

2017/18 Regulatory Framework - proposed changes from 2016/17 Edition

Regulation 1 – Introduction – No change	
Regulation 2 – Powers	
2.2.2c	Delete fellowships
2.2.2d	Minor revision in relation to revocation of academic and honorary awards and distinctions.
Regulation 3 – Regulations for the Award of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees, Postgraduate Awards and other Academic Distinctions	
3.1.2	Addition of text for Degree Assessment Boards (DABs)
3.3.1 – 3.3.2, 3.4.3-3.4.6	Streamlining of qualification award titles for Bachelor and Master awards. Addition of reference to professional practice or placement in relation to normal length of study. Addition of credit and level for Integrated Masters. MBA and MEd no longer described separately.
Regulation 4 – Regulations for Programme and Module Approval, Monitoring, & Subject Health Review	
4.2.7b) &c)	Academic Planning Group/VCEG references replaced by University Leadership Team
4.2.7c)	Minor amendments to titles and procedures
Regulation 5 - Regulations for Programmes of Study leading to the University's Taught Academic Awards	
5.1.7g)	Deleted – duplicates 5.1.10
5.2.1 ADDED	UWS awards and SCQF credit rating <i>## Where students have been admitted with prior learning (Reg 6.8.1), minor differences in credit points (up to 5 credits) will be tolerated. There are specific arrangements for the treatment of 96 credit HNCs – see Reg 6.8.1b ii)</i>
5.2.16d) 5.2.17d) 5.2.18c)	Academic Planning Group changed to Collaborative Forum for scrutiny and approval.
5.3.8	School Panel on Engagement – added 'or nominee' in relation to Dean
Regulation 6 - Regulations for the Admission of Students	
6.6.1d)	Delete reference to BEd and PGDE
6.6.1	<u>Entry Qualifications: First Language</u> Delete International Pathway Centre programmes Add reference to research degree applicants – see 6.6.3
6.6.2	Delete reference to International Pathway Centre programmes
6.6.3 NEW	Applicants for research and doctoral programmes must have IELTS

	comparable score of 6.5 or above (minimum of 6.0 in each component). To be implemented for new applicants from 230317.
6.7.1	<u>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</u> Minor amendment to wording
6.7.4	<u>Recognition for Credit</u> New paragraph which includes reference to double counting of credit.
6.8.1b)	<u>Admission with Prior Learning</u> Amendment in relation to 96 credit HNC. Further clarification on transition support module and recording of credit.
Regulation 7 - Regulations for the Assessment of Students on Taught Programmes	
7.1.2	<u>Equity of Assessment</u> Minor revisions to wording re mode of delivery.
7.3.2	<u>Pass-module</u> Reference to SCQF level 12 added
7.3.5	New text in relation to progression to Masters.
7.4.2	<u>Marking and grading scheme</u> Reference to Grade Point scale which will be used to calculate a grade point average (GPA) being extended to SCQF level 8 for session 2017/18.
7.5.2a)	<u>Classification of Honours and Distinction</u> Clarification added relation to continuing students and 65% threshold for distinction.
7.5.2b)	NEW – <u>Pass/fail</u> grades will be excluded from calculation of distinction. No more than 40 credits may be excluded from the calculation of distinction where Pass/Fail grades form part of the programme. Distinction will be based on 80 remaining credits for degree award or PgD, or on 140 credits for Masters.
7.8.3	Delete guidance note in relation to continuing students and increase to PG pass mark.
7.9	<u>Eligibility to act as Examiner or moderator</u> Head of Student administration to be notified – previously Director of Corporate Support.
7.11.3	<u>Cheating and Plagiarism</u> Addition of reference to essay writing services
7.11.4h)	<u>Plagiarism</u> Clarification added - capped marks arising from plagiarism panel decisions will be carried forward in subsequent attempts at assessment.
7.11.4i)	Delete reference to 1 st class post
7.12.1a)	<u>Added – Degree Assessment Boards</u>
7.12.4b)xi)	<u>Criteria for the appointment of External Examiners</u> Delete reference to retirees.
Appendix 1 viii) xv)	<u>Student Conduct in an Examination</u> Addition – electronic dictionaries are not permitted in any examination. Addition - guidance on examinations undertaken on a computer.
Appendix 2	Registry replaced by Student Administration
Regulation 8 - Regulations for Research Degrees	

