

# Impact of academic regulations changes on students taking a leave of absence or reassessments with attendance during in 2023/24

Students who should be entering level 6 in 2023/24 but who will be taking a break from their normal study pattern during 2023/24 will return into new regulations when they enter level 6 in 2024/25. They may also return into a new curriculum structure. This includes students who take a leave of absence from their studies or who are required to take reassessments with attendance at teaching activities during 2023/24. The below provides a highlight of the key changes to the academic regulations which will impact on level 6 in 2024/25. For further information please see the [current level 4 regulations](#).\*

This guidance may also be relevant to other students who have taken a break from study on year-long delivery programmes and will return to a new curriculum structure (block delivery), for example students who took a break from studies in 2022/23 and will return to level 4 or 5 in 2023/24.

Please discuss with your programme leader if you have taken/are considering taking a break from studies to ensure you understand the implications regarding your return.

\* Please choose the 'current academic regulations' section. The relevant document is called 'First year students (level 4) 2022/23'. These are the regulations which will apply to you when you enter level 6.

## Section 1: Study

Current regulations (have applied to you in level 4 and 5)		New regulations (will apply to you in level 6)	
10	15, 30, 45 and 60 credit modules may be used	1.3	<b>For those students returning to a new block delivery curriculum:</b> Predominantly 30 credit modules used; two 15 credit modules may be used at each level of study
N/A	No regulation applies but modules normally delivered over the academic year or over one semester/term	1.16/ 1.25	<b>For those students returning to a new block delivery curriculum:</b> Modules delivered sequentially over 4 x 7-week blocks (some exceptions may apply). For part-time students, modules delivered in alternate blocks, eg 1 and 3 in first year; 2 and 4 in second year, or consecutive blocks, eg 1 and 2 in first year; 3 and 4 in second year.

## Section 2: Assessment

Current regulations (have applied to you in level 4 and 5)		New regulations (will apply to you in level 6)	
23	Compensation in non-honours degree: 45 credits across levels 5 and 6, with no more than 25 per cent at level 6	2.11	Compensation in non-honours degree: 30 credits at either level 5 or level 6 constituting no more than 25 per cent of the credits passed at level 5 or level 6
29	If an assessment is submitted 1-10 university working days late the mark for the work will be capped at the pass mark of 40 per cent for undergraduate modules or 50 per cent for postgraduate modules.	2.16	If an assessment is submitted up to 24 hours past the deadline for submission, the mark for the work will be capped at the pass mark of 40 per cent.
30	If an assessment is submitted beyond 10 university working days late the work will receive a mark of zero per cent.	2.17	If an assessment is submitted more than 24 hours late the work will receive a mark of zero per cent.

Current regulations (have applied to you in level 4 and 5)		New regulations (will apply to you in level 6)	
34	On most undergraduate programmes, including levels 4 to 6 of integrated master's programmes, students may be reassessed in up to 60 credits of modules per level of study.	2.23	Students will have two reassessment opportunities in each module, to retrieve one or more failed assessment components. One of these opportunities may be via in-year reassessment; however, in-year reassessment may not be available on all programmes due to different programme structures.
139-141	Repeating a level of study is not normally allowed, unless very exceptional circumstances apply (Section 5 of academic regulations)	2.35/ 2.36	<p>Students who have more than 60 credits of a level of study at the point of the reassessment board (normally September) will be required to take a repeat year with attendance.</p> <p>Students who have failed 60 credits of a level of study at the point of the reassessment board (normally September) will be given the choice to repeat the year or be reassessed with attendance in the failed modules.</p> <p>When taking a repeat year, module marks will not be capped.</p>

### Section 3: Progression through the programme of study

Please note, the below applies only to students who have not yet completed level 5. Students may progress to a placement having achieved 90 credits but may have module failures/deferrals in the other 30 credits. In such cases, students must meet the requirements of the new regulations in order to progress to level 6, and the exceptional/discretionary progression regulation will not apply.

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66	Students must have passed at least 90 credits of modules to progress to the next level of undergraduate study. The university will award compensation in up to 30 credits of modules for module marks between 30-39 per cent inclusive to allow students to progress.	3.1	Students may progress if they have passed 120 credits. Students may also progress if they have passed a minimum of 90 credits and are awarded compensation in up to 30 credits for module marks between 30-39 per cent.
67	<b>Exceptional/discretionary regulation:</b> The university won't normally allow students to progress into the next level of study if they have		

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<p>failed modules in which they must be reassessed. However assessment boards may decide to exceptionally allow students to progress if they have achieved at least 75 credits with the remaining credits in the 30-39 per cent range. Each decision will be at the discretion of the relevant assessment board and will be based on the board's confidence in the individual student's competence to progress.</p>	

## Section 4: Awards

No applicable changes except those to non-honours degree compensation outlined in regulations 23/2.10 in the Assessment section above.

## Section 5: Deadline extensions, deferrals and leave of absence

Current regulations (have applied to you in level 4 and 5)	New regulations (will apply to you in level 6)
<p>125 Students may request an extension to an assessment deadline using the extension to coursework application form. The request should be made to the module leader in advance of the deadline. The module leader has the discretion to grant an extension of up to 10 university working days.</p>	<p>5.1 Students may request an extension to an assessment deadline using the extension to coursework application form. The request should be made to the module leader in advance of the deadline. The module leader has the discretion to grant an extension of up to five university working days.</p>
<p>127 The Associate Dean (Academic) or nominee may exceptionally approve longer extensions of up to 10 university working days from the date of an already approved extension deadline. A further extension request form with timely supporting evidence (covering the current extension period) should be submitted by the student to the module</p>	

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	leader, who will seek the approval of the Associate Dean (Academic) or nominee. The outcome will be communicated to the student by the module leader. If approved, regulation 124 applies. If not approved there is no right to appeal the decision		
139-141	The university will only consider requests from students to repeat their level of study in very extenuating circumstances. A repeat year opportunity, if agreed, may only be offered once.	1.35/ 1.36	See Assessment section above. Students may be required, or may choose, to take a repeat year, depending on how many credits they have failed.

## Section 6: Registration

No applicable changes.

## Section 7: Recognition of prior learning

No applicable changes.

## Section 8: Studying abroad

No applicable changes.