

# REGULATIONS FOR TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING BEFORE THE 2009/10 ACADEMIC YEAR

*These regulations are approved by the Academic Board /the Graduate School Board of Examiners. Last updated: June 2015*

## General

1. These Regulations apply to all persons having registered for a programme of study leading to a degree of Master of Arts, Master of Laws, Master of Research or Master of Science at the School and to those having registered for any part of such a programme. These regulations are made subject to the General Academic Regulations

## Programmes of Study

2. Programmes and the assessments associated with them shall be so organised as to fall into one or both of the following categories:
  - 2.1 a period of full-time study, the length of which shall be prescribed in the individual programme regulations but which shall normally be not less than one calendar year, the assessments being completed by the end of that period;
  - 2.2 a period of part-time study of between two and four years, during which students will be assessed in accordance with the individual programme regulations.
3. The minimum length of the period of study is prescribed in the individual programme regulations, but at the start of the programme or at a later stage the School may require individual students to pursue the programme for a period longer than the minimum period prescribed in the regulations. The School shall determine, subject to the provisions of the individual programme regulations, the method by which the student is assessed.
4. Where a student is pursuing a programme extending over not less than one calendar year s/he may be allowed, at the discretion of the School and provided that the individual programme regulations so permit, to spend a maximum period of six months or, in the case of students pursuing a part-time programme, an equivalent period, on project work under appropriate supervision at an organisation or institution approved by the School as having a function relevant and suitable to the field of study. A student pursuing a programme extending over a minimum of one academic year will not be permitted to undertake the project work outside the School unless permitted by the individual programme regulations.
5. A full-time student will normally register for courses up to the value of four courses in each year, and a part-time student for courses to a value of three courses or fewer. Courses must be chosen to comply with the programme regulations concerned.

## Assessment

6. Schemes of assessment shall be prescribed in the individual programme regulations and unless indicated otherwise shall include the submission of a significant piece of individual work in the form of an essay, report or dissertation which may be based on a project or fieldwork.
7. If the essay, report or dissertation is adequate except that it requires minor amendment the examiners may require the student to resubmit a revised version within one month.

## Re-assessment

8. If a student who has been assessed in all elements of an assessment or of part of an assessment for which he/ she has entered fails to satisfy the examiners, the examiners may determine that s/he may on re-assessment be exempt from one or more of the following:
  - (i) one or more of the written papers;
  - (ii) essay/report/dissertation;
  - (iii) assessment of coursework;
  - (iv) practical examinations;
  - (v) oral examination.
9. A student who does not at his / her first attempt successfully complete the assessment or part of the assessment for which s/he has entered and who has not been given an overall pass at any level in his / her degree may, subject to the agreement of the School when such re-entry would involve further attendance at the School, repeat that assessment on one occasion only and in accordance with paragraph 30 of the General Academic Regulations.

### **The Award of a Degree**

10. To be eligible for the award of a degree a student must have satisfied the examiners in the assessments prescribed for the programme on completion of each course. In special cases the School may allow later assessment.
11. A student awarded a degree will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

### **Schedule to the Regulations for Taught Masters Degrees**

The powers of the School set out in these Regulations shall be exercisable as follows:

Regulation	Powers exercisable by
3, 4	The appropriate Programme Director
9	Repeat Teaching Panel on recommendation of the appropriate Sub-Board of Examiners

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See the [Calendar](#) for further information about Programme Regulations, Course Guides, School and academic Regulations.