

Undergraduate

Year-on-Year Comparison of Regulations 2016-2019

Covering Bachelors Degrees and Integrated Masters Degrees

The following is provided as a brief, quick-reference guide to the changes in the main UCL regulations from year to year and should not be viewed as a replacement for the full regulations. Details of the former variations and derogations have not been included - please refer to your previous regulatory documents for details.

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| 1. Programme Structures | | | | |
| Unit of Learning | Course units | | Modules and credits | |
| Levels | First, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters | | UG modules: 4, 5, 6. Masters modules: 7 | |
| Cert HE | 4 course units | | 120 credits | |
| 1-year Bachelors (iBSc, 'Top-Up') | 4 course units | | 120 credits | |
| Dip HE | 8 course units | | 240 credits | |
| Ordinary Degree (interim) | 10 course units | | 300 credits | |
| 3-Year Bachelors | 12 course units | | 360 credits | |
| 4-Year Bachelors with Extra-Mural Year | 16 course units | | 480 credits | |
| 4-Year Bachelors with Extra-Mural Year + Project | 13 course units | | 390 credits | |
| 4-Year Integrated Masters | 16 course units | | 480 credits | |
| 5-Year Integrated Masters with Extra-Mural Year + Project | 17 course units | | 510 credits | |
| 2. Module Assessment | | | | |
| Marking Scale | Variable | | Percentages | |
| Pass Mark | UG: 40%. Masters: 50% | | Levels 4, 5 and 6: 40.00%. Level 7: 50.00% | |
| Completion Requirements | Complete all components worth more than 20% of a course unit, plus any component specified by the programme. | | None (Condonement and No Attempt regulations replace). | |
| Non-condonable Components | n/a (some components must be passed to pass the course unit). | | Non-condonable Components permitted on Non-condonable Modules, subject to approval. | |
| Pass/ Fail Components | n/a | | Pass/Fail Components can be used, subject to approval i.e. Component must be passed but does not contribute to module mark. | |
| Module Pass Criteria | Weighted mean of at least a Pass, plus at least a Pass in any Essential/ Non-condonable component. | | | |

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| Qualifying Marks | Some programmes include components with Pass Marks higher than standard UCL Pass Mark. | | Pass Mark is 40.00% for levels 4, 5 and 6 and 50.00% for Level 7. | |
| Module Mark Rounding | Variable. | | All component and module marks rounded to 2 decimal places. | |
| Late Submissions | Sliding scale of penalties. | | | |
| Word Count Penalties | Can be set locally – maximum 10 percentage point deduction in marks. | | | |
| 3. Progression & Award Requirements | | | | |
| Standard (inc. Integrated Study Abroad/ Placements) | Year 1 | Pass 3 course units. Multiple derogations. | Students <i>should</i> pass 120 credits per year. If not, Condonement Criteria are applied. | |
| | Year 2 | Be complete in 4 course units from year 1 and Pass 7 course units. Multiple derogations. | | |
| | Year 3 | Complete 12 and Pass 11 course units. Multiple derogations. | | |
| | Year 4, where applicable | Complete 16 and Pass 14.5 course units. Multiple derogations. | | |
| Additional [Extra-mural] Study Abroad/ Placements | Additional [Extra-mural] Year | Variable | | |
| | Additional [Extra-mural] Year + Project | Pass additional course unit/module. | | |
| Integrated Masters Progression | | Programmes may include higher progression thresholds from Year 2 to Year 3 and/or Year 3 to Year 4, depending on local variations. | Programmes may include higher progression thresholds from Year 2 to Year 3 and/or Year 3 to Year 4, subject to approval. These need to be recorded in the Programme Summary. | |
| Condonement | Condonable Range | n/a (Marks of 0-39% [0-49% at level 7] may be carried forward to the final award). | Levels 4, 5 and 6: 1.00 - 39.99%. Level 7: 1.00 - 49.99% | |
| | Non-Condonable Modules | n/a (Some programmes do not permit failure to be carried forward). | Permitted if module is Compulsory or if required by a Professional Body, subject to approval. All UG Dissertations are Non-condonable. | |
| | Condonement Criteria | n/a (Over the programme, Bachelors students can complete but not pass 1 course unit (30 credits); Integrated Masters students can complete but not pass 1.5 course units (45 credits). Exceptionally, students may be permitted to progress with 0.5 fewer course units (15 credits) than those stipulated. Multiple derogations). | In each year, Condonement is possible in a maximum of 30 credits per year and (on multi-year programmes) a maximum of 60 credits across the programme, if the student achieves a year mean of 40.00% (50.00% in the Masters year). | |
| | Application of Condonement | n/a (<i>Finalists</i> will not be reassessed if they meet the award criteria. <i>Non-finalists</i> will be offered a Resit before carrying forward any failure). | In all years, students who meet the Condonement Criteria will be condoned and will not be reassessed. | |
| | Deferrals (all years) | EC regulations should be applied before carrying any failure forward/ applying the Condonement regulations. | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Requirement | | One of the options must be completed by graduation (excludes 1-year programmes). | | |

