

Academic regulations

DIGEST

2017/18

Welcome to the regulations digest, a short briefing document to inform staff and students of annual changes to the academic regulations for taught programmes.

This document is intended to highlight changes and provide a brief overview. Please refer to the academic regulations themselves for further details. These can be found at:

dmu.ac.uk/academic-regulations.

For further information please contact your Associate Dean (Academic) in the first instance. Alternatively please contact Sally Lloyd, Department of Academic Quality, 0116 257 7303, sllloyd@dmu.ac.uk.

General updates

There have been significant stylistic changes to the regulations for 2017/18. Firstly, the handbook and regulations for undergraduate awards and the taught postgraduate programmes university regulations have been merged into one document – the new academic regulations.

Secondly, work has been done to streamline the content of the regulations, remove non-regulatory content and make them more clear and accessible. The regulations themselves remain unchanged other than those specific changes outlined below.

Changes for 2017/18

Compensation (page 4)

15 credits of compensation is now allowed in the University Certificate of Professional Development (UCPD).

Reassessment of failure (page 4)

It is now a requirement that postgraduate students should be enrolled to take their reassessments at the first available opportunity. This is already the case for undergraduate students.

Use of proof-readers (page 6)

A regulation allowing proof-reading of undergraduate work and outlining the scope of a proof-reader has been added. This is already the case for postgraduate students, although

postgraduate students will no longer have to seek prior permission from the module leader or supervisor to use a proof-reader.

Awards of the university (page 9)

The credit requirements for the Higher National Certificate (HNC) have been regularised at 120 credits at level 4 and 120 credits at level 5.

Honours degree with 30 credit sandwich placement (page 12)

A degree classification algorithm has been introduced for undergraduate programmes which utilise the new 30 credit sandwich placement module.

Returning following withdrawal from study (page 21)

The regulations governing the return of previous DMU students to the university via the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) has been amended to ensure that students are not constrained by the normal limits on RPL credit volumes and can return to complete only the credits they require for their award.

Returning following registration ending due to fitness to practice (page 21)

A new regulation states that where student registration was ended due to a fitness to practice issue a student would not be able to apply for re-entry within two years of the ending of registration. In such a case a student would not normally be admitted onto an accredited programme.