

July 2023

Amendments to the Regulations

Please find details of changes to the University Regulations ahead of your study in 2022/2023

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Please note: This is a working document and may be updated throughout the Academic year.

Regulations amended:

B1, D1, D2, D5, B3, C5, B6, D2, C6, D5, (July 2023) A1, B4, C4, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10.

REGULATION B1 (Senate approved 23 June 2022)

4.2 Minor Offences: The indicative list of minor offences includes, but is not limited to, the following: **(a)** a first or second minor breach of University regulations, policies, accommodation licence agreements, terms and conditions, mutual resolution agreements or codes of conduct e.g., smoking in non-designated areas, ignoring fire alarms, using University IT equipment or their University IT account for downloading material from the internet which breaches copyright, or breaching the attendance monitoring policy by repeatedly falsely claiming attendance via the KeeleApp or other methods of attendance recording;

(i) inappropriate behaviour against members of the University or its visitors, including via social media;

- **4.3 Major Offences:** The indicative list of major offences includes, but is not limited to, the following: **(d)** inappropriate, abusive, offensive, indecent, or threatening behaviour against members of the University or its visitors, including via social media;
- (I) <u>criminal convictions</u>, where these either involve other students, raise concerns regarding the safety or well-being of members of the University community, or directly affect the interests or reputation of the University. Offences against the criminal law, where these offences either involve other students, raise concerns regarding the safety or well-being of members of the University community, or directly affect the interests or reputation of the University;

5. Initial Risk-based Immediate Measures

- **5.1** Where an allegation of serious misconduct has been made against you, Student Services or the Directorate of Student and Academic RegistryServices can decide to carry out a risk assessment. This can result in immediate measures (exclusions or restrictions, as described in paragraph 5.2) being imposed on you as an emergency, or resultleading to in an invitation to meet with thea Risk Assessment Panel before a decision is taken as to whether any ongoing temporary exclusions or restrictions are necessary. The purpose of any such immediate measures, and any resulting ongoing temporary restrictions, is to safeguard you or others whilst a full and proper investigation can be carried out by the University or the police, or both, as appropriate.
- **5.3** Exceptionally, in circumstances where a risk assessment finds an immediate threat of harm, it may be necessary to impose emergency measures. These Immediate measures can be authorised by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or nominee, or the Director of Student Services or nominee, or the Head of Academic Quality and Student Conduct or nominee. Ongoing temporary restrictions are decided by the Risk Assessment Panel.
- **5.4** If your behaviour in the library disrupts other students' ability to study uninterrupted or the running of the library service the librarian, or nominee, is authorised to take <u>urgent_immediate</u> measures under this regulation. The librarian or nominee can temporarily exclude you for up to 48 hours or may limit your access to the library to certain times for up to 72 hours. The Risk Assessment Panel will then review the case and will either dismiss the case or impose, where necessary, <u>longer_ongoing</u> temporary restrictions.
- **5.5** Any <u>ongoing</u> temporary exclusions or restrictions will normally remain in place while an investigation is carried out or until the outcome of criminal proceedings and/or the disciplinary process is known.
- **5.8** As soon as <u>ongoing</u> temporary restrictions or exclusions have been imposed <u>by the Risk Assessment Panel</u>, you will be informed of this in writing, of the timescale and manner by which the restrictions and exclusions will be reviewed, and of your right to appeal. Efforts will be made to limit, where possible, the impact of such temporary restrictions or exclusions on your studies.

6. Meetings with The Risk Assessment Panel

6.1 Where exclusions or restrictions immediate measures have been imposed, you will be provided, normally within no more than 21 calendar days, with an opportunity to meet with a Risk Assessment Panel. The Panel will consist of representatives from Student Services and the Academic Registry Services and, where appropriate, with others such as your head of school or your personal tutor. You will be given at least 72 hours' written notice of the meeting. You are allowed to be accompanied as set out in Section 12. The Panel will consider any evidence available to them at that point and provide you with an opportunity to provide any additional information and to describe the impact of any restrictions the immediate measures

already imposed on you. The Panel will then determine the appropriate course of action and inform you of this in writing which may include additional measures being taken.

6.4 If you have had <u>temporary</u> restrictions or exclusions imposed upon you and you are also an employee of the University or the Students' Union, the Director of Human Resources and/or the Students' Union will be notified for consideration as to whether any further action is required under their procedures.

8. Appeals against Temporary Exclusions

8.1 If the Risk Assessment Panel has imposed <u>ongoing</u> temporary restrictions and/or exclusions on you, you have the right to appeal against this to the Director of Student Services <u>(please note, you may not appeal against immediate measures)</u>. Such an appeal should normally be lodged in writing with the Director of Student Services within 14 calendar days from the date of the letter informing you of the temporary restrictions/exclusions.

9. Discipline Investigations

9.5 The Student Conduct TeamUniversity will appoint an investigating officer to carry out an investigation. The scope of the investigation will be determined by what is timely, fair and reasonable.
9.7 Once the investigation is complete, the investigating officer will submit a written report to the Head of Student Conduct or nominee who will determine whether to dismiss the case, send it back to the investigating officer as a minor offence, refer it to a formal meeting of the Discipline Committee, or refer it for consideration by chair's action on behalf of the Discipline Committee. If you are studying on a professional programme which is covered by Regulation B5:the Fitness to Practise-Regulation B5, the Discipline Committee may consider the case but refer it to the University Fitness to Practise Committee for a final decision.

12. Available Support and Representation

12.2 The University has the discretion to accept other supporters including legal representatives, where this is deemed necessary. If you wish to be accompanied by an external representative you must make a formal request for consideration via the Student Appeals, Complaints and Conduct Team. If your request is approved, your representative may attend the parts of the meeting that you are invited to attend, even if you choose not to attend in person.

14. Penalties

14.1 A list of <u>recommended</u> penalties <u>suggested</u> for minor and major disciplinary offences is published on the website. Penalties can only be imposed by the Discipline Committee, or, in the case of minor offences, by an authorised officer.

REGULATION D1: ASSESSMENT

2. ASSESSMENT LEARNING PRINCIPLES

2.1 The University's approach to assessment is set out in its Assessment-Learning Principles which are published on the University's website and can be found **here**.

