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The Academic Regulations which are detailed in
Section V: Regulations for Research Degrees and Higher Doctorates, and
Section IV: General Information and Regulations of the University Calendar, apply to and regulate the programme(s) listed above.

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

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

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

Exemptions:
The clause(s) listed below describe where an exemption to the Regulations exists:

The Integrated PhD in Biomedical Science is exempt from clause 5.1 under section 5. (Repeat) of the Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master’s Programmes.

Variations:
The clause(s) listed below describe where a variation to the Regulations exists:

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In the first year, research students will be required to follow a prescribed programme of units which will be taught in the University. Research students who complete these units and pass the required examinations at an appropriate standard at the end of the first year will be permitted to proceed to the second year of the programme. This may also lead to the award of MA, MSc or MRes as defined in the relevant academic regulations in Section VI-XIII of the University Calendar. Research students who fail to reach the required standard will be permitted to resit the first year units on one occasion only. In the event of failure to achieve the required standard at resit, their programme will be terminated, and such research students will be considered by the Faculty for transfer to a relevant diploma or master’s level programme for the award of a Diploma or Master’s Degree, as appropriate.

- In the second and third years, research students will complete prescribed units, supervised research, and skills training sessions leading to the preparation of a thesis.
- The research student's fourth year will be devoted to supervised research and preparation of a thesis.

### Existing University regulation

**Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Postgraduate Master’s Programmes**

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<td>3.1</td>
<td>In order for credit to be awarded for a Module, the Module must be passed at the specified Module Pass Mark except as allowed in paragraph 3.2 below. The University standard Module Pass Mark for Postgraduate Master’s students taking Modules at all levels is 50. Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requires a Pass Mark that differs from the University standard Module Pass Mark this will be stated in the Programme Regulations. The University standard Qualifying Mark for Postgraduate Master’s programmes is 35, unless stated otherwise in the Programme Regulations. Where credit only is being imported from an exchange or outgoing study abroad, the Qualifying Mark is zero.</td>
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<td>A student who fails on a programme where all modules are core, may take Referral assessments in failed modules totalling not more than 30 ECTS (60 CATS).</td>
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### Existing University regulation

**Code of Practice for Research Candidature and Supervision**

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<td>Students who enrolled on their doctoral level studies after 1 August 2016 are required to undertake three Progression Reviews during the</td>
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course of their studies. The second Progression
Review is known as Confirmation (paragraphs
70-79 below). Two attempts at each review are
permitted; failure to meet the criteria for a
successful progression review will lead to a
termination of a student's candidature in line
with the Procedures for Circumstances
that may lead to Withdrawal or Termination.

Students who enrolled on their doctoral studies
before 1 August 2016 will follow the
Progression Monitoring timings and procedures
as determined by their Faculty which applied at
the time of their admission. Students should
refer back to their Faculty for further
information. Students who enrolled before 1
August 2016 will also follow the timings for
upgrade/transfer from MPhil to PhD registration
that applied at the time of their admission.
Paragraph 64 provides a summary of these
timings depending on year of entry. The policy
and procedure outlined in paragraphs 71-79
‘Confirmation of PhD status’, will apply to
students who registered prior to 1 August 2016
when completing their upgrade/transfer from
MPhil to PhD registration, rather than a
confirmation of PhD status.

| Summary of timings of confirmation of PhD registration/Upgrade from MPhil to PhD* |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Time of Entry                  | Full-time       | Part-time       |
| After 1st August 2016          | 18 – 21 months | 30 – 42 months |
| 1st August 2015 - 1st August 2016 | 18 – 21 months | 30 – 42 months |
| Before 1st August 2015         | At least 6 months before final thesis submission | At least 6 months before final thesis submission |

*These timings may be adjusted on a pro-rata
basis for students registered on non-standard
research programmes where other duties are a
formal part of the programme; for example, the
Clinical Doctorate Research Fellowship scheme
or the Mayflower Scholarship scheme.

Faculties/the Accredited Institution will bring to
the attention of research students, and relevant
staff, clearly defined formats of assessment
which inform the Progression Reviews, including
the criteria to be used for defining outcomes
from Progression Reviews. As a minimum,
research students must submit a written report
which should summarise progress made since
the last report. Any particular problems
encountered by the research student, (e.g.
access to resources or facilities or other
additional disability-related or language support
requirements) should be indicated in this report
and appropriate action taken. The report should
also indicate whether any additional support
requirements or facilities already being provided
for a particular research student are continuing
to meet that research student’s needs, or if any adjustments for the coming period are required.

The Review must also include a viva. Following a Progression Review, a student will be given written feedback by the panel and, if necessary, guidance on actions to be taken to support progress in their candidature.

Decisions following Progression Reviews will be made according to the following timings for students on a standard research programme. In all cases, the time windows refer to periods in which progression decisions must be made. Students will be required to provide all the relevant material by a submission deadline stated in PGR Tracker, or equivalent system, as set by their faculty/discipline. This will normally be at least four working weeks in advance of the decision deadline to allow the panel to consider the material, hold meeting, and make a recommendation within the specified timeframe. Timings refer to the full month i.e. the decision from the first attempt at the first Progression Review should be made between the beginning of month 8 and the end of month 10. These timings may be adjusted for students following a non-standard pathway.

### Additional requirements:

**Years 2-4 of this programme may be subject to DBS requirements, see clause 4 of the Procedures for Handling Applications for Students with Previous Criminal Convictions.**

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the programme specification.

### Disclaimer:

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