

Institute of Education Taught Postgraduate

Year-on-Year Comparison of Regulations 2016-2019

Covering Masters Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates

The following is provided as a brief, quick-reference guide to the changes in the main UCL regulations from year to year and should not be viewed as a replacement for the full regulations.

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1. Programme Structures				
Academic Level		Masters/ Graduate (Some programmes include Advanced modules).		Level 7 (Some programmes include Level 6 modules).
PG Cert		Minimum 60 credits		
PG Dip		Minimum 120 credits		
Taught Masters	Credits	Minimum 180 credits		
	Dissertation	Must include a Dissertation or Independent Research Project of at least 60 credits. Some derogations.		Must include at least 30 credits of in-depth research or scholarly activity in the form of a Dissertation or other Substantive Project.
Masters by Research	Credits	Minimum 180 credits		
	Dissertation	Should include a Dissertation or Independent Research Project with minimum 105 credits, maximum 150 credits (pro rata for programmes >180 credits). Some derogations.		
2. Marking Scale				
Marking Scale		Letter Grades A-D		Letter Grades A-F
Pass Mark		Level 6 and Level 7 = C		Level 7 = C, Level 6 = D
Condonable Range		n/a		Level 7 = D, Level 6 = E
3. Module Assessment				
Module Pass Criteria		Variable.		Preponderance of at least a Pass, plus at least a Pass in any Non-condonable Component.
Non-condonable Components		Some Components must be passed to pass the module.		Non-condonable Components permitted on Non-condonable Modules, subject to approval.
Pass/ Fail Components		n/a		Pass/Fail Components can be used, subject to approval i.e. Component must be passed but does not contribute to module mark.
Qualifying Marks		Some programmes include modules/ components with Pass Marks higher than standard UCL Pass Mark.		Pass Mark is Grade C for Level 7 and Grade D for any level 6 modules.
Late Submissions		Sliding scale of penalties.		

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Word Count Penalties		Can be set locally – maximum 10 percentage point deduction in marks.		
4. Progression & Award Requirements				
Progression		Some programmes include Progression Requirements between years of study.		Programmes of more than one year may include 'Continuation Requirements', subject to approval and recorded in the Programme Summary ('Progression' only takes place between Academic Levels).
Award Requirements	PG Cert	Pass all modules		a) Pass all Non-Condonable Modules, AND b) Attain grades in the Condonable Range in no more than 15 credits , AND c) Pass the remaining credits, AND d) Achieve a Grade C or higher in at least 50% of all credits.
	PG Dip	Pass all modules		a) Pass all Non-Condonable Modules, AND b) Attain grades in the Condonable Range in no more than 30 credits , AND c) Pass the remaining credits, AND d) Achieve a Grade C or higher in at least 50% of all credits.
	Masters (inc MRes)	Pass all modules		a) Pass all Non-Condonable Modules, AND b) Attain grades in the Condonable Range in no more than 30 taught credits , AND c) Pass the remaining taught credits, AND d) Pass the Dissertation/ Substantive Project, AND e) Achieve a Grade C or higher in at least 50% of all credits. Subject to approval, programmes with >180 credits may include a higher volume of condonable credit, up to a maximum of 25% of the taught credits. Recorded in Programme Summary.
Condonable Range		n/a		Level 7: Grade D Level 6 modules: Grade E
Non-Condonable Modules	Taught modules	In some faculties.		Subject to approval, if module is Compulsory or if required by a Professional Body (inc all ITE).
	Masters Dissertation/ Research Project	All Masters Dissertations/ Research Projects are Non-condonable.		
Application of Condonement	At first attempt	If a student fails at the first attempt they may be Condoned or they may be offered a Resit. Variable practice.	If a Full Time student meets the Condonement Criteria they must be condoned and will not Resit. On Part Time and Flexible programmes, condonement cannot be determined until the end of the taught modules. Students will therefore be entered automatically for a Resit if they fail a module.	
		If a student does not meet all of the Condonement Criteria practice varies.	If a student does not meet all of the Condonement Criteria, including failing more than the maximum number of Condonable Credits, they will be reassessed in all of the failed modules, including those in the Condonable Range.	

