# General Regulations for Modular Postgraduate Awards

(Version effective from 7 March 2001 until 3 October 2004)

## GRMPA - Items 1 -6

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  - ii. have registered on appropriate modules specified in the Programme Regulations for their programme. Modular registrations shall be completed by a date which the Academic Registrar shall cause to be published from time to time.
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  - v. have discharged all obligations to the University including the payment of fees

and other charges and the return of all books and other material borrowed from the Library.

3. In exceptional circumstances the registration date requirements of paragraph 2 hereof may be waived by the Academic Registrar who may then require the candidate to pay the late registration fee. Candidates who for good cause have failed to meet any other requirements of paragraph 2 hereof may notwithstanding be permitted to proceed to a postgraduate award with the permission of Senate.

### **Modular Structure of Programmes**

- 4. The Programme Regulations for each programme shall include a listing of the constituent modules of the programme. Module Specifications shall be published which for each module shall include information on its aims and objectives, its content, its level, when it is offered, its modular weighting, and the methods of teaching and learning and assessment. Where Programme Regulations permit a choice of modular options, a candidate's selection of modules will normally be subject to approval by the Programme Director or other academic staff member of the Department responsible for the programme. It is not possible to guarantee that all optional modules will be offered every year. Module Specifications will also indicate availability.
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### **Modular Grading**

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16. The arrangements for modules other than projects or dissertations are set out in this paragraph. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 21 hereof, candidates who fail in respect of a module to achieve the Module Mark of 50% necessary for the award of modular credit because of inadequate performance in the Module Assessment shall be allowed as of right

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ii. to register on and be assessed in an alternative module or modules from the same Programme, provided that such alternative modules are available.
Candidates who select this option shall have no right of re-assessment in respect of the alternative module or modules. Having chosen this option, the original unsatisfactory module will not be capable of any further assessment and will be excluded from the modular total referred to in paragraph 5 hereof and will also be excluded from the scheme for determining the award of Distinction set out in <u>Appendix 2</u> to these Regulations.

In the case of a candidate who undergoes re-assessment in accordance with (i) above, the marks obtained from the re-assessments will supersede those received for earlier assessments.

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- 20. Candidates who have registered for modular re-assessment under paragraph 16

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# **GRMPA - Appendix 1**

Modular Postgraduate Programmes - Acceptable Entrance Qualifications

- **1**. Candidates for registration for a higher award of the University by programme of study must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
  - hold a degree of a Higher Education Institution in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
  - hold an Associateship of the University (ALUT)
  - hold a Diploma in Technology awarded by the former NCTA
  - hold a Diploma of the former Loughborough College of Technology
  - have achieved the academic requirements for corporate membership of a British Chartered professional institution previously approved for this purpose by Senate on the recommendation of the appropriate Faculty Board
  - hold any other qualification approved by a Faculty Board
- 2. Notwithstanding the provision of para. 1 above, any candidate may be registered for an LPC, subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Teaching), provided that the candidate appears capable of successfully completing the requisite number of modules: such a candidate who accumulates subsequent credits eligible for consideration for the award of an LPC may subsequently upgrade his/her registration for an LPD or a Master's degree on the same programme of study in accordance with para. 13 of the above Regulations.
- 3. Any candidate may be required by a Head of Department to take oral and/or written examinations and/or a course of study, prior to registration.

- Candidates whose first language is not English, and whose degree studies have not been conducted and examined in English, must possess GCE English Language at 'O' Level or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University.
- 5. Candidates who have been awarded credit by another Higher Education Institution will be considered for credit transfer or exemption from part of a programme of study by Senate on the recommendation of the appropriate Faculty Board.

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### **GRMPA - Appendix 2**

# Scheme for Determining the Award of Distinction

- **1**. The following scheme will be used to determine the award of Distinction to those candidates who have met the requirements for a Masters degree or LPD.
- 2. To be eligible for consideration for the award of a Masters degree with Distinction candidates must have obtained 180 credits.
- 3. To be eligible for consideration for the award of an LPD with Distinction candidates must have obtained 120 credits.
- 4. For those candidates who have fulfilled the above requirements, all Module Marks awarded will be weighted in proportion to the relevant modular weight and used to determine the overall average percentage mark for the programme (the Programme Mark).
- 5. Candidates having a Programme Mark of not less than 70% will be awarded Distinction.
- 6. At the discretion of the Programme Board the 70% threshold may be moved by not more than  $\pm$  3%.

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