<p>Comprehensive review of whole regulation. New numbering throughout</p>	<p><u>Key amendments</u></p> <p>8.2.1b) 1st or 2nd class Hons degree is minimum requirement – replaces normally</p> <p>8.2.2 alumni and staff from partner organisations can apply for PhD by publication – previously UWS staff only.</p> <p>NEW English language requirements increased from 6.0 to 6.5 for research degree candidates – for implementation from 230317 – Senate recommendation.</p> <p>8.2.3b) & c) All theses should be submitted in English and exceptionally, where they approval is given for it not to be in English, the abstract should be in English.</p> <p>8.2.4 b) may not move between full and part time study <i>in final year of study</i></p> <p>8.2.6 delete ‘normally’ in relation to normal and maximum periods of registration</p> <p>8.2.7 and 8.4.8 Authorised interruption – deleted’ not normally exceed two years...’</p> <p>8.3.2 Supervisory team – requirements for composition of team, not individual requirements</p> <p>8.3.3b) addition of Emeritus Professors’ eligibility as supervisors</p> <p>8.4.3 Added - RTUs are eligible for appointment as internal assessors</p> <p>8.4.7 (prev 8.4.4) role of GSB in relation to progression from taught to research only applies to D Prof, not DBA or EngD</p> <p>8.4.6b) outcomes of transfer event added</p> <p>8.4.8 addition of authorised interruption</p> <p>8.5.1 c) & e) revised - ‘bound’ in relation to thesis replaced with ‘incorporated’ in light of changes to requirements for submission of bound theses following examination</p> <p>8.5.2. Added - requirement to submit thesis via Turnitin</p> <p>8.5.4k) PhD by publication – re-apply within 5 years - delete</p> <p>8.6.3e) & f) addition of fit to sit and extenuating circumstances for examination viva</p> <p>8.6.4a) Added - RTUs may not be appointed as internal or external examiners</p> <p>8.6.5 Emeritus Professors may be appointed as chairperson</p> <p>8.6.6a) iv) clarification in relation to external examiners – should not have examined ‘within last three years’ in the School.</p> <p>8.7.1a Examiners’ reports to be submitted independently</p> <p>8.7.2 – revised and clarified -recommendations following examination including timescales</p> <p>8.7.6 – Aegrotat award -Deleted</p> <p>8.9.4 and Appendix 1 Submission of thesis – revised arrangements for submission and number of copies. Hard bound copies no longer required.</p>
<p>Regulation 9 - Regulations for Higher Doctorates</p>	
<p>9.6.1a)</p>	<p>Clarification on University Court powers to award and revoke Honorary Doctorates.</p>
<p>Procedures 3.2</p>	<p>Revised to reflect that thesis no longer have to be presented in hard copy – see 8.9.4.</p>

Regulation 10 – Library Regulations	
	Minor amendments throughout related to re-organisation and titles.
10.3.6	Removed text on limits on inter-library loans.
10.3.7	Removed text on university staff requiring the opening of package, bag or receptacle to check for unauthorised removal of library material.
10.5.1	Removed text on food and drink posters and strict silence in silent study areas.
Regulation 11 – Collaborative Provision	
11.2f)	Revised in relation to role of Academic Planning Group and Collaborative Forum.
Regulation 12 – Code of Discipline for Students	
12.1.5	Revised reference to Senate Appeals Committee and grounds for appeal.
12.1.7	Secretary to Senate Disciplinary Committee appointed by Director of Student Life – previously Secretary to Senate.
12.3.1 and 12.3.5	<u>Student Suspension</u> Dean (or named nominee) may suspend a student Amended – authorised officer will convene an initial ‘suspension review committee’, not Secretary to Senate The authorised officer will also convene subsequent meetings of the suspension review committee at appropriate intervals.
12.4.1	<u>Misconduct also constituting a criminal offence</u> To be reported to Chief Operating Officer, not Secretary to Senate Added – that authorised officer who suspended student is also notified.
12.5.3	<u>Academic misconduct</u> Dean is authorised officer for all campuses including, London Head of Student Administration is authorized officer for Exams.
12.6a)	<u>Disciplinary action</u> Authorised officer may decide to suspend student for serious allegation – previously it was will suspend
12.7.4	<u>New penalty added</u> Failure of component of assessment or whole module <u>without</u> loss of attempt
Appendix B procedures	Delete notification by 1 st class post – notification will be by student email account only. Addition of sabbatical officer or advice worker from Students’ Association to accompany student. Additional guidance on impact of Senate Disciplinary Committee penalty and decisions at Subject Panels and Progression and Awards Boards.
Regulation 13 – Student Appeals	
13.3.2	<u>Grounds for appeal – new category added</u> Addition of new evidence to support late Extenuating Circumstances

	claim
13.6.1	<u>Status of a student during an academic appeal</u> Addition of 'be permitted to' continue provisionally
Appendix A procedures	Delete notification by 1 st class post – notification will be by student email account only. Addition of sabbatical officer or advice worker from Students' Association to accompany student. Added clarification that Senate Appeals committee does not have authority to alter the decision of a Subject panel or Progression and Awards Board.
Regulation 14 – Senate and its Committees	
	Regulation 14 will be published separately.