

Academic Regulations

DIGEST 2025/26

Introduction

Welcome to the regulations digest, a short briefing document to inform staff and students of the changes to academic regulations for taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes from the beginning of the 2025/26 academic cycle.

The changes apply to modules studied during the 2025/26 academic cycle.

Programme-specific regulations continue to apply and will be updated ahead of the 2025/26 academic cycle.

For further information, please contact your Associate Dean (Education) in the first instance. Alternatively, please contact Academic Quality Services, ags@dmu.ac.uk.

Changes from 2025/26

General

- Academic regulations for taught undergraduate programmes and postgraduate programmes have been split into two separate documents:
 - Academic Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes – applicable to all undergraduate students, including Level 3 and Integrated Masters.
 - Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Programmes – applicable to all postgraduate students.
- Operational guidance has been removed and will be provided to staff as a separate resource to be read alongside the academic regulations and reviewed on an annual basis.
- General information has been removed and will be made available to students via the website.
- Terminology for 'progression' has been updated to 'proceeding' to reduce confusion with terminology used by the Office for Students (OfS) in relation to the B3 Condition of Registration.

Undergraduate

- Academic regulations for level 3 provision have been more clearly articulated and embedded in the Academic Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes.
- Final reassessment of students with failed credit that can be carried over for completion alongside study at the next level will normally be a further reassessment of failed assessment components only (i.e. reassessment without attendance) during the next study year.

- Final reassessment of students with failed credit that cannot be carried over for completion alongside study at the next level will normally be a further reassessment of failed modules with attendance during the next study year.
- All reassessment attempts will be capped at the pass mark.
- Additional wording has been provided to make clear that students cannot progress to level 6 of a bachelor's degree without having achieved 120 credits at level 4.
- The general requirement for part-time students to pass 30 credits before proceeding to their next year of study has been removed (standard regulations continue to apply with regards to proceeding between levels).
- A general requirement for apprentices undertaking level 2 maths and English qualifications as part of their apprenticeship to complete these during their first year of study has been added.
- Additional wording has been provided to make clear that students studying with DMU or a DMU partner institution may proceed to the same programme or top-up programme at the next level at a DMU campus or partner institution on the agreement of the institution being moved to and subject to specific criteria being met.

Postgraduate

- The general requirement for part-time students to pass 30 credits before proceeding to their next year of study has been removed.
- The general requirement for students to pass 30 credits before proceeding to a dissertation has been removed.
- A general requirement for apprentices undertaking level 2 maths and English qualifications as part of their apprenticeship to complete these during their first year of study has been added.