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REGULATION D2 (post Sept 2022)

1.1 Progression from Level 4 to Level 5

- **1.1.2** You can progress to Level 5 if you meet one of the following requirements:
- (b) A failed elective module can be replaced by studying and being awarded credits for <u>an additional option different elective</u>-module undertaken during your Level 5 studies.
- 1.2.2 You must be awarded credit for the module you have failed at Level 5 (1.2.1b) either over the summer reassessment period or whilst studying at Level 6.
- (b) A failed elective module can be replaced by studying and being awarded credits for <u>an additional</u> option <u>different elective</u>-module during semester one of your Level 6 studies.
- (c) If you are not awarded credit for your failed Level 5 <u>elective</u> module, or for <u>the option module which</u> replaced it at <u>Level 6a replacement Level 5 elective module</u>, whilst studying at <u>Level 6</u>, you will not be able to obtain a degree award and your studies will be terminated.

Amendment to Regulation D2 Progression and Classification – Added March 2023

Regulation D2 Progression and Classification Rules

This section is a new section to be inserted as follows and apply from SEM2 of 22/23 (applicable for students who fail L6 in 2022/23):

1.6 Failure at Level 6

- 1.6.1 Until you have obtained 120 credits at levels 4, 5 and 6, you will not be able to obtain a degree award. If you fail to obtain 120 credits at Level 6 and have a reassessment opportunity remaining on all failed credits, you will be offered summer reassessment to obtain the required volume of credit for your award. Your Level 6 outcome will be confirmed once the reassessment outcome is known. If you fail to obtain 120 credits at Level 6 and do not have a reassessment opportunity remaining on all failed credits, please see 1.6.3 and 1.6.4, as appropriate.
- 1.6.2 After summer reassessment, if you still cannot meet the requirements for your Level 6 award, you will be issued with one of the following outcomes.
- 1.6.3 If you have previously repeated any year of study, your studies will be terminated and you will be issued with the highest interim exit award you are eligible for.
- 1.6.4 If you have not previously repeated any year of study and have passed 120 credits at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5, you will be offered the following repeat options, unless otherwise specified in the regulations for your programme of study:
- 1.6.5. i. Repeat Level 6 in full. You will attend a full 120 credits of Level 6 modules in the next academic year and the results from these modules will replace the results of all Level 6 modules you have previously taken, whether passed or failed.
- ii. <u>Repeat only failed Level 6 modules</u>. You will keep the marks from the Level 6 modules where you have been awarded credit and will attend the required number of modules in the next academic year to replace the Level 6 modules you have failed.
- iii (only if you still have assessment attempts remaining upon <u>all</u> your failed modules) <u>Repeat only the assessment of failed Level 6 modules</u>. You will keep the marks from the Level 6 modules where you have been awarded credit and will take reassessment only, in the next academic year without attendance, of the Level 6 modules you have failed. These must be passed within the maximum allowed two assessment attempts, including any attempts you have previously taken.

REGULATION D5

REGULATION D5: MODULE CONDONEMENT AND COMPENSATION

For Undergraduate students commencing or repeating Level 4 study in full <u>FROM</u> September 2022 and all Postgraduate Taught students

This regulation sets out the fundamental rules around module condonement and compensation for taught undergraduate and module compensation for taught postgraduate programmes. Where there are programme specific deviations or exemptions for particular programmes of study, these will be set out in the relevant programme specification.

- 1. MODULE CONDONEMENT ON TAUGHT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
- 1.1 Condonement means you are awarded credits despite failure in a module, subject to the conditions below. The module mark is retained on your transcript.
- 1.2 Condonement can only be applied to a module under the following conditions:
 - The mark you have been awarded for the module must be between 35 and 39 (or between 45 and 49 for modules at Level 7)
 - You must have taken the maximum allowed number of attempts to pass the module (with the exception of final year modules where condonement will be applied by the relevant Award Board after just one attempt)
 - The module result must not be a qualified fail, signified by a grade of 'Q', which is where one or more assessment components within the module have not been completed to a specified standard.
 - **1.3** The programmes where condonement can apply and the rules for awarding condonement in those on undergraduate programmes are detailed below.
- **1.3.1** All Bachelor's Degree Programmes <u>apart from those where this is</u> <u>specified in their programme specification (available here:</u> https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications/undergraduate/) in:
 - Faculty of Natural Sciences

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- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences <u>excluding Bachelor of Arts in International Governance and Public Policy (where the rules are noted in 1.3.2)</u>
 - Pharmaceutical Science Technology and Business
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Rehabilitation Science
 - Rehabilitation and Exercise Science

Condonement can be applied to a maximum of 60 credits of modules, subject to the following rules:

- A maximum of 30 credits across Level 4 and Level 5, provided that no other modules have been failed at those levels of study
- A maximum of 30 credits of Level 6, provided that no other modules have been failed at that level of study

1.3.2 Bachelor of Arts in International Governance and Public Policy

Condonement can be applied to a maximum of 60 credits of modules, subject to the following rules:

- A maximum of 15 credits at each level of study, provided that no other modules have been failed at that level of study
- Condonement cannot be applied to Academic English Language modules
- 1.3.23 Integrated Master's Degree Programmes in:
 - · Faculty of Natural Sciences
 - · Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Condonement can be applied to a maximum of 80 credits of modules, subject to the following rules:

- A maximum of 45 credits across Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 modules (with no more than 30 credits at any one of those levels of study), provided that no other modules have been failed at those levels of study
- A maximum of 35 credits at Level 7, provided that no other modules have been failed at that level of study

REGULATION B3

REGULATION B3: EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

(formerly Regulation 13: Exceptional Circumstances)

