

Summary of Academic Regulations (Taught Courses)

2025/26

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About the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) 2025/26

The Academic Regulations are the rules we follow when you join us to study. The Regulations describe:

- how we make and communicate our regulations
- when and how we can make changes to regulations and curriculum
- registration for study including modules and/or qualifications
- study restrictions and time limits
- how we administer your academic credit
- how we recognise prior learning
- how to reuse module credit
- our scheme of classification for undergraduate degrees and taught postgraduate qualifications
- how we award qualifications
- how your registration may be ended

You need to be aware

- These regulations should be read in conjunction with your qualification regulations which set out any specific academic requirements you will have to meet, and any exceptions to the general rules.
- You must provide the information we request in order to establish your eligibility to register. The information you provide must be complete and accurate.

- When relevant we will follow related policies such as the [Fitness to Practise Procedure](#) for vocational apprentices, [Fitness to Study Policy](#), and the [Code of Practice for Student Discipline](#).

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