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	At second attempt	If a student fails at the second attempt they will usually be Condoned, if all criteria are met.	If a student meets the Condonement Criteria they will be condoned.	
	Deferrals	EC regulations should be applied before Condonement regulations.		
5. Classification				
Resit and Condoned Marks		Students cannot be awarded a Merit or Distinction if they have a Resit or Condoned mark in their profile.	Students can be awarded a Merit or Distinction if they have a Resit or Condoned mark in their profile.	
PG Cert and PG Dip Classification	Standard	Distinction: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade A. Merit: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade B.		
	Initial Teacher Education	PGCE, PGDE etc. not classified.		
Taught Masters Classification Criteria	Standard	Distinction: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade A including Dissertation. Merit: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade B including Dissertation.	Distinction: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade A. Merit: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade B.	
	Students Repeating Modules from 2017-18	n/a	The Classification will be based on both the weighted mean and the mark in the Dissertation/ Substantive Project, in line with the 2017-18 regulations. In all other respects, students who are undertaking a Repeat will be fully enrolled on the 2018-19 academic session and therefore subject to the 2018-19 regulations.	
MRes Classification Criteria		Distinction: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade A including Dissertation. Merit: At least 2/3 of credits at or above Grade B including Dissertation.		
6. Reassessment and Deferrals				
Marks	Resit and Repeat	Full Mark	Module marks capped at Grade C (Grade D for any level 6 modules).	
	Left-resitting students	Previous year's regulations apply: Full Mark	Previous year's regulations apply: Module marks capped at Grade C (Grade D for any level 6 modules).	
	Deferral of 1st attempt	Full Mark		
	Deferral of 2nd attempt	Full Mark	Module marks capped at Grade C (Grade D for any level 6 modules).	
Timing of Reassessment	PG Cert	Fail up to 15 credits	Resit	If all the Condonement Criteria are met: the student will be condoned and will not Resit. If any of the Condonement Criteria are not met: Late Summer Resit
		Fail 16-30 credits	Resit	Late Summer Resit
		Fail 31-60 credits	Resit	Late Summer Resit
	PG Dip	Fail up to 30 credits	Resit	If all the Condonement Criteria are met: the student will be condoned and will not Resit. If any of the Condonement Criteria are not met: Late Summer Resit

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	Fail 31-60 credits	Resit	Late Summer Resit		
	Fail >60 credits	Resit	Repeat with attendance and fees.		
	Masters (inc MRes)	Fail up to 30 taught credits	Resit	If all the Condonement Criteria are met: the student will be condoned and will not Resit. If any of the Condonement Criteria are not met: Late Summer Resit	
		Fail 31-60 taught credits	Resit	Late Summer Resit	
		Fail >60 taught credits	Resit	Repeat with attendance and fees.	
		Fail Dissertation	Resit	Resit Late Summer as standard. Board may decide that student requires a Repeat with tuition and fees.	
	Opt-out of Repeat		n/a	Board of Examiners may permit Resit instead of Repeat.	
	Students Barred from assessment		n/a	Repeat following year with tuition and fees. Treated as 2 nd attempt, marks capped at a Pass.	
	Deferral without Tuition		Late Summer or following year without tuition and fees.		
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Reassessment Requirements	Late Summer Resit	BoE decides which components are reassessed.	Resit failed components only.		
	Repeat next year	BoE decides which components are reassessed.	Repeat all components.		
	Deferral with or without Tuition	EC Panel decides whether some or all components are deferred.			
Module Substitutions	Late Summer Resit	n/a	Substitutions not possible as there is no additional teaching.		
	Repeat next year	n/a	Students can substitute a Repeat module, with tuition and fees; treated as 2 nd attempt.		
	Deferral without Tuition	n/a	Substitutions not possible as there is no additional teaching.		
	Deferral with Tuition	n/a	Substitutions possible in following year with attendance and fees; treated as a new 1 st attempt.		

7. Interim Qualifications

PG Cert	Non-advertised Outcome	A PG Cert exit qualification is available as an option for the Board of Examiners on all UCL Masters and PG Dip programmes. If the PG Cert is not advertised, students need to meet the standard UCL interim qualification learning outcomes and will not receive a Merit or Distinction Classification.
	Advertised Outcome	On some programmes, a PG Cert is an advertised exit point from a Masters and PG Dip. If the PG Cert is advertised, students need to meet programme-specific interim qualification learning outcomes and are eligible for a Merit or Distinction Classification.
PG Dip	Non-advertised Outcome	A PG Dip exit qualification is available as an option for the Board of Examiners on all UCL Masters programmes. If the PG Dip is not advertised, students need to meet the standard UCL interim qualification learning outcomes and will not receive a Merit or Distinction Classification.
	Advertised Outcome	On some programmes, a PG Dip is an advertised exit point from a Masters. If the PG Dip is advertised, students need to meet programme-specific interim qualification learning outcomes and are eligible for a Merit or Distinction Classification.

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Alternate Field of Study	Can be used if student doesn't meet programme-specific criteria.		
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