

Updates to University Legislation for the 2023-24 cohort.

This note includes information regarding updates to academic and student University Legislation (i.e. Regulations, Codes of Practice, Policies and Guidance), which were approved by the relevant University Committee.

It shows updates that were made prior to the publication of the 2023-24 cohort legislation, and, retrospective updates that were made following the publication of the 2023-24 cohort legislation. *[NB: in line with CMA guidance, all 2023-24 cohort legislation documents were published on 16th December 2022].*

If a piece of University Legislation is not listed then please assume it was rolled forward between years (i.e. no updates were made).

Updates made prior to publication:

(the version number of all documents noted below is 2023.1.0)

1. Home Office (UK Visas and Immigration [UKVI]) Required Amendments

a. In late 2022, the Home Office (UK Visas and Immigration [UKVI]) provided universities with updated details about what they are required to do / undertake to continue to meet their sponsor licence duties. The Home Office's clear expectation is that all delivery to international taught or research student visa holders is required to take place on campus, with no online activity or online delivery allowed. These amends to UKVI regulations also required consideration around dissertations periods, examination periods and sabbatical officer periods. The below updates have all been made as part of this process (i.e. they were required to ensure the University continues to adhere to its duties).

- Regulation 7 – Sections 7.8.1 (c)(i), 7.8.1 (c)(iii), 7.8.1 (d), and 7.8.1 (f) updated.
- Code of Practice on Extension to Study Periods – Section 7.5 updated.
- Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedure – Section 3.5 inserted (with subsequent section numbering updated). Sections 3.1, 3.4, 4.1.3, 4.1.4 (i), 5.2, 9.2, and 12.2 updated.
- Code of Practice on Placement Learning – Sections 6.6 (a), 6.6 (b), and 8.6 (b) updated.
- Code of Practice on Student Attendance / Engagement and Reasonable Diligence – Sections 1.6, 2.3.1, 2.3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2.4, 5.2.6, 6.1, 7.1, and 7.2 updated.
- Code of Practice on Student Immigration Duties – Sections 2.4, 4 and 6 inserted. The Title of the document, Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.4, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.6, 7, and Appendix 1.2 (e) have been updated.
- Code of Practice on Supervision and Monitoring Progress of Postgraduate Researchers – Sections 2.8, 2.16, 2.18, 2.20, 2.21, 2.23, 3.2, 4.1, 4.4, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4, Appendix A 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and 10.2 updated.
- Guidance for Students on Paid Employment – Section 5b inserted (and subsequent numbering updated). Sections 1a, 1b, 3b, 4a, 4b, 4c, and 5c updated.
- Guidance for Taught Students on Leaves of Absence – Sections 4c, 5c, and 10a updated. Hyperlinks found in 6a, 7b, 8a, and 9a also updated (to ensure they go to the correct / appropriate webpage).

2. University Regulations

a. Regulation 3 – Human Resource Matters

- Section 3.4.9 has been deleted (with subsequent numbering updated), and section 3.4.8 has been updated. These amendments were made to align the process for promotion to Associate Professor with that already in place for promotion to Professor.

b. Regulation 5 – Admission and Registration

- Section 5.1.1 (a) has been updated to specify the minimum age for admission to a programme with a clinical placement. This update provides clarity in relation to the University's safeguarding duties for students on a clinical placement.

c. Regulation 6 – Programmes of Study

- A footnote has been added to the header of section 6.1. This has been added for clarity, to note that UoB use the term "programme" and "course" interchangeably.

3. Codes of Practice

a. Code of Practice on the Admission of Students

- Sections 6.3, 6.4, 6.9 and 6.22 have been deleted, with subsequent numbering updated (NB: the information contained in these deleted sections has been moved to sections 6.1 and 8).
- Sections 2.2, 6.1, 6.17, and 6.21 have been updated to provide further clarity and / or update nomenclature.
- Section 8 (Admissions Complaints Policy and Procedure) has been re-written considering recent cases, with the updates providing further clarity.

b. Code of Practice on Assessment and Award of PhD by Published Work

- Sections 3.1 and 5.6 have been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity.

c. Code of Practice on the Assessment of Research Degree Theses

- Sections 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.6, 5.1, 6.1, 7.2.1, 8.9, 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 10.1, 11.4, A8, and C10 have been updated. These updates have been made to provide further clarity on process, or to link to correct sections of other legislation documents.

d. Code of Practice on the Student Representation System

- Sections 5.3.3, 5.6.2, 6.1.3, 7.1.7, and 7.1.8 have been updated. These updates have been made to provide further clarity on process and reporting requirements.

