SPECIAL REGULATIONS: GENERAL MODULAR SCHEME (GMS)

INTRODUCTION

1 These Special Regulations enable the awards within the General Modular Scheme to be made.

2 The titles of awards covered by these Special Regulations are specified in Schedule One.

3 The term subject is used in this document to refer to a traditional academic discipline or a coherent interdisciplinary grouping of modules.

SINGLE HONOURS PROGRAMMES

4 Students on a Single Honours programme study modules associated with one subject.

COMBINED HONOURS PROGRAMMES

5 Students on a Combined Honours programme study modules associated with two subjects.

6 Students following Combined Honours programmes will be required to take modules to the value of 60 credits in each subject at Level 4 and at least 40 credits in each of their subjects at both Levels 5 and 6.

7 The number of credits taken in a subject at Level 6 cannot be greater than 20 above the number of credits taken in that subject at Level 5.

8 Students registered for a Combined Honours award may become candidates for a Single Honours award if they take modules to the value of 200 credits at levels 5 and 6 from the relevant Single Honours programme, at least 100 credits of which must be at level 6.

NAMING CONVENTIONS FOR COMBINED HONOURS PROGRAMMES

9 The title of a Combined Honours degree will be recorded as Subject A and Subject B (in alphabetical order of subject name).

10 If required, a degree title of Subject A with Subject B can be awarded if the credits studied in Subject A are at least 150 at Level 5 and Level 6 combined.

11 Whether the award is a B.A. or B.Sc. is determined by the relative weighting of the subjects that contribute to the programme. The precise details are to be found in the GMS Handbook.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA/GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

12 The General Modular Scheme does not include the awards of Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate.

MODULES

13 A **core** module is one that is compulsory for all students on a particular programme or named pathway.

14 An **optional** module is one that a student can select.

15 A **starred** module is a stand-alone module that has not been validated as part of programme in the Scheme. It is validated in accordance with the arrangements set by the Quality and Standards Committee and can be offered centrally, or by a faculty or by a department. A starred module can only be worth 10 credits or 20 credits.

a. A student on a Single Honours programme may select starred modules up to the value of 20 credits at each level of study. A starred module must be at the same level as the remaining modules being studied in a particular academic year.

b. A student on a Combined Honours programme may select starred modules up to the value of 20 credits at Level 5 and/or Level 6. A starred module will be at the same level as the remaining modules being studied in that academic year.

c. A student electing to take a starred module to the value of 10 credits must also take another module valued at 10 credits at the same level.

DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION (DIP HE) PROGRAMMES

16 Where Dip HE programmes are designed as two subject programmes, students take modules to the value of 60 credits in each subject at Level 4 and at Level 5 take modules to the value of at least 40 credits in each of their subjects.

17 A Diploma award title will be recorded as Subject A and Subject B (in alphabetical order of subject name).

18 The rules for progression are the same as those for students on an honours degree programme.

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (CERT HE) PROGRAMMES

19 A programme leading to the award of a Certificate of Education (Cert HE) will require students to take modules at Level 4 to the value of 120 credits.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

20 The University Requirements relating to Student Registration apply in full to programmes within this Scheme.

21 A student may apply to change programmes after initial registration. All such applications are subject to the approval of the Academic Registrar who will consult the programme directors concerned. The outcome of such an application may require a student to repeat a stage/level.

22 A transfer from one programme to another during Level 4 will be restricted to applications received before a specific deadline. This deadline will be published in the GMS Handbook after consultation with the Academic Registrar.
Applications received after one-quarter of Level 4 has been delivered are very unlikely to be accepted.

23 Requests to transfer registration to a new programme during Level 5 and Level 6 will be treated on a case-by-case basis but, in general, approval is unlikely.

CHANGE OF MODULE

24 A transfer from one module to another will be restricted to applications received before a specific deadline and is subject to approval by the Academic Registrar. This deadline will vary depending on the mode of delivery and the deadlines will be published in the GMS Handbook.

25 In general no transfer of registration to a new module will be permitted after one- sixth of the module has been delivered. At Level 4 this can be extended to one-quarter of the delivery of the module if the programme teams are in agreement.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY AT LEVEL 6

26 An individual study may be either 20 or 40 credits, and a programme may offer both module sizes.

27 A programme validation document will indicate the circumstances under which such students may be advised not to undertake an Individual Study.

28 A Combined Honours student may undertake a 20-credit Individual Study in each subject or a 40 credit rated individual study in one subject.
A Combined Honours student may not take more than 40 credits in Individual Studies.

29 A Combined Honours student who chooses to take only 40 credits at Level 6 in a particular subject cannot choose to take a 40-credit Individual Study in that subject.

