

Variations from the Academic Regulations:

Postgraduate Taught

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All postgraduate taught courses within the University are subject to the rules set out within the Academic Regulations: Postgraduate Taught. There are some courses, however, that have been granted a 'variation' to these standard regulations in order to adhere to Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body requirements or to meet sector expectations.

A variation is essentially an approved change to the standard regulations for a particular course.

All courses with an approved variation to the Academic Regulations: Postgraduate Taught are detailed in this document and are organised by School. If you have any queries regarding an approved variation, please contact your course team in the first instance.

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School of Architecture, Built Environment, Computing and Engineering

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT0809	PG Dip Architecture Practice	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		The maximum registration period within which to complete the course is 5 years
PT1273 PT1274	Master of Architecture (MArch)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		The final award of MArch is based on the overall average of all Stage 2 modules equivalent to 120 credits.
PT1304	MSc Broadcast Engineering	A maximum volume of 20 credits per course can be compensated
PT0959 PT0960 PT1354	MSc Cyber Security	A maximum volume of 20 credits per course can be compensated
PT1036 PT1155 PT1333	MSc Advanced Computer Science	A maximum volume of 20 credits per course can be compensated
PT1114 PT1336	MSc Big Data Analytics	A maximum volume of 20 credits per course can be compensated
PT1033 PT103 PT1039	MSc Automotive Engineering	A maximum volume of 20 credits per course can be compensated

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1849 / PT1850	MRes Built Environment	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
PT1848 / PT1847	MRes Computing	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
PT1845 / PT1846	MRes Sustainable Engineering	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module

Business School

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1586 PT1589 PT1591	MSc Internal Audit Professional	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted in relation to the PG Dip and Master's stages of the course.
		In order to pass the modules 'Organisational Strategy' and 'Leadership in Internal Audit' students must achieve a pass mark in all items of assessment.
PT1670 PT1672 PT1674	Internal Audit Professional Apprenticeship	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted in relation to the PG Dip and Master's stages of the course.
		In order to pass the modules 'Organisational Strategy' and 'Leadership in Internal Audit' students must achieve a pass mark in all items of assessment.

School of Law and Social Sciences

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1086	PGCE Secondary (with QTS)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students must pass the zero-credit rated School Experience modules in order to be eligible for the award 'with Qualified Teacher Status'.
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted for School Experience modules
PT1001	PGCE Primary	A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted for School Based Training modules

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1425	MSc Nursing	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students may be permitted to transfer between courses after the Monday of week 4 of semester one, where this transfer is to another field of nursing. This is only possible if the student is successful at interview with the relevant field and deemed suitable.
		Due to limited placement capacity, where students are repeating a stage of study and have previously passed the placement (or placement module) they will not repeat the placement or its assessment when repeating the stage. The original mark(s) will stand and will be combined with any marks achieved during the remainder of the repeat stage to calculate the overall stage mean.
		Where a student has failed a practice assessment in placement any offer of a repeat of the stage will be contingent on the availability of a placement and will take place at the next available opportunity, which will not necessarily be in the following academic year.

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1349	MSc Midwifery	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, the MAB is permitted to ratify marks for the assessments before both items of assessment have been completed
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT1206, PT1154, PT1156, PT1153, PT1205, PT1158, PT1206, CP0644, CP0645	Professional Practice (PG) - all routes	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Following a Break in Studies, students are permitted to resume their studies at the beginning of the module they did not complete.
		The MAB is permitted to determine resit and/or repeat requirements
		For students who have completed a PG Dip at BCU, credits they obtain elsewhere for Mentorship, Prescribing or specialist qualifications can be counted as Recognised Prior Learning credit for advanced entry on to top-up Professional Practice degree courses
		The maximum registration period for students on part-time routes is 5 years.
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted for modules containing clinical competencies.

