

communicate effectively;

- (b) the achievement of a satisfactory overall standard in a scheme of assessment which tests the student's
 - (i) command of an appropriate body of knowledge and skills;
 - (ii) familiarity and ability to deal with the methodologies appropriate to the discipline(s) concerned;
 - (iii) capacity for independent and critical thought.

6.2 *Graduate taught degrees except the Master of Research*

- (a) An academically coherent programme of study beyond the first degree level which assumes the general level of educational competence implicit in the award of a first degree and which normally extends over a period of one year full-time or its equivalent in part-time study;
- (b) the achievement of a satisfactory overall standard in a scheme of assessment appropriate to the programme concerned.

6.3 *Master of Research*

- (a) A free-standing and formally examined prescribed course of full-time study beyond the bachelor's degree level of at least one year or its equivalent in part-time study; and
- (b) A structured research training programme as an adequate foundation for doctoral study and/or a research career, including
 - (i) a grounding in research techniques relevant to the disciplinary area;
 - (ii) a significant research component, which enables students to demonstrate initiative and creativity and is assessed by means of a written report;
 - (iii) elements designed to broaden students' experiences by equipping them with a range of transferable skills.

6.4 *Master of Public Administration*

- (a) The conditions set out in sub-paragraph 6.2 except as varied in the remainder of this sub-paragraph.
- (b) A prescribed programme of study of 21 months full-time or the equivalent in part-time study.
- (c) The programme of study shall combine academic development with practical applications in individual and group-based work, and appropriate contact with governmental and international organisations.

6.5 *Master of Philosophy*

- (a) The minimum period of study shall normally be two years' full-time study or the part-time equivalent or shorter in exceptional cases, such as where the degree was started elsewhere, by permission of the Academic Board. The maximum period shall be set in the Regulations.
- (b) Assessment for the award shall in all cases be by submission of a thesis and an oral examination, which shall normally be conducted in English. The scope of the thesis shall be what might reasonably be expected after two or at most three years of full-time study, and the length shall not exceed a limit to be set in the Regulations.
- (c) The thesis shall:
 - (i) consist of the candidate's own account of his/her investigations;
 - (ii) be either a record of original work or an ordered and critical exposition of existing knowledge and shall provide evidence that the field has been surveyed thoroughly;
 - (iii) give a critical assessment of the relevant literature, describe the method of research and its findings and include a discussion on those findings; and
 - (iv) be written in English except with the specific prior permission of the Academic Board; and
 - (v) be satisfactory in its literary presentation.

6.6 *Doctor of Philosophy*

- (a) The minimum period of study shall be two years' full-time study or the part-time equivalent, or shorter in exceptional cases, such as where the degree was started elsewhere, by permission of the Academic Board. The maximum period shall be set in the Regulations.
- (b) Assessment for the award shall in all cases be by submission of a thesis and an oral

examination, which shall normally be conducted in English. The scope of the thesis shall be what might reasonably be expected after three or at most four years of full-time study, and the length shall not exceed a limit to be set in the Regulations.

(c) The thesis shall:

- (i) consist of the candidate's own account of his/her investigations, the greater proportion of which shall have been undertaken during the period of registration under supervision for the degree; and
- (ii) form a distinct contribution to the knowledge of the subject and afford evidence of originality by new discoveries and/or by the exercise of independent critical power; and
- (iii) give a critical assessment of the relevant literature, describe the method of research and its findings, include discussion on those findings and indicate in what respects they appear to the candidate to advance the study of the subject; and, in so doing, demonstrate a deep and synoptic understanding of the field of study, (the candidate being able to place the thesis in a wider context), objectivity and the capacity for judgement in complex situations and autonomous work in that field; and
- (iv) be written in English except with the specific prior permission of the Academic Board; and
- (v) be satisfactory in its literary presentation; and
- (vi) demonstrate research skills relevant to the thesis being presented; and
- (vii) be of a standard to merit publication in whole or in part or in a revised form (for example, as a monograph or as a number of articles in learned journals).

BYE-LAW 4

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

General

1 The Academic Board shall initiate and maintain full rules and/or procedures for the admission of students, for their teaching and guidance, and for their assessment including the appointment of external examiners and the proper consideration of the reports of such examiners.

2 The Academic Board shall approve and maintain regulations for the definition and handling of assessment and other academic offences, for the fair hearing of academic grievances expressed by students, and for the fair hearing of appeals by students against their assessment results, always excluding appeals against matters of academic judgment.

