

# Integrated Master's Framework

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This framework sets out the specific requirements for the operation of an Integrated Master's Degree at Canterbury Christ Church University. It identifies how such degrees will deliver the principles set out in the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy, 2015-20.
- 1.2 All Integrated Master's awarded by Canterbury Christ Church University must comply with the University's [Regulation and Credit Framework for the Conferment of Awards](#), which incorporates all regulations set out in this document.
- 1.3 This Framework applies to all Integrated Master's programmes at Canterbury Christ Church University.

## 2 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- 2.1 An Integrated Master's Degree offers a student the opportunity to undertake an enhanced programme of study with increased emphasis on industrial relevance.
- 2.2 The Integrated Master's programme is a four-year full-time programme of study, integrating three years of study at undergraduate honours level (360 credits at levels 4-6) with one year of study at postgraduate level (120 credits at level 7).
- 2.3 An Integrated Master's programme will normally provide an opportunity for a student to undertake a period of work outside the University. This would make the programme of study five years in duration.
- 2.4 The Integrated Master's Degree is classed as an Undergraduate award.
- 2.5 Each Integrated Master's Degree typically sits alongside a three-year, full-time undergraduate programme, for those wishing to complete their study at level 6 [hereafter, Linked Undergraduate Degree].
- 2.6 Levels 4 and 5 of the Integrated Master's Degree and the Linked Undergraduate Degree will normally comprise of the same modules and may be co-taught.
- 2.7 Levels 6 of the Integrated Master's Degree and the Linked Undergraduate Degree will normally be different for the following reasons:
  - the University's requirement that a student studying at level 6 must undertake an Individual Study, such as a Dissertation, does not apply to Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Degree;

- a student studying at Level 6 for an Integrated Master's Degree will be required to meet appropriate professional requirements and prepare for Level 7.

2.8 A student must undertake a substantial study, such as a Dissertation, of a minimum of 40 credits at level 7 of an Integrated Master's Degree.

### **3 FOUNDATION YEARS**

3.1 An Integrated Master's Degree will not be offered with a Foundation Year.

3.2 The Linked Undergraduate Degree will normally be offered with a Foundation year.

### **4 ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

4.1 All applicants for an Integrated Master's Award must demonstrate the potential to complete an award at Level 7, with four years of study.

4.2 All applicants for the Linked Undergraduate Degree must demonstrate the potential to complete an award at Level 6, with three years of study.

4.3 All applicants for the Linked Undergraduate Degree with Foundation Year must demonstrate the potential to complete an award at Level 6, with four years of study.

4.4 The entry requirement for an Integrated Master's Degree will be higher than that for the Linked Undergraduate Degree.

4.5 The University's commitment to widening participation and the opening of opportunity to all who can benefit from it is reflected in:

- common structure of levels 4 and 5 of the Integrated Master's Degree and the Linked Undergraduate Degree;
- the arrangement for students on the Linked Undergraduate Degree or the Linked Undergraduate Degree with Foundation Year to transfer to the Integrated Master's Degree on meeting the requirements in section 8.

### **5 PASS MARK**

5.1 The overall pass mark for an Integrated Master's Degree is 40%.

5.2 The pass mark for modules at Level 7 within an Integrated Master's is 50%.

5.3 The pass mark for modules at Levels 4, 5 and 6 within an Integrated Master's is 40%.

## **6 COMPENSATION**

- 6.1 The University's undergraduate requirements for compensation apply to Levels 4, 5 and 6 of an Integrated Master's Award.
- 6.2 The University's postgraduate requirements for compensation apply to Level 7 of an Integrated Master's Award.
- 6.3 The University's undergraduate requirements for compensation apply to Levels 4, 5 and 6 of the Linked Undergraduate Degree.
- 6.4 A student who transfers out of an Integrated Master's Programme, will be subject to the compensation rules of the programme into which they transfer.
- 6.5 For programmes accredited by the IMechE, the IET and the IChemE, the application of compensation is limited to once in the final year of the award, for a total of 20 credits. This cannot include compensation for part of the 40 credit project.
- 6.6 For programmes accredited by the IMechE, the IET and the IChemE, the automatic awarding of compensation following a referral is waived and students will be offered the opportunity to undertake a reassessment except where a maximum of 20 credits of compensation would be applied in the final year of the award, in which case compensation will be awarded.

