
Academic Standards and Quality Regulations 2017-18

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Amendments to student-specific regulations were approved by Academic Council in March 2017, with any changes to quality processes approved by Academic Council in June 2017.

All section references refer to the new regulations. The regulations working group, chaired by Rhiannon Tinsley (Academic Registrar), has oversight of the academic standards and quality regulations and is always keen to receive 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.

Please note academic proformas are now available as electronic versions **only** from the website. It is very important that all students and staff are made aware of these changes.

INTRODUCTION

Minor changes. Updated to reflect achievement of rDAP.

SECTION 1 - ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY POLICY

No changes.

SECTION 2 - QUALITY ASSURANCE

No changes.

SECTION 3 - ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Various changes.

- Minor changes to Academic Titles Review Board
- Revised remit and membership for Research Degrees Committee
- Removal of Title Management Group
- Revised Committee structure to reflect recent changes.

SECTION 4 - SUBJECT REVIEW AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE REVIEW

Minor change.

- Removal of requirement to present outcome report to Academic Council (4.34).

SECTION 5 – ANNUAL QUALITY MONITORING

Minor change.

- Slightly revised quality monitoring process and indicative timescales, specifically for August, October and November / December (5.6).

SECTION 6 - FRAMEWORK FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

No changes.

SECTION 7 - PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Minor change.

- Revision to Advisory Group membership (7.13).

SECTION 8 - PROGRAMME APPROVAL

Minor changes.

- Revision to Approval Panel membership (8.15)

SECTION 9 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACADEMIC PARTNERS IN RESPECT OF ACADEMIC PROVISION

No changes.

SECTION 10 – CHANGES TO ACADEMIC PROVISION

No changes.

SECTION 11 – ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP: SUBJECT NETWORKS

No changes.

SECTION 12 - ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP: DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND MODULES

No changes.

SECTION 13 – COLLABORATIVE PROVISION

No changes.

SECTION 14A - TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE REGULATIONS

No changes.

SECTION 14B – POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREE REGULATIONS

Major changes.

- The university achieved research degree awarding powers in June 2017. Academic Council approved relevant regulations in December 2016, which will be applicable from 2017-18 onwards for all students registered for research awards made by the university, and for the management and standards of research programmes and awards.
- Students who are registered for a research award with the University of Aberdeen under the accreditation agreement will continue to be subject to the regulatory framework of that agreement.

SECTION 15 - APPOINTMENT AND ROLE OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

Minor changes.

- External examiners will be consulted about proposed coursework assignments and exam papers rather than requiring their explicit 'approval' (15.7).

SECTION 16 - ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENT

Minor changes.

- **Appeals**
 - Clarification of grounds for appealing the outcome of an application for admission (16.22)
 - Clarification of grounds for appealing the outcome of an RPL claim (16.44).

SECTION 17A - ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (SQA AND OTHER AWARDING BODIES)

Minor changes.

- Replacing 17a.20-17a.25 with the following paragraph:

The university will operate a system of at least two progression boards per year. These will be held on either a network basis or singly, within each academic partner offering SQA higher education provision. Each board will operate in accordance with the current approved Progression Board Guidance.

SECTION 17B – ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (DEGREE PROGRAMMES)

Various changes.

- Further clarification to word counts section (17b.74-17b.79).

SECTION 18 - ASSESSMENT APPEALS PROCEDURE

Minor changes.

- Removal of requirement for appeals panel to be approved by Academic Council.

SECTION 19 - ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

No changes.

APPENDIX A - SCOTTISH HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY FRAMEWORK

No changes.

APPENDIX B - EXAMINATION GUIDELINES

No changes.

APPENDIX C - ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE NOTES (SQA PROGRAMMES)

Minor changes. Insertion of new paragraph C.7.

APPENDIX D - EQUIVALENCE POLICY

No changes.

APPENDIX E - APPROVALS PROCESS FOR SQA AWARDS

No changes. Previously Appendix F.

APPENDIX F - INTERNAL VERIFICATION OF SQA PROVISION

No changes. Previously Appendix G.

APPENDIX G – ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

No changes. Previously Appendix H.

APPENDIX H - MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

No changes. Previously Appendix I.

APPENDIX I - UNIVERSITY REFERENCING SYSTEM

No changes. Previously Appendix J.

APPENDIX J – COPYRIGHT POLICY

No changes. Previously Appendix K.