3 The Academic Board shall cause to be regularly and systematically reviewed all courses and programmes leading to awards of the School, such reviews to take into account the opinion of students registered on those programmes and the reports of external examiners, and to involve as appropriate the active participation of a suitably qualified person or persons from outside the School.

4 In respect of the degrees of MPhil and PhD the Academic Board shall specify the arrangements to be made by academic departments for the appointment of supervisors, the monitoring of student progress and supervision arrangements, support for off-campus study, and any work undertaken in collaboration with external organisations.

5 The Academic Board shall, with the consent of the Council, determine the procedures for restriction of access to MPhil and PhD theses containing material that is of significance to national security or needs to be restricted for other reasons.

6 The Academic Board shall ensure that the appointment of examiners shall be made according to procedures that *inter alia* shall provide

- (a) for appointments to be made by a properly constituted body, outside the department/unit in which the student has studied;
- (b) for the independence, expertise and relevant experience of the examiners nominated for appointment to be properly considered.

BYE-LAW 5

ACADEMIC DRESS

- 1 For those awarded first degrees as listed in bye law 3,

Robe – plain, black graduate gown
Hood – Burgon shape, purple outer, faced with 75mm of black watered silk with a 12mm gold ribbon inside the cowl edge
Hat – black cloth mortarboard

- 2 For those awarded graduate taught degrees as listed in bye-law 3,

Robe – plain, black postgraduate gown
Hood – full shape, purple outer, fully lined with black watered silk; cowl edge bound over with a 25mm gold ribbon, 12mm inside and out
Hat – black cloth mortarboard

- 3 For those awarded the degree of Master of Philosophy,

Robe – plain, black postgraduate gown
Hood – full shape, purple outer, fully lined with black watered silk; cape and cowl edges bound over with a 25mm gold ribbon, 12mm inside and out
Hat – black cloth mortarboard

- 4 For those awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy,

Robe – doctorate shape, purple body with 125mm facings of black watered silk with a 25mm gold ribbon on outer edge; sleeves faced with 250mm of black watered silk with a 25mm gold ribbon on top edge
Hood – full shape, purple outer, fully lined with black watered silk; cape edge bound over with a 25mm gold ribbon, 12mm inside and out
Hat – black velvet Tudor bonnet with purple cord and tassels

- 5 For those awarded certificates and diplomas,

Robe – plain black graduate gown
Hood – Burgon shape, purple outer, fully lined with black watered silk; cowl edge bound over with 38mm gold ribbon, 12mm outside and 25mm inside
Hat – black cloth mortarboard

- 6 The academic dress for Honorary Fellows of the School shall be

Robe – black art silk QC shaped robe with front facings and flap collar of LSE purple; outside edge of facings and cape collar trimmed ½” gold oakleaf lace; sleeve bottoms trimmed 1” LSE purple.
Hat – black velvet Tudor bonnet with gold bullion cord and tassel.

- 7 The academic dress for the Chairman of the Court of Governors of the School and the Director of the School shall be

Robe – black damask QC shaped robe with front facings, cape collar and wings of LSE purple; facings, cape collar and sleeve ends trimmed 1 ½” gold oakleaf lace; sleeve cuts trimmed ½” gold lace.
Hat – black Truro damask with gold bullion button and tassel; crown trimmed 1” gold oakleaf lace.

- 8 The academic dress for the Secretary of the School shall be

Robe – black Truro damask, QC shaped robe with front facings and flap collar of LSE purple; facings, cape collar and sleeve ends trimmed 1” gold oakleaf lace; sleeve cuts trimmed ½” gold lace. Hat – black Truro damask square cap with LSE purple button and tassel; crown bound 1” LSE purple.

Notes

1. No graduand may be presented at a degree ceremony unless he/she is wearing appropriate LSE academic dress as set out in this bye law.
2. If silk is not obtainable for any form of dress, or is prohibitively expensive, an appropriate substitute is acceptable.
3. A black cloth cap may be substituted for the black velvet cap.
4. At the time this bye law is approved, the School robes makers are Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd., 93-94 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DU.

BYE-LAW 6

STUDENTS AND THE STATUS OF OTHER PERSONS REGISTERED FOR AN AWARD OF THE SCHOOL

1 A person shall be a student of the School only if he or she is registered as pursuing a course of study of not less than three weeks' duration provided by the School. Such regulations shall *inter alia* regulate the position of those persons intermitting their study at the School or on fieldwork or permitted leave of absence, of occasional students and of those no longer studying but awaiting the results of assessment. Sabbatical officers of the Students' Union shall be regarded as students during their terms of office.

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