for the award of the Certificate in German Law or the Diploma in German Law or 60 ECTS credit points from Marburg University will not be allowed to continue with the Degree of Law and German Law but will normally be required to transfer to the Degree of LLB, or the Degree of LLB with Honours, or one of these forms of the degree with Options in German Language as determined in regulation 24 (iii) and (iv).

Bachelor of Laws and Belgian Law (LLB and Belgian Law)

- 29. The Degree of LLB and Belgian Law extends over four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. The Degree of LLB and Belgian Law with Honours extends over five sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. For both degrees, candidates must spend a session of study, normally in programme year three except with permission of the Senatus Academicus, bat the University Libre de Bruxelles (hereinafter referred to as 'ULB') where the medium of instruction is French Language. This portion of the degree must be taken on a full-time basis.
- **30.** To be eligible to study at ULB, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus candidates must have passed by the end of the their second session of full-time study or the equivalent; all the courses prescribed for programme years 1 and 2 in the programme prescription, at least 210 credit points over programme years 1 and 2, and the prerequisite courses for entry into programme year 4.
- **31.** During their session at ULB, candidates shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures in force at that University.
- **32.** At ULB candidates will be required to attend and pass the required assessments in the courses indicated in programme prescriptions. Candidates who comply with those requirements shall be awarded the Diploma in Belgian Law by ULB.
- **33.** Except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus or where General Regulation 17.1 applies candidates may not progress into:
 - (I) Junior Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 360 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws and Belgian Law];
 - (II) Non- Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 330 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and Belgian Law (Non-Honours)];
 - (III) Junior Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB Hons or LLB Hons with Options in French Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
 - (IV) Non- Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB or LLB with Options in French Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 210 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
- **34.** Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB and Belgian Law if they have:
 - (i) fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations;
 - (ii) successfully completed, or been granted exemption in, all the courses detailed in the programme prescription; and
 - (iii) successfully completed the Diploma in Belgian Law from ULB.
- **35.** Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB (Honours) and Belgian Law if they have satisfied the provisions of Regulation 34 (supra) and have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 8 and 9 of the LLB Regulations, and Regulations 8 and 9 of the General Degree Regulations.
- **36.** A candidate shall immediately inform his or her Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen and ULB if he or she is unable to attend courses at ULB for a period longer than two continuous weeks or fails to take examinations or to complete any required course assessment. In the case of illness he or she shall send a copy of a medical certificate to the Law School and to the Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen University; and in any other case shall submit reasons in writing to the Go Abroad Tutor explaining the absence or failure to complete a required course assessment.
- **37.** A candidate who does not obtain the Diploma in Belgian Law will not be allowed to continue with the Degree of LLB and Belgian Law but will normally be required to transfer to the Degree of LLB, or the Degree of LLB with Honours, or one of these forms of the degree with Options in French Language as determined in regulation 33 (iii) and (iv).

Bachelor of Laws and Spanish Law (LLB and Spanish Law)

- **38.** The Degree of LLB and Spanish Law extends over four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. The Degree of LLB and Spanish Law with Honours extends over five sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. For both degrees, candidates must spend a session of study, normally in programme year three except with permission of the Senatus Academicus, at the University of Deusto or the University of Seville where the medium of instruction is Spanish Language. This portion of the degree must be taken on a full-time basis.
- **39.** To be eligible to study at the University of Deusto or the University of Seville unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, candidates must have passed by the end of their second session of full-time study or the equivalent; all the courses prescribed for programme years 1 and 2 in the programme prescription, at least 210 credit points over programme years 1 and 2, and the pre-requisite courses for entry into programme year 4.
- **40.** During their session at the University of Deusto or the University of Seville candidates shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures in force at that University.
- **41.** At the University of Deusto or the University of Seville candidates will be required to attend and pass the assessments specified in programme prescriptions. Candidates who comply with the specified requirements in respect of the University of Deusto or the University of Seville shall be awarded the Certificate in Spanish Law by that University.
- **42.** Except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus or where General Regulation 17.1 applies candidates may not progress into:
 - (i) Junior Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 360 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws and Spanish Law];
 - (ii) Non- Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 330 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and Spanish Law (Non-Honours)];
 - (iii) Junior Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB Hons or LLB Hons with Options in Spanish Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
 - (iv) Non- Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB or LLB with Options in Spanish Language unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 210 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17
- 43. Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB and Spanish Law if they have:
 - (i) fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Regulations;
 - (ii) successfully completed, or been granted exemption, in all the courses detailed in programme prescriptions; and
 - (iii) successfully completed the Certificate in Spanish Law from the University of Deusto or the University of Seville.
- **44.** Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB (Honours) and Spanish Law LLB if they have satisfied the provisions of Regulation 43 (supra) and have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 8 and 9 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations.
- **45.** A candidate shall immediately inform his or her Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen and Deusto or Seville if he or she is unable to attend courses at Deusto or Seville for a period longer than two continuous weeks, or fails to take examinations or to complete any required course assessment. In the case of illness he or she shall send a copy of a medical certificate to the Law School and to the Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen University; and in any other case shall submit reasons in writing to the Go Abroad Tutor explaining the absence or failure to complete a required course assessment.
- **46.** A candidate who does not take or fails any assessment required for the award of the Certificate in Spanish Law will not be allowed to continue with the Degree of Law and Spanish Law but will normally be required to transfer to the Degree of LLB, or the Degree of LLB with Honours, or one of these forms of the degree with Options in Spanish Language as determined in regulation 42 (III) and (IV).