4. Policy Documents

a. No updates were made to any 2023-24 Policy documents prior to publication.

5. Stand-Alone Guidance Documents

a. No updates were made to any 2023-24 Guidance documents prior to publication.

Updates made following publication:

(the version number and date of publication are noted after the update is described)

6. University Regulations

a. Regulation 3 – Human Resources Matters

- Section 3.1.6 updated. This update was made to reflect the new name of the College of Medicine and Health (previously known as the College of Medicine and Dental Sciences).
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 12/08/2024]

b. Regulation 5 – Admission and Registration

- Sections 5.2.3 (d) and 5.2.9 (d) have been updated. The updates were made to provide further clarity on the definition of “University Session”.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 11/12/2023]
- Section 5.3.1 (j) has been updated. This update was made to reflect the current practice across the University with regards to non-payment of tuition fees.
[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 09/09/2024]
- Sections 5.1.2 (e) & (f) have been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 5.1.2 (b), (c)(i), and (d) have been updated. These updates have been made to allow for the stacking of smaller courses / Microcredentials towards a larger award, and to outline the agreed processes for doing so.
[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 15/01/2025]

c. Regulation 6 – Programmes of Study

- Section 6.1.2 (g) has been updated. This section has been updated to allow for the use of synoptic / integrated programme assessment, something that was recently agreed by the University Executive Board.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 06/04/2023]
- Sections 6.1.2 (g), 6.1.2 (h), and 6.1.2 (s)(x) have been updated. These updates were made to ensure that the required flexibility in design and delivery of modules is available to colleagues, and to ensure consistency of language used across University Legislation.
[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 24/11/2023]
- Section 6.1.2 (e) has been updated. This update was made to make clear what level of module equates to what level of the Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ).
[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 30/07/2024]

- Section 6.1.2 (s)(v) has been updated. This update was made: to remove the reference to Undergraduate (UG) Master's degree progression credit requirements for stage 3 (which has been moved to Regulation 7, the Regulation that discusses progression requirements); to insert a footnote that provides a reference to where the progression and award requirements can be found in Regulation 7; and to provide clarity that stages only apply to UG programmes.
[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 18/10/2024]

d. Regulation 7 – Assessment, Progression and Award

- Sections 7.2.1 (c) and 7.2.1 (d) have been updated. These sections have been updated to allow for the use of synoptic / integrated programme assessment, something that was recently agreed by the University Executive Board.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 06/04/2023]
- Section 7.4.1 (g) has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 7.3.2 (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) have been updated. The insertion and updates were made to provide further clarity on, and put in to writing, current processes and practices.
- Section 7.8.1 (c) has been updated. This update was made to ensure alignment with the updates to the Code of Practice on Student Attendance / Engagement and Reasonable Diligence.
- Sections 7.2.1 (d)(i) and (d)(ii) have been updated. These updates were made to ensure that the required flexibility in design and delivery of modules is available to colleagues.
[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 24/11/2023]
- Section 7.4.2 (b) has been updated. The update removes the requirement for a hardbound thesis to be submitted / deposited.
[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 03/01/2024]
- Sections 7.4.2 (d) and 7.4.2 (e) updated. These updates were made to reflect the new name of the College of Medicine and Health (previously known as the College of Medicine and Dental Sciences).
[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 12/08/2024]
- Section 7.3.1 (a)(i) has been updated. This update was made to insert two footnotes, one which confirms the UG Master's degree progression credit requirements for stage 3 (this information has been moved from Regulation 6), the other provides a reference to where information on stages can be found in Regulation 6.
[Version: 2023.1.5, Published: 18/10/2024]
- Sections 7.4.1 (g) and 7.4.2 (d) have been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity / correct erroneous text.
[Version: 2023.1.6, Published: 11/11/2024]
- Sections 7.12.3 and 7.12.4 have been updated. The updates were made to allow Heads of College to also fulfil the role described in these sections.
[Version 2023.1.7, Published 03/04/2025]
- Sections 7.2.1 (f), 7.7.1 (b)(ii), 7.8, 7.8.1, 7.8.1 (a), 7.8.1 (b), 7.8.1 (c), 7.8.1 (c)(i), 7.8.1 (c)(iii), 7.8.1 (e), 7.8.1 (f), 7.8.1 (g), and 7.9 (a) have been updated. These updates have been made