- 1. If you do not attend an examination or do not complete an in-course assessment because of an exceptional circumstance, the Board of Examiners can take these circumstances, and their effect on your performance into consideration. However, the Board of Examiners will only do this if the Exceptional Circumstances Panel recommends that they should do so.
- 2. You must submit an Exceptional Circumstances Claim to the Exceptional Circumstances Panel via the KLE online if you want your circumstances, and their effect on your performance, to be taken into consideration. You must do this by the deadline that is set by your School. You must also provide independent evidence of your circumstances where it is required. The Panel will decide if your Exceptional Circumstances Claim is valid.
- **3.** If your programme of study has professional accreditation you must report your exceptional circumstances in the way your School and the professional body require you to do so. The procedures and requirements are stated in your programme documentation. Professional accreditation requirements will supersede the requirements outlined in this regulation.
- **4.** If your circumstances are very sensitive and you do not want to disclose the details in full, you should provide a letter from an independent source, such as a doctor, counsellor, or member of Student Services. This letter must confirm the severity of your circumstances and describe how your studies have been affected. You must submit the letter to the Exceptional Circumstances Panel.
- **5.** If exceptional circumstances occur during an examination, you should report this to an invigilator immediately. The Senior Invigilator will produce a report of the incident which will be sent to the School. If the incident affects a large group of students (e.g. a fire alarm sounds), you do not need to submit an Exceptional Circumstances Claim but may wish to do so. However, if the circumstances affect just you (e.g. if you are ill), you must submit an Exceptional Circumstances claim to highlight the impact of the incident on your performance.
- **6.** Student Services will have an Exceptional Circumstances Panel. This Panel will review and make recommendations on all Exceptional Circumstances Claims before the Board of Examiners meets. If a decision must be made on a claim between meetings of the Panel, the Chair has the authority to act, or require panel members to act, on behalf of the Panel. These decisions will be reported to the next meeting of the Panel as 'Chair's Action'. Exceptional Circumstances Panels can disregard exceptional circumstances claims if the required evidence is not supplied by the specified deadline.
- 7. Recommendations made by Exceptional Circumstances Panels will be fair, equitable and transparent, and can be scrutinised by Senate or the relevant Committee of Senate.
- **8.** If you are unable to submit coursework assessment by the due date because of exceptional circumstances, you should submit an Exceptional Circumstance Claim to apply for an extension. Wherever possible, you should also submit the latest draft you have completed for that assessment, by the original deadline, in case your extension request is rejected. You must submit your claim before the current deadline for submission so that the Exceptional Circumstances Panel can consider an extension at the appropriate time.
- **9.** If the Exceptional Circumstances Panel agrees that your claim is justified they will recommend one of the following courses of action to the Discipline Board of Examiners:

a) If the Panel agree that you failed the module as a result of your exceptional circumstances, you may be given a further assessment opportunity. If your claim relates to your second attempt at an assessment, the further assessment opportunity will also be capped at the pass mark. If you passed the module overall, you will not be given a further assessment attempt even if you have valid exceptional circumstances (see also 9e below).

Further attempts granted as a result of exceptional circumstances will normally be taken at the same time as students taking re-assessment for the module(s);

- b) You may be given an appropriate extension of the deadline for submission for coursework;
- c) For coursework that forms only part of the total module assessment,
- i. a small element of an assessment (a maximum 33% of the overall module assessment) can be disregarded, with the final mark(s) recalculated from the remaining elements of the module assessments; or
- ii. When one component (a maximum 33%) of the module is missing, the final mark(s) can be recalculated from the remaining module component(s).
- **d)** For another action, which has been approved by the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee, to be implemented;
- e) [only for undergraduate students who commenced or repeated Level 4 study in full prior to September 2022] If your circumstances were not previously taken into consideration by granting you an extension or a further assessment attempt, the Board of Examiners can take such exceptional circumstances into account if your proposed award is on the borderline between two classifications. In such cases, it is at the Board's discretion to raise your award to the higher classification.
- **10.** Marks cannot be adjusted because of exceptional circumstances. Marks determined by the Board of Examiners have to reflect your actual performance, irrespective of reported exceptional circumstances.
- 11. We will keep a written record of all decisions, recommendations and marks relevant to your exceptional circumstances. This information will be available to the Board of Examiners when they determine your degree classification or make other decisions that are relevant to you.

REGULATION B3

(amendments to linked documents):

SOM MBChB Admissions process 2022-23 SOM Intercalation application and appeal process SOM MBChB attendance and absence monitoring guidance 2022-23 SOM MBChB Health and Conduct Committee ToR 2022-23.

Regulation C5: Medical Bachelors Degrees

(Formerly Regulation 1G: Modular Medical Bachelors Degrees, Including Certificates and Diplomas of Higher Education and MBCHB but Excluding Intercalated Degrees)

1. SCOPE

Regulation C5 is the primary regulation for all medical bachelor students on a programme leading to the award of MBChB. In addition to this University regulation, it is the student's responsibility to adhere to current General Medical Council guidance.

2. ADMISSION

- **2.1.** By accepting a place at the University, you confirm that you will abide by the University's rules, regulations and policies set out in the <u>Keele Academic Regulations and Policies</u>.
- **2.2.** Admission and eligibility to become and/or remain a medical student to the programme is governed by the School of Medicine Admissions policy: SOM MBChB Admissions process 2022-23
- **2.3.** You will not be able to register/be offered a place for the MBChB programme if you have been excluded from other Schools of Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy on grounds of being unfit to practise.
- **2.4.** This programme is subject to the Fitness to Practise process set out in Regulation B5

3. STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL BEING

- **3.1.** You must be in an adequate state of physical and mental health to engage with your studies (<u>Regulation</u> <u>B4</u>)
- **3.2.** You are required to notify the School of any circumstances, of which you are aware, that may affect your ability to study. Where such circumstances may affect performance in assessments, these must be notified to the School before, or within five working days of, the relevant assessment.
- **3.3.** If you have, or develop, a health condition that in the opinion of the Keele Occupational Health service may impact on patient safety, or prevent you from discharging the professional duties of a doctor, you will be referred to the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee to assess your ability to continue on the programme.

4. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR AND FITNESS TO PRACTISE

- **4.1.** The School of Medicine has an obligation to monitor and assess the professional, as well as academic, development of students in accordance with GMC guidance. For this reason you are required to sign an annual declaration of awareness of your professional responsibilities.
- **4.2.** During placements you are expected to conform to the policies and procedures laid down by the organisation that provides the practice placement, as well as to School policies. If you demonstrate unprofessional/dangerous/unsafe behaviour in the clinical environment you will be withdrawn from placement immediately and your conduct will be subject to an investigation by the School, the outcomes of which will be considered by the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee. Behaviour that is in breach of this regulation may result in your studies on the programme being terminated.

Where the School becomes aware that a student has displayed unprofessional behaviour, a decision will be taken whether this will be referred to the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee, which may result in your studies on the programme being terminated.

