

## Applies to undergraduate students who enrolled from September 2022 onwards and new postgraduate students from September 2023. Applies to all students on block delivery programmes

Welcome to the regulations digest, a short briefing document to inform staff and students of annual changes to the academic regulations for taught programmes which apply to undergraduate students who first registered with the university from September 2022, taught postgraduate students who first registered with the university from September 2023 and all students on block delivery programmes (Education 2030). Please refer to the [academic regulations](#) for further details.

Please note, there is a separate set of academic regulations for taught programmes which apply to postgraduate students who enrolled prior to September 2023 and undergraduate students in levels 6 and 7 in September 2023.

For further information please contact your [Associate Dean \(Academic\)](#) in the first instance. Alternatively, please contact Sally Lloyd, Department of Academic Quality, [sloyd@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:sloyd@dmu.ac.uk).

### Changes for 2023/24

#### General

Amendments to terminology, including replacing BlackBoard with LearningZone, and minor wording changes for clarity. Updating of the glossary. Inclusion of taught postgraduate regulations as postgraduate programmes move to block delivery for 2023/24.

#### Section 1: Undergraduate and taught postgraduate study

- [General](#) – inclusion of information about postgraduate module sizes and postgraduate programme structures.
- [Paragraph 1.21](#) – inclusion of a requirement for a student to have passed (with no compensation) all 'minor' subject modules to gain a major/minor award.

## Section 2: Assessment

- **General** – inclusion of existing information about postgraduate module pass mark and lack of compensation.
- **Paragraph 2.5** – removal of requirement for module marks to be ratified before reassessment decisions are made
- **Paragraph 2.16 – 2.20** – shorter deadline for unauthorised late submissions of assessment (24 hours) will apply to postgraduate assessments as well as undergraduate.
- **Paragraph 2.22** – new paragraph to clarify that where students do not progress to the next level with their cohort, they will return to the programme structure in operation on their return and will be subject to the regulations which apply to the cohort they are joining.
- **Paragraph 2.23** – allowance of two reassessments per module will apply to postgraduate modules as well as undergraduate; in-year reassessment will also apply.
- **Paragraph 2.35/2.39** – introduction of repeat years at all levels of undergraduate study for students who have failed more than 60 credits of the level, which will replace reassessment with mandatory attendance for students in this circumstance.
- **Paragraph 2.36** – inclusion of a choice of repeat year or reassessment with mandatory attendance for students who have failed 60 credits of an undergraduate level of study.
- **Paragraph 2.38** – inclusion of a table to illustrate different types of reassessment opportunities.

## Section 3: Progression

- **N/A** – requirement that undergraduate students who have not achieved 30 credits by the reassessment board will be dismissed from studies has been removed.
- **Paragraph 3.8** – new paragraph to clarify that where students do not progress to the next level with their cohort, they will return to the programme structure in operation on their return and will be subject to the regulations which apply to the cohort they are joining.
- **Paragraph 3.9** – amendment of the postgraduate progression regulation to require 30 credits to be passed, rather than 60, prior to starting the dissertation.

## Section 4: Award

- **General** – inclusion of existing information about postgraduate awards.

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

- **Paragraph 5.1** – shorter deadline for extensions to coursework deadlines (five university working day) will apply to postgraduate assessments as well as undergraduate.
- **Paragraph 5.14** – inclusion of provision for a gap year request to be approved up to the end of week two of the academic year.

## Section 6: Registration

- **General** – inclusion of existing information about postgraduate registration.
- **Paragraph 6.6** – clarification of the various breaks in academic learning which fall within the maximum period of registration.
- **Paragraphs 6.20 and 6.21** – updating of the regulation relating to apprentices who leave or are dismissed from their programme to comply with Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funding rules 2023/24.
- **Paragraph 6.29** – inclusion of provision for apprentices whose registration is ended due to academic failure to return to the apprenticeship programme in exceptional circumstances or to a different apprenticeship programme (subject to the normal time delay).

## **Section 7: Recognition of Prior Learning**

- **General** – inclusion of existing information about postgraduate RPL.