MANAGEMENT

30 A Scheme Management Committee, chaired by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or a nominee, will advise on the administration, management and development of the Scheme and will meet at least once a term. Membership of the committee will be determined by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and will include a wide cross-section of programme directors.

31 The Scheme Management Committee will have a very broad remit including:

- issues that impact on learning, teaching and assessment;
- the outcomes of assessment and student performance;
- the maintaining of quality and standards;
- student support and guidance;
- admissions and recruitment;
- the development of new programmes and programme combinations;
- issues raised by External Examiners and Scheme Examiners;
- commenting on Scheme Examiner reports and making appropriate recommendations for action;
- considering matters related to timetabling and student workload;
- the organisation of Examination Boards and Scheme Boards;
- making recommendation for changes in conventions, regulations and procedures;

and require the Chair to draw these and other matters to the attention of the University committees, including Academic Board, as appropriate.

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SCHEDULE ONE: PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE GENERAL MODULAR SCHEME

Programme Name	Single/Combined
Accounting	Combined
Accounting	Single
Accounting and Finance	Single
Accounting and Management	Single
Advertising	Combined
Advertising	Single
Advertising (Management)	Combined
American Studies	Combined
American Studies	Single
Animal Science	Combined
Animal Science	Single
Applied Criminology	Combined
Applied Criminology	Single
Applied Health and Fitness	Single
Archaeology	Combined
Bachelor of Law	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Business Studies	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Criminology	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Finance	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Forensic Investigation	Single
Bachelor Of Law With History	Single
Bachelor Of Law With International Relations	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Politics	Single
Bachelor Of Law With Sociology	Single
Biosciences	Combined
Biosciences	Single
Business Computing	Combined
Business Computing	Single
Business Finance	Single
Business Management	Combined
Business Management	Single
Business Management (Logistics)	Single
Business Management (Retail)	Single
Business Studies	Combined
Business Studies	Single
Commercial Music	Single
Computing	Combined
Computing	Single
Creative and Professional Writing	Single
Creative Arts	Single
Creative Music Technology	Single
Creative Writing	Combined

Crime and Policing	Single
Dance	Combined
Dance Education	Single
Digital Marketing Communication	Combined
Digital Media	Combined
Drama	Combined
Drama	Single
Early Childhood Studies	Combined
Early Childhood Studies	Single
Early Childhood Studies	Single
Ecology and Conservation	Single
Education Studies	Combined
Education Studies	Single
English Literature	Combined
English Literature	Single
English Language and Communication	Combined
English Language and Communication	Single
English Literature and Language	Single
Entrepreneurship	Combined
Environmental Biology	Single
Environmental Science	Combined
Environmental Science	Single
Events Management	Single
Events Planning	Combined
Film, Radio and Television Studies	Combined
Film, Radio and Television Studies	Single
Finance	Combined
Finance	Single
Fine and Applied Arts	Combined
Fine and Applied Arts	Single
Forensic Computing	Single
Forensic Investigation	Combined
Forensic Investigation	Single
French	Combined
Geography	Combined
Geography	Single
Global and International Education	Single
Global Politics	Combined
Graphic Design	Single
Health Promotion	Single
Health Studies	Combined
Health Studies	Single
History	Combined
History	Single
History with Archaeology	Single
Human Resource Management	Combined
Human Resource Management	Single

Integrated Science	Single
International Relations	Combined
Internet Computing	Combined
Internet Computing	Single
Legal Studies	Combined
Marketing	Combined
Marketing	Single
Media and Communications	Combined
Media and Communications	Single
Multimedia Design	Combined
Multimedia Journalism	Single
Music	Combined
Music	Single
Music Industry Management	Single
Music Production	Combined
Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Vocal Studies, Technical Theatre)	Combined
Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Vocal Studies, Technical Theatre)	Single
Photography	Combined
Photography	Single
Physical Education and Sport and Exercise Science	Single
Plant Science	Single
Politics and Global Governance	Single
Politics and Governance	Combined
Politics and International Relations	Single
Psychology	Combined
Psychology	Single
Psychology (Sport and Exercise)	Single
Public Health	Single
Public Relations, Media and Marketing	Single
Religious Studies	Combined
Religious Studies	Single
Sociology	Combined
Sociology	Single
Sport & Exercise Psychology	Combined
Sport & Exercise Science	Combined
Sport & Exercise Science	Single
Sport & Leisure Management	Single
Theology	Combined
Theology	Single
Tourism and Leisure Studies	Combined
Tourism Management	Single
Urban and Regional Studies	Single
Video and Motion Graphics	Single
Visual Arts	Single
Web Design	Single