to reflect and align with the newly created Code of Practice for Student Academic Engagement.

[Version 2023.1.8, Published: 26/9/2025]

- Sections 7.4.7 (d), (e) and (f) have been updated. These updates have been made to provide further clarity / align with information found elsewhere in this document.

[Version: 2023.1.9, Published: 24/11/2025]

e. Regulation 8 – Student Conduct

- Sections 8.1.1, 8.2.1 (k), 8.2.1 (m), 8.2.1 (p), 8.2.1 (t), and 8.2.2 have been updated. These updates were made to add further clarity to points, or to confirm existing practices.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 11/12/2023]

- Section 8.3.7 has been inserted. Sections 8.1.2, 8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.5, and 8.10.5 have been updated. The insertion and updates were made to: add further clarity to points / reflect current practices (8.2.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.5); make more transparent how this Regulation interacts with the Code of Practice on Student Concerns and Complaints (8.1.2, 8.10.5); and set out what students can expect in relation to reasonable adjustments (8.3.2, 8.3.7).

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 14/11/2024]

7. Codes of Practice

a. Code of Practice on Academic Appeals

- Section 2.12 has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). This insertion was made to reflect current / existing practice.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 11/12/2023]

- Section 2.18 has been updated. This update was made to ensure this clause aligns with the Code of Practice on Misconduct and Fitness to Practise rules for Registered Students serving on Committees.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 23/02/2024]

- Sections 1.6 and 1.9 have been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 2.5 and 2.7 have been updated. The insertions and updates have been made to add further clarity to the process, with particular reference to: appropriate forms of evidence (1.6, 2.5); assessing eligibility (2.7); and available support (1.9).

[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 14/11/2024]

b. Code of Practice on Academic Integrity

- Sections 1.5 and A1.5 have been updated. These sections have been updated to provide further clarity that AI (Artificial Intelligence) generated content is included in these clauses. The principles of this Code of Practice already cover generative AI, but the updates make it explicit with students about the use of generative AI.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 06/04/2023]

- Section 1.6 of Appendix A has been updated. This update was made to provide further clarity / instruction to students, with particular reference to Generative AI.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 04/12/2023]

c. Code of Practice on Assessment and Award of PhD by Published Work

- Section 3.1 updated. This update was made to provide further clarity on current processes.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 24/10/2023]

d. Code of Practice on Assessment of Research Degree Theses

- Sections 6.3 and 9.6 inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 4.3.6 and 7.4.2 updated. The insertions and updates were made to provide further clarity and / or reflect current processes.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 24/10/2023]

- Section 8.9 has been updated. The update removes the requirement for a hardbound thesis to be submitted / deposited.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 03/01/2024]

- Sections 4.6 and 4.8 have been updated. These updates have been made to provide further clarity (4.6) and correct erroneous references (4.6, 4.8).

[Version 2023.1.3, Published: 24/11/2025]

e. Code of Practice on Extenuating Circumstances

- Section 3.4.3 has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 4.8.9 and 4.14 have been deleted. Sections 1.1 4.3, 4.8.5 and 4.11 have been updated. The insertion was made to reflect what should be happening in practice / provide further clarity, the deletion was made to provide further clarity (4.8.9) and to remove outdated text (re: COVID-19) (4.14), and the updates were made to provide further clarity (1.1), remove outdated text (re: COVID-19) (4.8.5), and for a general 'tidy up' of text (4.3, 4.11).

