

# Academic regulations

# DIGEST

2023/24

Applies to postgraduate students who enrolled prior to September 2023, and undergraduate students in levels 6 and 7 in September 2023.

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 postgraduate students who enrolled prior to September 2023 and undergraduate students in levels 6 and 7 in September 2023. 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 undergraduate students in levels 4 and 5 in 2023/24 and new postgraduate students from September 2023, both on block delivery programmes and on programmes with other delivery patterns.

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.

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

- [Paragraph 73](#) – 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.

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

- [Paragraph 134](#) – clarification that a leave of absence shorter than a year can be granted if appropriate.
- [Paragraph 138](#) – inclusion of provision for a gap year request to be approved up to the end of week two of the academic year.
- [N/A](#) – removal of references to repeating level 4 study

## Section 6: Student registration

- [Paragraph 148](#) – clarification of the various breaks in academic learning which fall within the maximum period of registration.
- [Paragraphs 162 and 163](#) – 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 173](#) – 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).