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| 4. Classification | | | | | |
| Variations | | MAPS, Engineering, SHS | | All programmes included in UCL Regulations. | |
| Derogations | | LLB, MBBS, iBSc, MPharm, IOE, BA/ BFA Fine Art, BA English, Life Sciences International MSci now summarised in Chapter 4, Section 15. | | All programmes included in UCL Regulations (separate section for non-modular programmes). | |
| Academic Partnerships | | Regulations defined in various places | | Any variations in classification regulations must be defined in the Programme Summary. | |
| Algorithm | Counting Marks | Main scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 3 course units in Y1 • Best 3.5 course units in Y2 • All marks count in years 3, 4 and 5 (where applicable) Multiple variations and derogations now summarised in Chapter 4, Section 15. | | Scheme A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 90 credits in Y1 • Best 90 credits in Y2 • All marks count in years 3, 4 and 5 (where applicable) Schemes B or C can be used where a professional body places significant restrictions on the use of Condonement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme B: All marks count • Scheme C: Y1 weighted at 0; all Y2 marks count | |
| | Year Weightings | Standard Bachelors 1:3:5 Standard Integrated Masters 1:3:5:5 Multiple variations and derogations now summarised in Chapter 4, Section 15. | | Schemes A and B: Bachelors 1:3:5 Integrated Masters 1:3:5:5 Scheme C: Bachelors 0:3:5 Integrated Masters 0:3:5:5 Variations for extra-mural study abroad/ placement years and projects, and for 1-year programmes, incorporated into main UCL regulations. | |
| | Rounding | Round to nearest integer and then determine eligibility for Classification or Borderline consideration. Variable practice. | | Final Weighted Mark rounded to 2 decimal places. First awarded for a Final Weighted Mark greater than or equal to 69.50%, etc. | |

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| | Borderlines | BoE discusses student if within 1% of borderline. Some derogations. | | | First awarded for a Final Weighted Mark greater than or equal to 68.50% AND module marks of at least 70.00% in at least 50% of the final year credits, etc. Approved variations on some Non-modular programmes. |
| Additional [Extra-mural] Study Abroad/ Placement | Additional [Extra-mural] Year | Students first enrolling in 2016-17 or later: Weighted at 0. Students first enrolling in 2015-16 and earlier: Weighted at 3. Multiple derogations. | | | |
| | Additional [Extra-mural] Year + Project | Students first enrolling in 2016-17 or later: Project weighted at 0. Students first enrolling in 2015-16 and earlier: Project weighted at 5. Multiple derogations. | | | |
| Integrated Year Abroad/ Placement | | Standard Classification scheme (year abroad/ placement course units/ modules count). | | | |

5. Reassessment and Deferrals

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| Marks | Resit and Repeat | Full Mark | Course unit/ module marks capped at 40.00% (50.00% for any level 7 modules). | | |
| | Left-resitting students | Previous year's regulations apply: Full Mark | | Previous year's regulations apply: Course unit/ module marks capped at 40.00% (50.00% for any level 7 modules). | |
| | Deferral of 1st attempt | Full Mark | | | |
| | Deferral of 2nd attempt | Full Mark | Course unit/ module marks capped at 40.00% (50.00% for any level 7 modules). | | |
| Timing of Reassessment | Finalists - Fail up to and including 1 course unit/ 30 credits | Resit not permitted (up to 1.5 cu on Integrated Masters) | | All students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If all the Condonement Criteria are met: the student will be condoned and will not be required or permitted to Resit. If any of the Condonement Criteria are not met: Late Summer Resit | |
| | Progressing students - Fail up to and including 1 course unit/ 30 credits | Resit following year <i>with</i> attendance and fees as standard OR students can opt to Resit following year <i>without</i> attendance and fees. | Late Summer Resit | | |
| | Fail up to and including 2 course units/ 60 credits | Resit following year <i>with</i> attendance and fees OR students can opt to Resit following year <i>without</i> attendance and fees. | Late Summer Resit | | |
| | Fail more than 2 course units/ 60 credits | Resit following year <i>with</i> attendance and fees OR students can opt to Resit | Repeat with attendance and fees before the student can progress to the next year of study. | | |

