

## **ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY REGULATIONS**

### **Academic Year 2016-17**

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The Academic Standards and Quality Regulations have been developed to fulfil the regulatory requirements of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and are consistent with the Memorandum and Articles of the university.

The regulations cover all undergraduate and postgraduate students and originally were ratified by Network Academic Council (NAC) in October 1997. Since then, the regulations have been subject to regular amendments and additions. The regulations included here are listed with a note of the dates of approval.

Sections of the regulations are reviewed as needed by the Regulations Working Group, and ratified by Academic Council, in order that all of the appropriate regulatory requirements are developed and implemented in accordance with the requirements of Higher Education agencies, such as QAA Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council, and also in line with changes to the university's academic structures and curriculum.

In February 2011, UHI achieved university title. From that date onwards, all awards which would previously have been made by UHI Millennium Institute will be made by the University of the Highlands and Islands. (Postgraduate research degrees will continue to be awarded through the University of Aberdeen until the university achieves research degree awarding powers).

The university changed its curriculum structure for all taught degree programmes (undergraduate and postgraduate) from a framework of 15-credit point modules to one of 20-credit point modules in 2012-13. All programmes commenced delivery on the 20-credit point framework in 2012-13.

All new and amended student-specific regulations were approved by Academic Council in March. Changes to quality processes were approved by Academic Council in June.

The electronic version of *Academic Standards and Quality Regulations*, along with all appendices, additional guidance notes and supporting materials, can be accessed through the website ([www.uhi.ac.uk/regulations](http://www.uhi.ac.uk/regulations)) and should be taken as the definitive version at all times.

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**These regulations are for the academic year 2016-17 and supersede all previously issued regulations.**