## **7 PROGRESSION**

- 7.1 In order to progress from Level 5 to Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Award, a student must achieve an average mark of 50% at Level 5.
- 7.2 The average mark for progression from Level 5 to Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Award at Level 5 will be based on the best 100 credits at Level 5.
- 7.3 For programmes accredited by the IMechE, the IET and the IChemE, there is a requirement that the average mark is calculated on all 120 credits at Level 5. Therefore for these programmes the average mark for progression from Level 5 to Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Award at Level 5 will be based on the best 120 credits at Level 5.
- 7.4 Failure to achieve an average mark of 50% at Level 5 requires a student to transfer to the Linked Undergraduate Degree.
- 7.5 Trail and Progression is not permitted after Level 4 in an Integrated Master's Award.
- 7.6 Trail and Progression is permitted in a Linked Undergraduate Degree, except for the purpose of transfer at Level 5.

## **8 TRANSFER TO AN INTEGRATED MASTER'S PROGRAMME**

- 8.1 A student will be permitted to progress from Level 5 of a Linked Undergraduate Degree or a Linked Undergraduate Degree with Foundation Year to Level 6 of the linked Integrated Master's Award if the student achieves an average mark of 50% at Level 5.
- 8.2 The average mark for progression from Level 5 of a Linked Undergraduate Degree or a Linked Undergraduate Degree with Foundation Year to Level 6 of the linked Integrated Master's Award will be based on the best 100 credits at level 5.
- 8.3 For programmes accredited by the IMechE, the IET and the IChemE, there is a requirement that the average mark is calculated on all 120 credits at Level 5. Therefore the average mark for progression from Level 5 of a Linked Undergraduate Degree or a Linked Undergraduate Degree with Foundation Year to Level 6 of the linked Integrated Master's Award will be based on the best 120 credits at Level 5.
- 8.4 A student who wishes to enter on to an Integrated Master's Degree through the Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning [RPCL] must achieve an equivalent of achievement of 50% at Level 5, in addition to meeting the Level 5 Programme Learning Outcomes of the Integrated Master's Degree.

## **9 TRANSFER FROM AN INTEGRATED MASTER'S PROGRAMME TO THE LINKED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE**

- 9.1 Any student who successfully passes Level 5 of an Integrated Master's Degree and who meets the University's general requirement for progression from Level 5 to Level 6 will be permitted to progress to Level 6 of the Linked Undergraduate Degree.
- 9.2 A student who successfully passes Level 5 of an Integrated Master's Degree and who meets the University's general requirement for progression from Level 5 to Level 6 of an undergraduate degree, but does not achieve an average of 50% at Level 5, will only be permitted to progress to Level 6 of the Linked Undergraduate Degree.

## **10 REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF AN INTEGRATED MASTER'S DEGREE**

- 10.1 A Board of Examiners may recommend that a student be awarded an Integrated Master's Degree:
- with First Class Honours, where the final mark is 70%-100%;
  - with Upper Second Class Honours, where the final mark is 60%-69%;
  - with Lower Second Class Honours, where the final mark is 50%-59%;
  - with Third Class Honours, where the final mark is 40%-49%.

- 10.2 The final mark for an Integrated Master's Degree will be calculated as follows:
- the average of the best 100 credits at Level 5 will comprise 20% of the final mark;
  - the average of the best 100 credits at Level 6 will comprise 30% of the final mark;
  - the average of the 120 credits at Level 7 will comprise 50% of the final mark.
- 10.3 The award of the Linked Undergraduate Degree will follow the University's regulations for the award of a Bachelor's Degree.

## **11 EXIT FROM AN INTEGRATED MASTER'S DEGREE AT AN EARLIER POINT THAN THE END OF LEVEL 7**

- 11.1 A student who has successfully completed Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Degree and decided not to enter Level 7:
- will be offered a Bachelor's Degree, as identified at Validation and set out in Special Regulations.
- 11.2 A student who has successfully completed Level 6 of an Integrated Master's Degree and who has entered Level 7 and failed to complete it successfully:
- will be offered a Bachelor's Degree, as identified at Validation and set out in Special Regulations;
  - may be eligible for a Postgraduate Certificate [PG Cert] if they have in addition passed 60 credits at Level 7;
  - will be awarded any credit, other than that used for the award of a BA, BSc or PG Cert.

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