- **4.3.** Any referral to the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee and a possible subsequent consideration by the University Fitness to Practise Committee will be done under the process set out in Regulation B5 Fitness to Practise
- **4.4.** It is your responsibility to disclose a criminal conviction or caution, failure to do so will result in you being referred to the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee to consider the appropriate course of action on the grounds of a professional misdemeanour.
- **4.5.** If you are excluded from the MBChB programme on grounds of being unfit to practise, your details will be added to the National Excluded Student Database, and you may be barred from registering for any other Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy programme within the UK.

5. PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

5.1. The 5 year MBChB programme is a non-modular programme and comprises:

Year 1: Level 4 (120 credits)
Year 2: Level 5 (120 credits)
Year 3: Level 6 (120 credits)
Year 4: Level 6 (120 credits)

Year 5: Level 6 (120 credits)

5.2 You must enrol or re-register for your programme of study before each coming academic year by the deadline, which will be notified to you by the University.

You cannot normally include in your Keele programme of study modules from another higher education institution in the UK or abroad and the University's Recognition of Prior Learning does not apply to this programme.

5.3 Only modules defined as part of the MBChB are recognised as contributing to the degree award.

6. INTERCALATION

- **6.1** You may apply to suspend your medical degree for a maximum period of 12 months to intercalate to study either a Bachelor's degree, normally after year 2, or a Master's degree after year 4.
- **6.2** To undertake such an intercalated degree, you must be given permission by the School of Medicine, as well as being offered a place on your chosen programme following an application. <u>SOM Intercalation application and appeal process</u>
- **6.3** You may appeal the Schools decision regarding your intercalation application.

7. MAXIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION

7.1 The maximum period of registration to complete your programme of study is stated in Regulation C1.

8. MODULE ASSESSMENT AND REASSESSMENT

- **8.1** The general rules describing the assessment and reassessment of modules for the University are provided in Regulation D1.
- 8.1.1 Regulation D1 applies to the MBChB with the following exceptions:

- **8.1.1.1** Clause D1: 9.3: all years of study shall be assessed in accordance with specific MBChB assessment criteria
- **8.1.1.2** Clause D1: 9.3: the minimum mark for a pass shall be determined for each assessment according to the processes set out in the <u>Assessments Practice Document</u> which is approved from time to time by the School of Medicine Assessment Committee.
- **8.1.1.3** Clause D1.13.1: If you are late submitting assessed work at the first attempt (or for reassessment at the first attempt), but the work is received within 24 hours of the submission deadline without valid exceptional circumstances, the maximum you will be awarded will be the assessment pass mark.
- **8.1.1.4** Clause D1.13.2: If you are late submitting assessed work after 24 hours of the submission deadline without valid exceptional circumstances, your mark will be capped at 0.
- **8.2** Ranking is required for applications to the UK Foundation Programme. The School will calculate a ranking score regarding your performance in relation to your cohort. Your ranking score will be based on the marks achieved in the first attempt of relevant assessments.

9. PROGRESSION TO NEXT LEVEL OF STUDY

- **9.1** Where you have passed every assessment for the year and met attendance and engagement requirements, you will have passed the year and be awarded the appropriate credits at the specified level.
- **9.2** Where you have failed to meet the requirements in 9.1, in certain circumstances, and subject to the approval of the School of Medicine Progress Committee or the School of Medicine Health and Conduct Committee, you may be allowed to repeat a year with full time attendance. In this case the repeat level of study will be counted as a first attempt, with no penalty for repeating the year.
- **9.3** If you fail the reassessments you are automatically referred to the School of Medicine Progress Committee. The School of Medicine Progress Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, permit you to repeat the year or may terminate your studies on the programme.
- 9.4 Full attendance is required on the MBChB programme and this is a progression and professionalism requirement. If you do not maintain full attendance you may be referred to the School of Medicine Progress (or Health and Conduct) Committee which may, after having issued reasonable warnings, terminate your studies. SoM attendance requirement policy SOM MBChB attendance and absence monitoring guidance 2022-23 See 11.2.1

10. AWARD CLASSIFICATION RULES

- **10.1** To qualify for the award of MBChB Honours, you must have satisfactorily completed a full-time programme of study and have passed all five years.
- 10.2 Award of MBChB with Distinction:
- **10.2.1** You will be awarded an MBChB with Distinction on graduation from the C2007 MBChB programme if you have accrued a minimum of 4 distinction points, one of which must be obtained in the examinations in either Year 4 or Year 5. Distinction points are awarded at the discretion of the School Examination Board. The final number of distinction points is confirmed by the Examination Board in Year 5.
- **10.2.2** You will be awarded an MBChB with Distinction on graduation from the C2018 MBChB programme if you are ranked in the top 9.9% of students based on an overall ranking mark calculated from the marks gained in the three Phases of the course using the following weighting: Phase 1 (Years 1 & 2): 25%, Phase 2 (years 3 & 4): 50%, Phase 3 (Year 5): 25%.

- **10.3** The award of the MBChB or MBChB with Distinction, and successful completion of such other assessments as defined by the General Medical Council, confers the right for you to apply for registration by the GMC.
- **10.4** The following Intermediate awards are available at appropriate exit points. These intermediate awards imply no eligibility for professional recognition or registration, or fitness to practise. Unless otherwise agreed by Senate, no student may receive more than one award for study on this programme:

10.5 BSc Honours Degree in Applied Medical Sciences:

The University Honours Degree BSc in Applied Medical Sciences is an intermediate award awarded to students who have completed at least 120 credits at Level 4, at least 120 credits at Level 5 and at least 120 credits at Level 6 or higher. This exit degree will be classified using the Bachelor's Degrees algorithm as described in Regulation D2 1.3.3.

10.6 Diploma of Higher Education in Applied Medical Sciences:

The Diploma of Higher Education in Applied Medical Sciences is an intermediate award awarded to students who have completed at least 120 credits at Level 4 and at least 120 credits at Level 5 or higher. Diplomas of Higher Education are not classified.

10.7 Certificate of Higher Education in Applied Medical Sciences:

The Certificate of Higher Education in Applied Medical Sciences is an intermediate award awarded to students who have completed at least 120 credits at Level 4 or higher as set out in the relevant programme specification. Certificates of Higher Education are not classified.

