

Contingency Regulations 2020-21

Considering the ongoing impact across the University on students and staff, the University is implementing its contingency regulations to support students to ensure that they can achieve an appropriate degree.

Last year our no detriment approach considered pre-pandemic benchmarking data, the use of such data would not be possible given the scarcity of available benchmarks for many students. Therefore, this year, we have revised our approach.

Our approach is designed to mitigate negative impacts on you and ensure you are awarded your degree fairly while maintaining our academic standards and securing the value of your qualifications.

The University will apply such an approach across all students on taught programmes of study. This approach will follow students to the end of their award.

Some Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies will not allow the use of condonement or resits. Examination Boards will be made aware of this to ensure compliance with regulatory frameworks and ensure that you will still achieve your accreditation.

Students are still eligible to apply for Extenuating Circumstances which when upheld entitle them to uncapped resits or lifting a cap on assessments submitted late.

Revised Regulations

Research Degrees and Students on Master's Part 2

Students can request an Adjustment to Time Limit through the normal procedures. The University will take into consideration the current circumstances when considering the potential impact on their studies.

Taught Awards (excluding Research Degrees with taught elements)

Award and Progression Regulations

On programmes where the University allows condonement, it will allow up to 40 credits to be condoned per each 120 credits (programmes comprising 60 credits could only condone 20 credits).

The best 80 credits will normally be used for award calculations rather than best 100 credits. The criteria for each classification otherwise remain unchanged.

Conditional Progression

Students can conditional progress to the next level of study with 20 outstanding credits, but exam boards have additional discretion to allow conditional progression with a greater number of credits where there are upheld extenuating circumstances.

Condonement

Failed modules with a total credit value of up to and including 40 will be condoned at each level of study subject to satisfying the following conditions.

Condonement is only permissible for the purposes of progression or award.

Failed modules can only be condoned provided:

- they are not core/component pass modules for the student's programme of study;
- the student has achieved a module mark of at least 30% (UG) / 45% (PG);
- the overall mark for Part I is at least 50% (PG only).

A student is awarded the credits for condoned modules.

Regulations by Award Type

- **Masters Award Regulations**
 - **Progression to Part 2:**
 - Students will be able to progress with up to 40 credits being condoned.
 - **Students eligible for an award:**
 - Part 1: Average of Best 80 credits;
 - Award: Average of Part 1 and Part 2.
- **Bachelors Award Regulations**
 - **Progression:**
 - Students will be able to progress with up to 40 credits being condoned.
 - **Students eligible for an award:** Their classification will be based on either:
 - The average of their best 80 credits at level 6; or
 - The average of their best 80 credits at level 6 given a weighting of 2, and their best 80 credits at the level 5 weighted at 1.
- **Integrated Masters Students Award Regulations**
 - **Progression:**
 - Students will be able to progress with up to 40 credits being condoned.
 - **Students eligible for an award:** Their classification will be based on either:
 - The average of their best 80 credits at level 7; or
 - The average of their best 80 credits at level 7 given a weighting of 3, their best 80 credits at level 6 weighted at 2, and their best 80 credits at level 5 weighted at 1.
- **Certificate of Higher Education; Higher National Certificates; Diploma of Higher Education; Foundation Degree; Higher National Diplomas; top-up students; Graduate Diplomas; Postgraduate Diplomas; Pre-Master's Diploma**
 - **Award:** Average of best 80 credits at highest level of study.
- **Postgraduate Certificate; Pre-Master's Certificate**
 - **Award:** Average of best 40 credits.