
Academic Standards and Quality Regulations 2023-24

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All section references below refer to the current regulations, and the amendments implemented for academic year 2023/24. The Head of Academic Standards and Enhancement has oversight of the academic standards and quality regulations and welcomes feedback and suggested improvements from colleagues. If you have any questions or comments, please direct these through Tara Black (tara.black@uhi.ac.uk) in the first instance.

ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS AND COVID19

Academic Council approved a number of exceptional assessment arrangements in June 2020 to support students in the light of unprecedented disruption to learning and teaching due to the COVID19 pandemic. These [exceptional arrangements](#) were applied to progression and award outcomes in AY 2019-20. A separate '[fair assessment' approach](#)' was applied to progression and award outcomes in AY 2020-21, in light of the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. Both sets of arrangements continue to be relevant for some students who were enrolled in those years, particularly part-time students.

ACTION SHORT OF A STRIKE (ASOS)

In June 2023, Academic Council approved temporary adjustments to policies and procedures in light of action short of a strike (ASOS) relating to the academic standards and quality regulations, in particular for assessment and Exam Boards (AC22-78).

SECTION 3 ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

- The remits and membership have changed for several committees:
 - Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee (AC23-22)
 - External Partnerships Steering Committee (AC22-79)
 - Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (AC22-80)
 - Faculty Boards (AC22-76) (AHB22-053)
 - Joint Faculty Executive (AC22-76)
- Cognate Subject Groups have replaced subject network committees (AC22-76)
- Research Cluster Management Group (AC22-76)
- Academic Planning Committee has replaced Partnership Planning Forum (AC22-04).

SECTION 5 ANNUAL QUALITY MONITORING

- 5.9 Quality monitoring group membership - discontinue requirement for standard external QMG membership but retain the option of bringing in external representation to review particular subject areas where deemed necessary.

SECTION 7 PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

- Substantive changes reflect amendments to the programme development process for new UG and PGT degrees approved by Academic Council on 15 March 2023 (papers AC22-54&81).

SECTION 8 PROGRAMME APPROVAL

- Substantive changes reflect amendments to the programme approval process for new UG and PGT degrees approved by Academic Council on 15 March 2023 (papers AC22-54&82).

SECTION 11 ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP: FACULTY STRUCTURES

- Substantive changes reflecting the newly established tertiary academic structures articulated in two faculties and 6 cognate subject groups.

SECTION 19 ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- 19.50 The student(s) will have the opportunity to identify any adjustments to meeting arrangements so that they can fully and fairly participate in the hearing.

APPENDIX I UNIVERSITY REFERENCING SYSTEM

- The university's default referencing system, for students and staff, is Harvard Cite Them Right (12th edition) (QAEC22-51).