

Academic regulations

DIGEST

2019/20

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.

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General updates

Minor rewording to enhance clarity. Two additional content markers have been added for ease of use. The **APP** label identifies regulations that relate specifically to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships (HADA). Content that is new from the previous edition is now flagged: 

Changes for 2019/20

Section 2: Assessment

- **Paragraph 37** – new paragraph: reassessment opportunities for zero-credit modules: “Where a student is studying a zero-credit academic module, whether as an individual module or as part of a programme, they may be reassessed once in each zero-credit module.”
- **Paragraph 45 (44 in 18/19 version)** – added a clause relating to apprenticeships (in bold): “Where a student has used all their reassessment opportunities but is still unable to progress or achieve their award their registration with the university will be ended. The student will be provided with a record of any modules passed and an exit award if eligible. **If a student in this position is on an apprenticeship programme they will be required to withdraw from the apprenticeship.**”
- **Paragraphs 47 – 49 (46 – 48 in 18/19 version)** – additional text added to highlight the circumstances in which a substitute module for a failed module may be used, and additional information about the process and regulations governing substitution of failed modules

Section 4: Awards

- **Paragraph 78 (77 in 18/19 version)** – included the way in which distinction or merit will be calculated for the postgraduate diploma as an exit award when more than 120 credits have been passed:

“Where a postgraduate diploma is awarded as an exit award the best 120 credits will be used to calculate the award classification.”

- [Paragraph 79 \(78 in 18/19 version\)](#) – included the way in which distinction or merit will be calculated for the postgraduate certificate as an exit award when more than 60 credits have been passed:

“Where a postgraduate certificate is awarded as an exit award the best 60 credits will be used to calculate the award classification.”

Section 5: Deadline extensions, deferrals, interruptions and repeat study

- [Paragraphs 119 and 120 \(118 and 119 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added a new clause that students on interruption of study will have access to Blackboard.

Section 6: Student registration

- [New paragraph 139 \(follows paragraph 137 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added a new regulation relating to apprenticeships and changing programmes:
“Students on apprenticeship programmes may not change their programme as outlined in this regulation.”
- [New paragraph 141 \(follows paragraph 138 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added a new regulation relating to apprenticeships and changing modules:
“If a student is on an apprenticeship programme the new module must map to the relevant apprenticeship standard.”
- [New paragraphs 145-147 \(follows paragraph 141 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added new regulations relating to apprenticeships and withdrawing from study:
“Students on an apprenticeship programme who leave or are dismissed from their employment will be required to withdraw from their programme.
Students on an apprenticeship programme who are made redundant will be given 12 weeks to find a new supportive employer to continue their training. If unemployed after 12 weeks they will be withdrawn from the programme. If they are within six months of the end day of their training (not End Point Assessment) they can complete the programme without finding a new employer.
Students who leave, are dismissed or made redundant from their employment, may transfer to a standard university programme if appropriate and if they secure alternative funding.”
- [Paragraph 153 \(147 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added a clause about returning to study at a partner institution following academic failure (in bold):
“For undergraduate programmes the time delay will be at least two calendar years from the point a student’s original registration was ended. **A student may apply to an academic partner institution, without a time delay, if an equivalent DMU-validated programme is available.**”
- [New paragraph 154 \(follows paragraph 147 in 18/19 version\)](#) – added a new regulation relating to apprenticeships and returning following academic failure:
“Students previously on an apprenticeship programme are not eligible to return as an apprentice but may apply for entry to a standard university programme.”