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT0632N, PT1677-01, PT1677-02	PG Dip Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (Health Visitor / School Nursing) (pre Sept 2024)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT1266	PG Dip Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (Sept 2024 onwards)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT1675/N	PG Dip Community Health Nursing (District Nursing) (pre Sept 2024 course)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1264	PG Dip Community Health Nursing Specialist Practitioner (District Nursing) (Sept 2024 onwards)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT0852 /PT1224 / PT1054 / PT1408 / PT0767	PG Dip Advancing Clinical Practice / MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Following Temporary Withdrawal, students are permitted to resume their studies at the beginning of the module they did not complete.
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted
PT1536	Advanced Clinical Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Following Temporary Withdrawal, students are permitted to resume their studies at the beginning of the module they did not complete.
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
CP0760 - all routes	Return to Practice - all routes	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		For modules with one academic item of assessment and one clinical item of assessment, the MAB is permitted to ratify marks for the academic assessment before both items of assessment have been completed
PT1811 / PT1812 / PT1813	PG Cert / PG Dip / MSc Applied Cancer Practice	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		The maximum registration period for students on part-time routes is 5 years.
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted
PT1801 PT1802 PT1803 PT1804 PT1805 PT1806	PG Cert / PG Dip / MSc / Neonatal Critical Care / Enhancing Neonatal Care	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
CP0753	Prescribing from the Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for Community Practitioners (Level 7) (V100/150)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		The written pharmacology examination has a pass mark of 80% and the numeracy assessment has a pass mark of 100%
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted
CP0749 / CP0749N	Principles of prescribing for health care professionals (V300)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		The written pharmacology examination has a pass mark of 80% and the numeracy assessment has a pass mark of 100%
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted

School of Life and Health Sciences

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1168 / PT1169	MSc Psychology	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT0771 / PT0770	MSc Health Psychology	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT0978 / PT0980	MSc Forensic Psychology	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT1538 / PT1539	MSc Counselling (Children & Young People)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		There is no re-sit opportunity for the modules Introduction to Counselling and Initial Counselling Practice. Failure in these modules requires a repeat module.
PT1625	MSc Counselling Studies (non-professional award)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		There is no re-sit opportunity for the modules Introduction to Counselling and Initial Counselling Practice. Failure in these modules requires a repeat module.

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1543	MSc Medical Engineering	A maximum of 20 credits can be compensated. To be eligible for compensation the mark in the failed module must be no more than 10% below the pass mark
PT1541	MSc Medical Imaging	A maximum of 20 credits can be compensated. To be eligible for compensation the mark in the failed module must be no more than 10% below the pass mark
PT1005	MSc Medical Ultrasound	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted
PT0861	PG Dip Medical Ultrasound	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT0860	PG Cert Medical Ultrasound	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted
PT1297	PG Cert Medical Ultrasound (Preceptorship)	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted

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PT1270	MSc Speech and Language Therapy	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
		The maximum registration period within which to complete the course is 4 years
PT1108	MSc Physiotherapy	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students must pass Year 1 practice placement modules before undertaking Year 2 practice placement modules
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT0854 / PT0879 / PT1044	PG Cert/PG Dip/MSc Radiography	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		The following items of assessment within the modules have a higher pass threshold: • Foundations and Practice of CT Head Reporting (LBR7539) OSCE = 95% pass mark • Foundations and Practice of Adult Chest and Abdomen Reporting (LBR7543) OSCE = 90% pass mark • Foundations and Practice of Musculo-Skeletal Reporting (LBR7540) OSCE = 94% pass mark • Principles and Practice of Adult Chest and Abdomen Reporting OSCE = 90% pass mark • Principles and Practice of Musculoskeletal Radiograph Reporting OSCE = 90% pass mark • Principles and Practice of CT Head Reporting OSCE = 95% pass mark • Principles and Practice MRI Knee and Spine Reporting OSCE = 95% pass mark
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible
PT1711	MSc Therapeutic Radiography	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts and/or restudy of modules previously failed is not permissible

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PT1109	MSc Dietetics	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level only. Overall module marks will not be capped
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students must pass Year 1 practice-based learning (PBL) modules before undertaking Year 2 PBL modules
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Third attempts are not permitted.
		The maximum period of registration for the course is 3 years
PT1235	MSc Social Work	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
PT1798	MSc Occupational Therapy	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		Students are only entitled to two attempts at any item of clinical assessment. Discretionary third attempts are not permitted.
		Students must pass Year 1 practice placement modules before undertaking Year 2 practice placement modules

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1245, PT1279 PT1287	MMus - all routes	Compensation of marginal failure is not permitted for 40 credit option modules except when taken by a Musicology student
PT1276, PT1246, PT1247, PT1245, PT1279, PT1287	PG Cert / Dip / MMus - all routes	Compensation of marginal failure is not permitted for Principal Study modules
		For Principal Study modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For Principal Study modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level
		The final calculation for MMus awards is based on a weighted average of the best 180 credits out of a total of 240 credits required for the award
PT1248 / PT1269	Advanced PG Dip Music (Professional Performance)	Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
		For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		For Principal Study modules with more than one item of assessment, resits that are allocated a grade are capped at the item level

All Schools

Course Code	Course Title	Variation
PT1229 PT1230 PT1844	PG Cert Research Practice	For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
		Repeat module and repeat year of study options are not permitted
		A maximum of two attempts at assessment is permitted