11. TERMINATION OF STUDIES

- 11.1 Regulation B8 describes the circumstances where your studies at the University could be terminated.
- 11.2 Regulation B8 applies to the MBChB with the following exceptions:
- **11.2.1** Clause B1.2 Academic Failure. In the case of academic failure you will be referred to the School of Medicine Progress Committee LINK. This may result in your studies on the programme being terminated.
- **11.2.2** Clause B8.7 Disciplinary Reasons. In the case of disciplinary offences the School will follow the School of Medicine Procedure for Students deemed by the University Disciplinary Committee to have contravened University Regulations process. This may result in your studies on the programme being terminated.
- **11.2.3** Clause B8.5 Fitness to Study. In the case of any Fitness to Study concerns you will be referred to the <u>SOM MBChB Health and Conduct Committee ToR 2022-23</u>. This may result in your studies on the programme being terminated.

REGULATION B6

REGULATION B6: ACADEMIC APPEALS

(formerly Regulation 7: Academic Appeals)

Any reference in this regulation to the Academic Registrar, Head of Department/School, or other named officer of the University shall be deemed to include reference to any person designated by that officer for the purpose. Any reference in these regulations to the Chair shall be deemed to include a reference to the Deputy Chair.

1. ACADEMIC APPEALS

1.1 Academic appeals are appeals against:

- (a) the recommendations made to Senate by:
- i. the Boards of Examiners (see Regulation D.3), and;
- ii. the Research Degrees Committee (see Regulation C10.6 and C10.11) and;
- (b) action(s) taken under Regulation B8.1 to B.8.4 (Non-engagement with studies or assessments, academic failure, failure to progress, failure to enrol or re-register and exceeding the maximum period of registration)
- 1.2 You can only submit appeals relating to (a.i) and (b), above, using the grounds listed in 2.1.
- 1.3 You can only submit appeals relating to (a.ii), above, using the grounds listed in 3.1 and 3.2.
- 1.4 You cannot submit an appeal to have any item of assessment re-marked unless there is evidence of procedural irregularity in the marking process. The academic judgement of examiners and decision of a properly constituted Boards of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee is final
- 1.5 You cannot appeal against the academic judgement of examiners.

2. ALL PROGRAMMES OF STUDY APART FROM RESEARCH DEGREES

2.1 You can only submit appeals relating to paragraphs 1.1.(a.i) and 1.1.(b) above using one or both of the following grounds:

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- (a) procedural irregularity in the conduct of the assessment or examination board processes, or the application of the Student Attendance Monitoring Procedure academic warnings procedure;
- (b) exceptional circumstances, providing that:
- i. the circumstances were not already considered by an Exceptional Circumstances Panel;
- ii. the circumstances can be verified by appropriate evidence (see University guidelines); and,
- iii. there is a valid reason for not <u>submitting an Exceptional Circumstances</u> <u>claim relating to these notifying the relevant Exceptional Circumstances Panel of these circumstances (and/or appropriate evidence) by the specified deadline (see Regulation B3).</u>
- 2.2 You can submit an appeal against:
- (a) one or more of the following recommendations made by a Board of Examiners:
- i. the mark awarded for any unit of assessment component or the overall module;
- ii. failure at any stage of the programme of study;
- iii. the overall outcome of a programme of study;
- iv. decisions in relation to submitted exceptional circumstances;
- iv. any action taken as a result of the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy-on Academic Warnings.
- (b) a procedural irregularity in the way the University followed and applied its academic regulations and procedures which either affected your ability to undertake assessment(s) or which led to your assessed work not receiving the mark it merited;
- (c) the decision to terminate your studies as a result of a perceived failure on your part to enrol or re-register for your studies by the required deadline, or as a result of you exceeding the maximum period of registration allowed for your programme under Regulation C1.

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3. RESEARCH DEGREES

- **3.1** You can submit appeals against decisions made under Regulation C10.6, or any other decision made by the Research Degrees Committee, before you submit your thesis, using one or more of the following grounds:
- (a) procedural irregularities;
- (b) exceptional circumstances, providing that:
- i. these circumstances were not known by the Board of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee at the time it made its decision.
- ii. these circumstances can be verified by appropriate evidence (see University guidelines); and,
- iii. there is a valid reason for not notifying the Board of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee in advance in accordance with Regulation B3;
- (c) inadequacy of supervision or facilities.
- 3.2 You can submit appeals against decisions made under Regulation C10.11 using one or more of the following grounds:
- (a) procedural irregularities;
- (b) exceptional circumstances, providing that:
- i. these circumstances were not known by the Board of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee at the time it made its decision;
- ii. these circumstances can be verified by appropriate evidence (see University guidelines); and,
- iii. there is a valid reason for not notifying the Board of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee in advance in accordance with Regulation B3.

Allegations of inadequate supervision or other arrangements, during the period of study, must be raised at the time and before you submit your thesis (see the Code of Practice on Postgraduate Research Degrees). These allegations do not constitute grounds for appeal after the thesis has been submitted.

4. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPEAL

- 4.1 If you are a student on an undergraduate or postgraduate taught programme, you Undergraduate students and taught postgraduate students—must submit your an appeal within 10 calendar days of the official notification of either the decision of the Board of Examiners or actions taken under the Student Attendance and Engagement Policy—en Academic Warnings by the Head of School or Head of Student Records and Examinations, or within 10 calendar days of the official notification that your studies have been terminated due to failure to enrol or re-enrol for your studies. If you submit your appeal later than 10 days after the official notification of results, your appeal will only be considered if you can provide valid evidence why you were not able to submit within the deadline.
- **4.2** If you are a Research Postgraduate students, you must submit an appeal within 28 calendar days of the official notification of the decision of the Research Degrees Committee. If you submit your appeal later than 28 days after the official notification of results, your appeal will only be considered if you can provide valid evidence why you were not able to submit within the deadline.
- 4.3 To appeal you must
- (a) complete and submit the approved Appeal Form with the full details of your appeal, including any evidence.
- (b) if you are appealing your final award, you must inform Student Records and Examinations that you are appealing before Senate confirms the decision of the Board of Examiners/Research Degrees Committee. Senate will then delay confirming the Board/Committee's recommendation pending the outcome of your appeal.

