

## Summary of Revisions to the University Calendar: General Regulations for 2022-23

The most significant changes to the University Calendar: General Regulations for 2022-23 are summarised in each section below.

Regulations for Students	
5.22	Amendment to accord with the proposed changes to the Conduct Regulations, to provide all of the requirements relating to student disclosure of criminal offences or investigations within the Regulations for Students, making the provisions clearer and more streamlined.
Study Regulations for Postgraduate Taught Programmes	
2.1.2/2.1.4	Additional condition for return to postgraduate study to satisfy any specific requirements outlined in the relevant programme specification.
7.1.4	Clarification that the weighted average of the taught modules should be truncated to an integer to determine eligibility for a pass with distinction for Master's Degrees, to ensure consistency in calculations and align with current practice in calculating programme marks.
Study Regulations for Research Degree Programmes	
6.1.1	Change to permit the appointment of a third, external supervisor where the student's research would benefit from external input, such as from an industry expert, or where this would enhance external collaborations.
6.1.9:	Removal of the regulatory limit on the number of students that a staff member can be assigned as principal supervisor, as it is recognised that there are a variety of valid reasons why a member of staff could have capacity to go beyond this limit.
7	Minor amendments throughout to reflect the change to online thesis submission.

7.7.3	Amendment to allow for both in-person and online oral examinations (vivas) with the School Postgraduate Research Committee responsible for determining the specific arrangements for each examination.
7.7.4	Inclusion of a standard timeframe for the oral examination to take place to support the timely assessment of the student's thesis.
Study Regulations for Higher Doctorates	
5	Minor amendments to reflect the change to online thesis submission.
General Provisions Relating to Academic Appeals, Conduct, Academic Offences and Student Complaints	
	Standalone general provisions relating to Academic Appeals, Conduct, Academic Offences and Student Complaints have been introduced to ensure a consistent approach and avoid duplication within these regulations/procedures.
Conduct Regulations	
	A major review of the Conduct Regulations was completed which will result in a fully revised set of Conduct Regulations, and new discrete regulations to deal with interim measures. Further information on these regulations will follow in due course.
Procedures for Dealing with Academic Offences	
1.1.2	Amended to capture all taught modules within these Procedures, to specifically include those taken by Postgraduate Research Students.
4/5	Inclusion of an 'Initial Review Stage' at sections 4 and 5, for minor and major offences. This has been introduced to assist Schools in dealing with large numbers of low-level offences, so that these can be streamlined and addressed without requiring an investigation and panel meetings with the student.

5.2	Reorganised, to allow easier navigation by those using the Procedure.
5.4	Amended to remove the words 'prima facie' for sifting and review of appeals, with more user-friendly language provided.
6	Reorganised and split up, with relevant headings for appeal and referral to the Academic Offences Committee to make the section more navigable.
7	Duplication of penalties has been removed.
8	Reference to 'prima facie' screening has been removed and replaced with more user-friendly language.
9	Streamlined to remove elements now contained within the Core Principles.
Student Complaints Procedure	
1.11	Amended to accord with proposed changes to the Conduct Regulations.
1.17	Amended to reflect the up-to-date provisions as advised by The Equality and Diversity Unit.
2.1: 2.2/ 3.2	Amended to remove the words 'prima facie' for screening and review of complaints, with more user-friendly language provided.
	It is also anticipated that People and Culture will be implementing their new policies for dealing with complaints against staff during academic year 2022-23. In particular, student complaints of alleged misconduct or inappropriate behaviour by staff (currently covered under the Student Complaints Procedure, section 1.3.4(ii)), will be dealt with under the new People and Culture policies. As such, the Committee is asked to approve the suspension of section 1.3.4(ii) of the Student Complaints Procedure, with the suspension to apply from the date that the new People and Culture policy becomes operational.