

### **3<sup>rd</sup> year students – information on transfers between BSc and MSci**

#### **A. Rules on UCL web-site**

The UCL deadlines for transfers in Year 3 between the MSci and the BSc degree are given at

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/academic-manual/chapters/chapter-3-registration-framework-taught-programmes/section-6-programme-transfers>

as follows:

"For transfers between Integrated Masters and cognate Bachelors programmes, transfers must be completed by the following deadlines:

- Transfer from Bachelors to Integrated Masters: The Friday before the last day of Term 3, Year 3.
- Transfer from Integrated Masters to Bachelors: The day before the start of Term 1 of the Masters year"

#### **B. Actual deadlines**

You should apply some time before the transfer completion date to allow time for processing (ideally allow two weeks) – see also points below.

#### **C. MSci to BSc transfer**

(i) If you are transferring from MSci to BSc and you wish to graduate as soon as possible you need to apply to transfer considerably earlier. In particular, if you wish to be invited to this year's graduation ceremony, you need to apply by the end of Term 2. This also applies to Tier 4 students (see below).

(ii) If you are a Tier 4 student, transferring from MSci to BSc during your degree is likely to involve applying for a new visa from outside the UK. However, you can still apply on portico for a degree change in the second half of Term 2, and this will not be immediately activated so will not cause visa problems.

#### **D. BSc to MSci transfer**

(i) If you wish to transfer from the BSc to the MSci, you should meet the criteria for the MSci, i.e. you should normally have a current weighted mean of above 60%. You should also have chosen a suitable set of modules in Year 3 to prepare you for Year 4.

(ii) At the end of Year 3 of the MSci, you need to achieve an overall 2i standard as well as at least 60% in Year 3 in order to continue to Year 4: otherwise, if you have passed, you are awarded a BSc at this stage.

(iii) The MSci is an integrated masters: it is a 4-year degree at the end of which you get an MSci. You do not get a BSc if you complete the MSci. It also finishes in June (if you do not have any LSAs). In this way it is quite different from an MSc, which is a stand-alone 12-month degree taken after

getting a BSc. MSc's (even at UCL) have to be applied for via the normal application process, not via portico.

(iv) If you are thinking about transferring to the MSci, you need to think realistically about which modules you would take and which projects you might do in Year 4, given the modules you have taken. Information can be found on the maths webpage. You should also think if the fourth year of the MSci is really what you wish to do - although ideal for some students, it is not suitable for all and is significantly harder than Year 3. Note points the above: also, if you end Year 3 with a mark in the 60 - 65% range you are advised to take the BSc and not to do Year 4.

#### **E. How to apply to transfer**

(i) If you are thinking about transferring, you could start by discussing it with your personal tutor (or another member of staff).

(ii) Please think about the points from C or D above.

(iii) If you then wish to transfer, please discuss with me first and then apply through C2RS via your portico account. (C2RS = Change to registration status).

Best wishes

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