

# A brief guide to the key updates to the Academic Regulations and Procedures for 2019-2020

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# Information for students and staff

This is a brief guide to the key updates to the academic regulations for 2019/2020. Please refer to the [Academic regulations and procedures](#) webpage for the complete documents.

The changes outlined in this document are presented as follows:

- **Change** – a change to an existing regulation.
- **Update** - updates on procedures, deadlines and terminology.

## Volume 1 – Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Regulations

### Change - B1 Masters in Architecture

Clarification that the correct number of credits to achieve a Masters in Architecture (MArch) is 240. In order to achieve the award students must already be graduates of the BA (Hons) Architecture and Planning, the BEng (Hons) Architecture and Environmental Engineering or equivalent.

### Update – C6 Suspension of Studies deadlines 2019/2020

<b>Programme start date</b>	<b>Suspension of Studies</b>
September 2019	19 April 2020
January 2020	23 August 2020
February 2020	06 September 2020
March 2020	25 September 2020

### Change - C7 Withdrawal from a programme

Confirmation that the University can withdraw a student from their programme of study if they have not engaged.

**The University may withdraw a student from their programme of study where there is no evidence of engagement and all efforts to secure their re-engagement have failed.**

The terms of reference for Award Boards have been updated in the Examining Board Code of Practice to reflect this change.

## Change – S1 Academic Appeals

Confirmation that students can submit appeals relating to outcomes of personal circumstance applications **at the time** rather than waiting until after the relevant Award Board has met.

## Volume 2 - Postgraduate Research Regulations

### Updates

- Updates to the responsibilities for Faculty Research Degrees Committees (**PGR4.2.1R**).
- All Directors of Studies, not just those appointed for the first time, must undertake the required UWE training if they have not previously done so (**PGR8.1.3R**).
- Updates to the regulations regarding changes to the research project (**PGR9.3.1R**).
- Clarification of the process for awarding higher doctorates (**PGR part 1 and appendix PGR APP1**), and changes to the submission format for the thesis for the PhD/MPhil (**Parts 1 and 13**).

**In addition to the information provided here, there are a set of key facts for undergraduate and postgraduate taught students and a set for postgraduate research students. These are available on the [Academic regulations and procedures](#) webpage. Useful guidance on the regulations is available from the [Academic Advice](#) webpages and from the [Graduate School handbook](#).**