Bachelor of Laws and European Legal Studies (LLB and European Legal Studies)

- 47. The Degree of LLB and European Legal Studies extends over four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. The Degree of LLB and European Legal Studies with Honours extends over five sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. For both degrees, candidates must spend a session of study, normally in programme year three except with permission of the Senatus Academicus, abroad under an ERASMUS ICP contract at one of the approved host Universities specified in programme prescriptions where the medium of instruction is English. This portion of the degree must be taken on a full-time basis..
- **48.** To be eligible to study at one of the host Universities, unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, candidates must have passed by the end of their second session of full-time study or the equivalent; all the courses prescribed for programme years 1 and 2 in the programme prescription, at least 210 credit points over programme years 1 and 2, and the pre-requisite courses for entry into programme year 4.
- **49.** During their session at the host University, candidates shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures in force at that University.
- **50.** The candidate's proposed programme of study at the host University must be approved by the appropriate Go Abroad Tutors of both host and sending Universities.
- **51.** Except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus or where General Regulation 17.1 applies candidates may not progress into:
 - (i) Junior Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 360 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the degree of Bachelor of Laws and European Legal Studies];
 - (ii) Non- Honours, programme year 4, unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 330 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 4 for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws and European Legal Studies (Non-Honours)];
 - (iii) Junior Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB Hons unless they have accumulated, by award or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 240 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
 - (iv) Non- Honours, programme year 3, of the LLB unless they have accumulated, byaward or recognition, or been exempted from, at least 210 credit points over levels 1 to 3 [including those required to enter programme year 3 of the degree programme they are transferring to] in accordance with Regulation 17;
- **52.** Candidates will be required to attend and pass the required assessment in courses approved under Regulation 49 which aggregate at least 60 credit points under the European Credit Transfer Scheme (ECTS).
 - (i) Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB and European Legal Studies if they have: fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 2 to 4 of the LLB Regulations, and of the General Degree Regulations;
 - (ii) successfully completed, or been granted exemption in, all the courses detailed in the programme prescription, and
 - (iii) fulfilled the requirement of Regulation 50.
- **53.** Candidates shall be entitled to graduate with the Degree of LLB Honours and European Legal Studies if they have satisfied the provisions of Regulation 52 (supra) and have fulfilled the requirements of Regulations 8 and 9 of the LLB Regulations, and Regulations 8 and 9 of the General Degree Regulations.
- 54. A candidate shall immediately inform his or her Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen and the host University if he or she is unable to attend courses at their host institution for a period longer than two continuous weeks, or fails to take examinations or to complete any required course assessment. In the case of illness he or she shall send a copy of a medical certificate to the Law School and to the Go Abroad Tutor at Aberdeen University; and in any other case shall submit reasons in writing to the Go Abroad Tutor explaining the absence or failure to complete a required course assessment.
- **55.** A candidate who does not obtain the necessary 60 ECTS credit points at the host University will not be allowed to continue with the Degree of LLB and European Legal Studies but will normally be required to transfer to the Degree of LLB, or the Degree of LLB with Honours as determined in regulation 51 (iii) and (iv).

Diploma in Legal Studies

56. Admission to the programme of study leading to the award by the University of Aberdeen of the Diploma in Legal Studies is open only to law students from the University of Grenoble, Lyon University 2, the University of Clermont 1 and Reims University registered for the degree of Maitrise en Droit, to students from the University of Regensburg or the University of Freiburg and the University of Marburg registered for the Staats examination, and to students from the University of Duesto registered for the Licenciado.

- **57.** The programme for the Diploma shall extend over one session of full-time study, undertaken at the University of Aberdeen.
- **58.** Candidates who have attended and duly performed the work of the class and passed the prescribed degree assessments in the subjects required under Annex B, shall be eligible for the award of the Diploma in Legal Studies from the University of Aberdeen.

Certificate in Legal Studies

- **59.** Admission to the programme of study leading to the award by the University of Aberdeen of the Certificate in Legal Studies is open only to law students from ULB.
- **60.** The programme for the Certificate will extend over the first half-session (September to January), undertaken at the University of Aberdeen.
- **61.** Candidates from ULB who have attended and duly performed the work of the class and passed the prescribed degree assessments in the subjects required under Annex C, shall be eligible for the award of the Certificate in Legal Studies from the University of Aberdeen.