- **4.4** To complete the Appeal Form you must explain the reason for your appeal in full, provide <u>all available</u> supporting evidence, and state the action that you would like the University to consider if your appeal is successful. If all of your evidence is not available when you complete the Appeal Form you must state this on your form and agree a deadline for submission with the secretary for the University Academic Appeals Committee (UAAC).
- 4.5 Evidence submitted for an appeal must be attributable, datable, and genuine. It is your responsibility to submit all available evidence with your appeal and failure to provide sufficient evidence is likely to lead to the appeal being rejected. If not all of your evidence is available when you complete the Appeal Form, you must state this on your form and agree a deadline for submission with the appeals administrator. If you do not submit all your evidence by your agreed deadline, the appeal will may be considered without it. You can also ask someone to write a statement on your behalf to include with your appeal form.

5. THE APPEALS PANELSIFTING STAGE

- 5.1 Each aAppeals will first-be considered by an Appeals Panel at the Sifting Stage by the Head of Academic Quality and Student Conduct (or their representative) and a member of UAAC.
- **5.2** The <u>consideration of an appeal will normally consist of a desk-based</u> Sifting Stage is an initial assessment of available documentation, including; your appeal form <u>with all submitted evidence</u>, information <u>held by us</u> on your student record, previously submitted exceptional circumstances, <u>reports</u> and <u>minutes from the relevant examination board</u>, and <u>initial on occasion a report comments we may request from the School or Service</u>, as appropriate. You will be given the opportunity to respond <u>in writing</u> to <u>any initial comments reports</u> received from the School or Service <u>where the panel deemed it necessary to request such a report.</u>
- **5.3** If the case for the appeal is straightforward and the evidence supports the appeal, the case can be referred back to the Board of Examiners for consideration with a recommendation to uphold the appeal. UAAC is responsible for the final decision on the outcome of your appeal.
- **5.4** If the case for the appeal is complex or requires further exploration of the evidence, the appeal will be considered by a full meeting of the UAAC (see 8.1 and 8.2 below).
- **5.5** Once If the Panel has reached a decision, based on the available information, at the Sifting Stage it is agreed that you have not presented a valid case for appeal, based on the available information, you will be informed of this decision in writing, stating the reasons.
- **5.6** In some circumstances if your appeal was unsuccessful or if you are not satisfied with the remedy offered by the Appeals Panel, you may be eligible to submit a grievance against the decision (see 9.2 below).
- 5.7 In the case of an appeal against withdrawal, it may be agreed at the Sifting Stage that no case for appeal exists. On occasion and usually only where there is a risk to a student's ongoing registration at the University or their ability to obtain a degree award, the Appeals Sifting Panel may, based at entirely on their discretion, uphold an appeal still refer the case back to the Examination Board with a recommendation notwithstanding the regulations. This discretionary decision would be based on the circumstances of the case which would make rejecting the appeal have a

disproportionate effect on the student to reinstate you or refer you to UAAC to consider any circumstances which may allow you to remain registered at the University.

5.8 In exceptional circumstances where the Panel deems the facts relating to a case to be so complex as to prevent the Panel from being able to reach a fair and robust decision based solely on the documentation provided, they may offer the student the opportunity to meet with them informally to provide further information to assist in the consideration of the case.

6. CONSTITUTION OF THE APPEALS PANEL WAAC

6.1 EachThe meeting of the Appeals Panel convened to consider academic appeals will be composed of two approved and trained members from the pool of appointed members. Panel members will not be allowed to consider appeals from students in their own School. The University recruits and trains members for appeals panels from senior and experienced members of academic and professional services staff. Appointment to the University Appeals Panel

will be by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education) on the recommendation of a selection panel overseen by the Head of Student Conduct. Academic Appeals Committee membership list consists of:

- (a) A Chair and 2 Deputy Chairs who will be senior academic members of staff;
- (b) A minimum of 3 members of academic staff from each Faculty.
- 6.2 An Academic Appeals Committee meeting will consist of:
- (a) A Chair or Deputy Chair
- (b) Two members of academic staff
- 6.3 The Committee will be serviced by the Directorate of Student and Academic Services.
- 7. FUNCTION AND POWERS OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS PANELS COMMITTEE
- 7.1 The functions of each the Academic Appeals Panel Committee will be to:
- (a) consider and make decisions on investigate academic appeals by students on taught or research programmes;
- (b) act on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and the Senate in making final decisions on the outcomes of appeals in accordance with the regulations;
- (c) provide an annual report to Senate on the number and nature of appeals received and their outcomes.
- **7.2** If an appeal is upheld or partially upheld, the $\frac{\text{Committee}}{\text{Panel}}$ can allow:
- (a) progression to the next level of study. This will only be in cases where there <u>has been</u> a procedural irregularity and only where this is allowed by the relevant course-regulations;
- (b) continued study at the same level of study or a repeat year of study¹;
- (c) an additional assessment opportunity;
- (d) re-instatement as a student;
- (e) the marking of a piece of assessment previously submitted or under preparation which has been rejected by the School; or
- (fe) a course transfer.
- 7.3 Where this is deemed necessary, the Panel may attach conditions or recommendations to any of the outcomes listed in (a) to (f) above, such as requiring the submission of a medical 'fit note' or requiring a period of leave of absence before the student can resume their studies.
- 7.4. Provided the student has submitted their academic appeal by the prescribed deadline, they should continue to be enrolled, prepare for assessment and progress until the decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is known. This would be on the understanding that any such continuity activities are undertaken only until a formal appeals outcome is recorded on the student's record. Where an appeal is rejected or results in the termination of studies or leave of absence being confirmed, the student will be immediately removed from their programme.
- **7.53** If the appeal is against the award decision made by the Research Degrees Committee, and UAAC the Panel determines that the thesis should be re-examined, the following procedures will normally be followed:
- ¹ Where the student has already had the one repeat year allowed under regulation D2, and where the Appeals <u>Panel considers that exceptionally, the student should be offered a further repeat year, this outcome will have to be approved by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education) before it can be offered to the student.</u>

- (a) new examiners will be appointed. There will be a minimum of two external examiners. The total number of examiners cannot be less than the original number;
- (b) the examiners will be advised that they are conducting a re-examination on appeal but no information will be made available about the previous examination;
- (c) the examiners will submit independent reports on the thesis before they examine the student orally, and a joint report after any oral examination;
- (d) the reports by the original examiners and by the new examiners shall be considered by the Research Degrees Committee before a final decision is reached.

8. MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC APPEALS COMMITTEE (UAAC)

- **8.1** Appeals will normally be considered at a meeting of UAAC on the recommendation of the Sifting Panel. Appeals will be considered based on the available evidence. UAAC has the power to uphold appeals based solely on the documentary evidence available.
- (a) This evidence will include: the appeal form, evidence and any supporting statement(s) submitted by the student; if required, a report from the relevant School(s) or any other body relevant to the student's appeal, written in response to the information provided on the appeal form; and the student's response to the School report. UAAC will also receive the student's academic results and any relevant Examination Board minutes.
- **8.2** In more complex cases identified at the Sifting Stage, or where UAAC agrees that a decision cannot be made based solely on the documentary evidence available, the case will be considered at a meeting of UAAC to which the student, the academic School(s), and/or any other body relevant to the student's appeal, will be invited to attend.
- 8.3 The student and/or their representative will have the right to give evidence at the meeting. The student's representative should normally be a member of the ASK (Advice and Support at Keele) Team, a current
- student, an elected officer of the Keele University Students' Union or the Keele Postgraduate Association or a member of staff. The University has the discretion to accept other supports where this is deemed necessary. If a student wishes to be accompanied by an alternative supporter they should request this via the Student Appeals, Complaints and Conduct team in the first instance. A representative of the student's academic School(s)/Research Institute is normally required to attend to discuss their report.
- **8.4** The student and the relevant Head(s) of School/Director of Research Institute will be notified of the outcome of the appeal in writing within a maximum of 7 working days after the meeting of UAAC. Reasons for the decision will be given. The decision of UAAC is final.

9. GRIEVANCES AGAINST APPEAL DECISIONS

- **9.1** After completing the appeals procedure you may be eligible to submit a grievance only if your grievance meets one or both of the following criteria:
- (a) procedural irregularity in the conduct of the appeal;
- (b) there are relevant exceptional circumstances (with verifiable evidence) that you did not include in your original appeal and/or there is new, verifiable evidence (of procedural irregularity or exceptional circumstances) that you could not present in your original appeal. There must be a valid reason for not making the circumstances and/or evidence known at the time.
- **9.2** Grievances will be considered under the provisions of Ordinance D3: Appeals and Grievances Considered by Council. You must submit a grievance, in writing, within 14 calendar days of the letter informing you of the outcome of your appeal.

REGULATION C6

Amendment to Regulation C6 Integrated Masters Degrees Additional wording added to para 2.3

2. ADMISSION

- 2.1 Any student offered admission under these regulations shall be required to, as a minimum:
- (a) meet such general entrance requirements as may be specified by Senate from time to time: and
- (b) meet any particular requirements for the course applied for; and
- (c) enrol in each session with the University by a date to be determined by the University Executive Committee; and
- (d) provide a valid UK contact address at all times whilst enrolled as a student; and
- (e) students who do not abide by points a-d will be withdrawn from the University
- 2.2 In line with the University's APL Policy, applicants may be admitted with advanced standing if they hold up to 240 credits at Level 4 or above, provided that no exemption shall be accorded for Level 6 or Level 7 modules.
- 2.3 Course regulations will specify whether combined honours and single honours students are eligible to transfer onto an Integrated Masters programme. This transfer would normally be completed prior to the start of Level 6 <u>but students who study on a Bachelors programme</u> which shares all or at least the compulsory modules with the Integrated Masters programme may transfer during the study of Level 6 up to the start of semester 2-

REGULATION A1, B4, C4, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10 – July 2023 amendments

REGULATION A1: VISA AND IMMIGRATION

(formerly Regulation 6: Visas and Immigration)

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Programme (of Study): This is the course or degree you are studying.
- 1.2 Procedural Irregularity: Where university procedures have not been followed (correctly).

2. VISA AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE AND SPONSORSHIP

- **2.1** Your immigration status must allow you to study in the UK; if it does not then you may only be able to study if the UK Home Office (UKVI) gives you discretion to do so for example if you have a work visa you can only study part time. You must provide evidence of your immigration status to a member of the Immigration Compliance and Advice team or their representative at enrolment and at any other time requested by us. You will be told in advance of these times.
- **2.2** You must live within a reasonable travelling distance of the University if we sponsor your study visa. Travelling distance is not an acceptable reason for failing to engage with your studies.
- **2.3** You must comply with all UK Immigration rules for the length of your v¥isa and while enrolled at Keele University.
- 2.4 Our designated UKVI 'Authorising Officer' is responsible for students sponsored by the University. They must ensure that students and staff comply with United Kingdom Immigration Law, and meet the requirements set out in the UKVI Sponsor Guidance.
 2.5 If you need to be sponsored by Keele University to study in the UK, you must provide evidence that you are suitable for and able to fund your studies. If you are starting a new programme you will have to pay a tuition fee deposit, however if you are extending your

current programme you might have to pay a proportion of your tuition fee for the next or current academic year (as appropriate); before your sponsorship is confirmed.

- **2.6** We will sponsor you for your expected period of study, this is set when you are admitted. You can be considered for an extension of Tier 4 your student visa route sponsorship if:
- (a) you change your programme of study and need a longer Visa to complete the new programme. You may have to apply for this from outside the UK;
- (b) you need to repeat a whole year of undergraduate study (with full time attendance);
- (c) you are a Postgraduate Research (PhD) student who needs longer to complete your studies. (You may be given a maximum of 6 additional calendar months)

No other extensions will be considered. The request of an extension does not automatically guarantee Tier 4student visa route sponsorship. Requests are subject to the UKVI requirements and are granted at the discretion of the University. If you need to return to the University to complete your studies outside of your Tier 4student visa route sponsorship period, you may be supported on a Short Term Study Visa (subject to the UKVI requirements).

- **2.7** To be sponsored under the Start up Visa Route for entrepreneurs or the Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme (DES) you must meet the requirements set by the University and the UK Home Office. Sponsorship is given at the discretion of the University and there is no guarantee of automatic sponsorship under these schemes, if the University is involved in them.
- **2.8** The University will not sponsor a student who is or has been an overstayer in the UK or may fall under the 'general grounds' for refusal (Part 9 of the UK Immigration Rules). It is your responsibility to provide independently verifiable evidence that you are eligible for sponsorship.
- **2.9** You must respond to communication from the University promptly and within the time frame specified. Communications about your immigration status and visa will be sent to your Keele University email account in the first instance.