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| Fail Dissertation | Resit following year <i>with</i> attendance and fees OR students can opt to Resit following year <i>without</i> attendance and fees. | Resit Late Summer as standard. Board may decide that student requires a Repeat with tuition and fees. | | |
| Opt-out of Repeat | Students can opt to Resit following year <i>without</i> attendance and fees. | Board of Examiners may permit Resit instead of Repeat. | | |
| Trailing Resits and Repeats | Resits and Repeats in 1 course unit can be trailed into following year. | Resit Late Summer or Repeat Following Year. | Exceptionally, a student may be permitted to 'provisionally progress' and trail up to 30 credits of Resits or Repeats in tandem with the following year's modules. The Resits/ Repeats must be passed or formally condoned before the student can progress to any further years of study or be considered for an award. | |
| Referrals | In some Faculties, for marks in a limited range. | None (except for students finishing the 2016-17 academic session). | | |
| Students Barred from assessment | Repeat following year for full mark. | Repeat following year with tuition and fees. Treated as 2 nd attempt, marks capped at a Pass. | | |
| Deferral without Tuition | Late Summer or following year without tuition and fees. | | | |
| Deferral with Tuition | Following year with tuition and fees. | | | |
| Trailing Deferrals | Most deferrals in Late Summer - but can be trailed into following year, with or without tuition | Students can undertake a Deferral with or without Tuition in up to 1 course unit/ 30 credits in tandem with the following year's modules. The Deferral must be passed or formally condoned before the student can progress to any subsequent years of study or be considered for an award. | | |
| Reassessment Requirements | Late Summer Resit | BoE decides which components are reassessed. | Resit failed components only. | |
| | Repeat next year | BoE decides which components are reassessed. | Repeat all components. | |
| | Deferral with or without Tuition | EC Panel decides whether some or all components are deferred. | | |
| Module Substitutions | Late Summer Resit | n/a | Substitutions not possible as there is no additional teaching. | |
| | Repeat next year | Students can substitute a Repeat course unit/ module, with tuition and fees; treated as 2 nd attempt. | | |
| | Deferral without Tuition | Substitutions not possible as there is no additional teaching. | | |
| | Deferral with Tuition | Substitutions possible in following year with attendance and fees; treated as a new 1 st attempt. | | |

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| 6. Interim Qualifications | | | | |
| Interim Qualification Learning Outcomes | All interim qualifications must be awarded with reference to the standard UCL or programme-specific interim qualification learning outcomes. | | | |
| Interim Qualification Classification | Interim Qualifications below Honours Degree level (Cert HE, Dip HE and Ordinary Degree) do not include a Classification. | | | |
| Cert HE | New Interim Qualification: Pass 4 course units at First level. | Condoned credit added: Pass, or be formally condoned in, 120 credits at level 4 or above. | | |
| Dip HE | New Interim Qualification: Pass 8 course units with 3 course units at Intermediate level and the balance at First level. | Condoned credit added: Pass, or be formally condoned in, 240 credits with at least 90 at level 5 or above, no more than 150 <i>at</i> level 4, and no credits <i>below</i> level 4. | | |
| Ordinary Degree | Pass 10 course units with at least 2 course units at Advanced level and the balance at First and Intermediate level. | Condoned credit added: Passed, or been formally condoned in, 300 credits with at least 60 at level 6 or above, no more than 150 <i>at</i> level 4, and no credits <i>below</i> level 4. | | |
| Bachelors with Honours | Available to Integrated Masters students who meet the standard Bachelors with Honours Criteria. Honours Classification. | | | |
| Full Qualification with Alternate Field of Study | May be used if student doesn't meet programme-specific criteria. | | | |
| Aegrotat Degree | Available on all qualifications, not just Honours Degrees. | | | |
| Special and Aegrotat Provisions | Also available for all Honours students first enrolling in 2015-16 or earlier. | | | |