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 06/12/2024]

f. Code of Practice on External Examining (Taught Provision)

- Section 6.9 has been inserted and sections 1.1, 3.3, 3.4, 7.4, and Appendix A have been updated. These sections have been inserted / updated to provide further clarity, or to reflect current practice / a newly agreed practice.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 07/02/2023]

- Sections 3.4, 5.7, 7.4, and Appendix A (a(iv), a(viii)) have been updated. The updates were made to provide further clarity on: requirements regarding the Office for Students 'B' Conditions; the ongoing Marking and Assessment Boycott; Generative Artificial Intelligence; and required experience of external examiners.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 24/10/2023]

- Section 9.5 has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated), and sections 9.2, 9.3, Footnotes 3, 4, 5 and Appendix A (section (b)(vii)) have been updated. These updates were made to provide alternative methods for External Examiners (EEs) to receive student feedback (9.2, 9.3, 9.5) and to provide further clarity on the EE nomination process / criteria (footnotes, appendix A).

[Version 2023.1.3, Published: 02/10/2025]

g. Code of Practice on Health, Wellbeing and Fitness to Study

- There has been a full review of the whole document, with updates made throughout. The review was led by Student Services, with engagement / support from Legal Services. A key update to the document is the introduction of a 'Supportive Person' available at all three levels of the process. In addition, language has been updated to ensure in keeping with current terminologies and the external policy landscape. None of the updates made are deemed to be detrimental, the updated document is more supportive, with the process enhanced.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 30/10/2023]

- Sections 1.3, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.3.7, and 4.4.2 have been updated. The updates were made to provide clarity that the references to the Head of Student Wellbeing and Partnerships role also includes a nominee (this is current practice).

[Version 2023.1.2, Published: 12/05/2025]

h. Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedure

- Section 4.1.4 (iii) has been inserted. Insertion made to provide further clarity of rules / reflect current practice.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 04/12/2023]

- Sections 9.2 and 10.1 have been updated. These updates were made to reflect current practice / provide further clarity.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 11/11/2024]

- The title of section 5, and text in section 5.2, has been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity on leave of absence for registered students who are sabbatical officers at the Guild.

[Version 2023.1.3, Published 25/03/2025]

- Section 4.1.4 (iv) has been inserted. This update was made to ensure alignment with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) policy.

[Version 2023.1.4, Published: 23/10/2025]

- Section 6.3 has been inserted and section 2.4 has been updated. These updates have been made to reflect the revised UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) terms and conditions (T&Cs) for PGRs (which have been applied across all study levels in the CoP for consistency / equity).

[Version 2023.1.5, Published: 24/11/2025]

i. Code of Practice on Lecture Capture

- A full review of this document has been conducted by Senior colleagues, with input from Students, on behalf of the University Education Committee (UEC). Various updates have been made throughout, with main ones noted as:

- An updated summary of the lecture capture system available for use across the University (section 2).

- Archiving of recording retention period has been updated to consider data retention legislation (section 4).
- The University maintains an opt out form for lecture participants who wish to be edited or removed from any recording data (section 4).
- The University's current 'opt in' policy for lecture capture will continue and therefore academic colleagues wishing to 'opt out' of lecture recording are required to provide acceptable alternative resources (section 5).
- Appendix 1 has been removed as it is now out of date.
- The University will maintain the existing Event Capture Audience/Guest Speaker (External) Consent Form and Licence process (appendix 2).