3. APPEALS CONCERNING DENIAL OF SPONSORSHIP

- **3.1** You can appeal the decision to deny your sponsorship if there is evidence of procedural irregularity during the decision making process. See paragraphs 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 above, and regulations C3.2 Bachelors Degree, C4.2.4 Intercalated Bachelors Degrees, C5.2 Medical Bachelors Degrees, C6.2.4 Integrated Masters Degrees, C7.2.4 Taught Postgraduate Degrees, C8.2.4 Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diplomas, C9.2 Professional Doctorates, and C10.2.4 Research Degrees.
- **3.2** You must submit your appeal to the Immigration Compliance and Advice Manager within 5 calendar days of being informed that you will not be sponsored.
- **3.3** The Immigration Compliance and Advice Manager will decide the result of your appeal and inform you of this decision within 15 working days. This communication will be sent to the email address you provided with your appeal.

4. UK HOME OFFICE REQUIREMENTS AND CANCELLATION OF VISAS

- **4.1** You will be reported to the UK Home Office, resulting in a cancellation of your visa, if: **(a)** your studies are terminated by the University;
- (b) you withdraw yourself from the University;
- (c) you take a Leave of Absence (Regulation B4). Students returning from a Leave of Absence must get a new visa before returning to the University;
- (d) you complete your studies earlier than the expected end date stated on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS). This will be reported to the UK Home Office as early completion:
- (e) you change your Immigration status and/or programme of study and are consequently no longer eligible for University sponsorship under Tier 4a student visa route; or
- (f) you do not have a valid and in date Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) Certificate; or
- (g) you no longer meet the UK Home Office requirements for the visa (immigration permission) you

were last granted.

- **4.2** Students with aon a Tier 4student ∀visa route will be reported to the UK Home Office if their studies are terminated by the University. This will cancel your visa to study and your right to be in the UK. Your studies will be terminated if:
- (a) you fail to provide a valid passport, visa, Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) Certificate or any other documentation when required by the University for inspection at enrolment, or at any other time requested by us. You will be told in advance of these times:
- (b) you fail to engage with the University on ten consecutive expected engagements. These include:
- i. Compulsory classes and/or supervisory meetings;
- ii. Non-compulsory lectures, classes, tutorials, seminars, lab sessions and supervisory meetings;
- iii. University examinations;
- iv. Assessment submissions:
- v. Face-to-face meeting with staff from the Immigration Compliance and Advice team, personal tutors, supervisors, Heads of School / Institute or their nominee. You will be told in advance when these meeting will take place;
- vi. International Student Checkpoint events and enrolment; and
- vii. Meetings convened by the University's Immigration Compliance and Advice team, or their representative.
- (This is not a complete list. You must attend all learning, teaching and administrative events for your programme. Travelling distance is not an acceptable reason for failing to engage with your studies, see 2.2 above);
- (c) the University finds, or the University is informed by the UK Home Office, that you have breached your immigration conditions. For example, working more than the number of permitted hours per week as set out by your visa;
- (d) you have not corrected an error in your Visa (for example, incorrect permission and/or working rights);
- (e) you cannot prove you have permission to study in the UK;
- (f) the UKVI informs the University that you do not have permission to study; or
- (g) the UKVI make a legitimate request that the University withdraws you.

5. APPEALS CONCERNING POTENTIAL CANCELLATION OF VISAS

- **5.1** You can appeal against the University's decision to terminate your studies if there is evidence of procedural irregularity in the decision-making process.
- **5.2** You must submit your appeal to the Head of Academic Quality and Student Conduct within 5 calendar days of being told your studies are being terminated.
- **5.3** The Head of Academic Quality and Student Conduct will decide the result of your appeal and inform you of this decision within 5 working days. This communication will be sent to the email address you provided with your appeal.

6. GRIEVANCES AGAINST APPEAL DECISIONS

- **6.1** Once you have completed the appeals procedure you can submit a grievance to the University Council. You can submit a grievance about the result of your appeal if there is evidence of procedural irregularity in the conduct of the appeal process.
- **6.2** You must submit the grievance in writing to the Secretary to Council within 14 calendar days of receiving the outcome of your appeal.
- **6.3** Students must comply with the requirements of the UK Home Office and will not be sponsored during the grievance proceedings.

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REGULATION B4: FITNESS TO STUDY

(formerly Regulation 10: Leave of Absence).

1.6 Due to the University's responsibilities as a Tier 4student visa route Sponsor, international students on a Tier 4student visa route who apply for, and are granted, a leave

of absence will have their Visa curtailed and will need to return to their home country for the duration of the leave of absence. Any student who chooses to take a leave of absence should be aware that the University's sponsorship may be removed and that they may not be able to return to study following a leave of absence.

REGULATION C4: INTERCALATED BACHELORS DEGREES

(Formerly Regulation 1C: Modular Medical Intercalated Bachelor Of Science Degrees) 2.4 Applicants requiring Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK must not only meet the entrance criteria for the course but also the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. Therefore, an offer of a place does not guarantee automatic Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and is at the discretion of the University.

REGULATION C6: INTEGRATED MASTERS DEGREES

(formerly Regulation 1F: Integrated Masters Programmes)

2.4 Applicants requiring Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK must not only meet the entrance criteria for the course but also the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. Therefore, an offer of a place does not guarantee automatic Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and is at the discretion of the University.

REGULATION C7: TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

2.4 Applicants requiring Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK must not only meet the entrance criteria for the course but also the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. Therefore, an offer of a place does not guarantee automatic Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and is at the discretion of the University.

REGULATION C8: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE AND GRADUATE DIPLOMAS

2.4 Applicants requiring Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK must not only meet the entrance criteria for the course but also the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. Therefore, an offer of a place does not guarantee automatic Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and is at the discretion of the University.

REGULATION C9: PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

2.4 Applicants requiring Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK must not only meet the entrance criteria for the course but also the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. Therefore, an offer of a place does not guarantee automatic Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and is at the discretion of the University.

REGULATION C10: RESEARCH DEGREES (EXCLUDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES)

2.4 If you require Tier 4student visa route sponsorship to study in the UK you must meet the entrance criteria for the programme of study (see paragraph 2.1 above) and the requirements, rules and responsibilities of the UK Home Office for sponsorship. An offer of admittance to the degree programme does not guarantee Tier 4student visa route sponsorship and any offer of sponsorship is made at our discretion.