

# Academic Regulations

## Student Briefing Note

### Changes to the Academic Regulations from 2021/22

*Approved by Academic Board July 2021*

#### 1. Introduction

This briefing note explains changes to the University [Academic Regulations](#) approved by Academic Board for introduction from **1 August 2021**. The regulations apply to all taught courses, undergraduate and postgraduate. You should refer to your course handbook to check if there any exemptions or additional regulations which apply to your courses. If you have any questions please speak to your Course Director or Course Administrator in the first instance.

Our regulations are developed through our University Regulatory Review Group, informed by stakeholder feedback including staff and members of the Students' Union.

#### 2. Academic Regulations 2021/22: Sections Revised for Implementation in August 2021

Section 2: Admissions	Section 9: Appeals
Section 3: Education and Assessment	Section 11: Research Awards
Section 4: Progression and Award	Section 13: Validation, Monitoring and Review
Section 5: Examinations	Section 14: External Examiners and Advisers
Section 6: Progression and Award Boards and Module Boards	Section 18: Definitions of University Awards
Section 8: Extenuating Circumstances and Mitigation	Section 19: Glossary

#### 3. Academic Regulations 2021/22: Summary of Changes

A brief summary of the main changes introduced to the Academic Regulations in 2021/22 for students is provided below. It is important to refer to the relevant section of the Academic Regulations when reading the below.

##### **Section 2: Admissions**

Clarification that Recognition of Prior Learning may only be made against **whole modules**. Recognition of Prior Learning may not be used towards single assessments within a module, unless that module only has one assessment weighted at 100%.

##### **Section 6: Progression and Award Boards and Module Boards**

Clarification of the purpose and membership of **Reconvened Boards**, which are separate to Progression and Award Boards or Reassessment Boards. These are held when a course has a student profile to consider, but there is no immediate exam board scheduled to take place.

##### **Section 8: Extenuating Circumstances and Mitigation**

Updated to reflect that applications for **mitigation** are submitted using the [online form](#).

### **Section 11: Research Awards**

Updated to reflect that the **thesis for research awards** are submitted online.

### **Section 19: Glossary**

Additions have been made to include the requirements for **apprenticeships** throughout our regulations. A number of sections have had minor changes to support this, with a new sub-section added to Section 19.

### **Other Changes**

Terminology has been updated, as appropriate, throughout the regulations.

## **3. Covid-19 Regulations: Limits of Application in 2021/22**

During Semester two 2019/20 and the 2020/21 academic year, regulatory and procedural changes were introduced and applied to exam boards taking place during this period, in response to circumstances associated with Covid-19. These changes ensured that we maintained academic and professional standards, whilst being fair and reasonable to our students by considering the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on their academic experience.

Whilst some elements of the Covid-19 response have been retained in 2021/22, in most instances exam board processes will revert to the **standard regulatory position**.

### **Progression, Award Eligibility and Classification**

In 2021/22 Leeds Beckett University will return to **application of the standard regulations for progression, award eligibility and classification**, for students who commence their level/course in 2021/22. Please see [Academic Regulations Section 4: Progression and Award](#) for further information on standard regulatory progression and award regulations.

There are some scenarios in 2021/22 that will require the continued application of the Covid-19 regulations for progression, award eligibility and classification. Further details on the Covid-19 regulations are available on this factsheet: [Covid-19 Progression and Award Factsheet](#).

### **Mitigation**

In 2021/22 Leeds Beckett University will return to **application of the standard regulations for mitigation**, for students who commence their level/course in 2021/22. Please see [Academic Regulations Section 8: Extenuating Circumstances and Mitigation](#) for further information on standard regulatory progression and award regulations and for progression and award.

## **5. Further Information for Students**

If you would like further information about the content of this briefing, please contact your Course Director or Course Administrator, in the first instance.

You may also contact the Students' Union Advice Service, [suadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:suadvice@leedsbeckett.ac.uk), for independent advice related to your individual circumstances.