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 30/11/2024]

j. Code of Practice on Misconduct and Fitness to Practise Committee

- Sections 3.12, 3.16, B1 (h), and B1 (i) have been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity / explicitly confirm current practices.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 11/12/2023]

- Sections 6.7 and 6.8 have been deleted (as they are no longer accurate / relevant). Sections 1.9, 1.10, 2.4, 2.9, 3.5, 3.15, 4.6, 6.2, 7.3, and 7.4 have been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 3.9, 3.10, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6, 7.2, 7.6, 8.1, 8.2, A.1, A.7.1, A.7.5, A.8.4, A.9.2, B.1, and D.3 have been updated. The majority of these updates were made to provide further clarity to points / confirm existing practices (1.1, 1.9, 1.10, 2.4, 2.9, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.9, 3.10, 3.12, 3.13, 4.1, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.6, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.6, 8.1, 8.2, A.1, A.7.1, A.7.5, A.9.1, A.9.2, B.1). Other updates were made, following consultation with Committee Members, Chairs, and Legal Services, around the constitution and process followed during committees. These updates were made to make committees smoother and quicker and thereby to speed up outcomes for students (3.6, 3.12, 3.13, 4.6, 4.7, 6.2, 6.6, 7.3, 7.4, A.8.4, B.1, D.3). In addition, updates were made to allow legal representation at committees to reflect external legal advice and Universities UK and OIA (Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education) guidance (3.14, 3.15).

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 14/11/2024]

- Sections 2.8, 2.9, 3.14 and 6.6 have been updated. These updates made to reflect current practice (re: times always being working days).

[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 24/01/2025]

k. Code of Practice on Personal Academic Tutoring

- Section 3.4 has been updated. This update was made to ensure University practices are aligned with the expected / required external practices.
- Sections 2.4.2, 2.5.1 (b), 2.5.4, and 2.6.5 have been updated. These updates were made to ensure consistency of language used across University Legislation.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 24/11/2023]

- Sections 1.1, 2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3.2, 2.4.2, 2.5.1 (c), 2.6.5, 3.3, 4.3, 4.4, and footnote 2 have been updated. These updates have been made to: include reference to Ad-Alta modules (1.1), update name of DPVC Student Experience (from Engagement) (2.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.3.2, 2.5.1 (c), 4.3, 4.4), remove reference to the Tutorial Framework (as this will no longer

exist from the 2025-26 academic session) (2.4.2, 3.3), change reference from Student Gateway to MyUoB app (2.6.5), and remove references to specific software (footnote 2).

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 17/07/2025]

I. Code of Practice on Placement Learning

- Sections 3.3 (a), 3.3 (b), 3.4 (a), 4.1, 8.4 (c), and 8.6 (d) have been updated. These updates were made to ensure the links found in these sections were landing on / pointing to the correct place / page.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 10/06/2024]

m. Code of Practice for Procedures for Extensions to Study Periods

- Section 6.7 has been deleted (with subsequent numbering updated). The deletion was made to reflect current practice.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 25/10/2023]

- Section 7.4 has been updated. This update has been to ensure an appropriate reference is made to the recently created Code of Practice on Student Academic Engagement.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 24/11/2025]

n. Code of Practice on Student Academic Engagement

- This new legislation document has been created to replace the (now withdrawn) Code of Practice on Student Attendance / Engagement and Reasonable Diligence. A task and finish (T&F) group was convened to create this document, led by the Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (DVPC) for Education, Policy and Academic Standards and the Director of Registry and Education Support. The T&F group had input from Directors of Education, Deputy Directors of Education, Professional Services staff, and the Guild of Students.

[Version: 2023.1.0, Published: 26/09/2025]

o. Code of Practice on Student Concerns and Complaints

- Sections 3.6, 3.7, 3.9, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.12, and A1.4 - A1.13 have been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). The numbering found in section 2 numbering has been updated. Sections 1.4, 1.5, 1.8, 1.11, 2.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.8, 3.11, 3.12, 4.1, 4.4, A1.1, and A1.3 have been updated. All of these updates have been made to provide further clarity (1.4, 1.5, 1.11, 3.3, 3.5, 3.12, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.12, A1.1, A1.4 - A1.13), to reflect current practices (1.8, 2.2, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7, 3.11, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.12), and to make clearer how this Code of Practice interacts with other Legislation documents (3.2, 3.8, 3.9).

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 24/01/2025]

p. Code of Practice on Student Immigration Duties

- Appendix 1.1 (g) has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.2.4 (b), 4.3.1, 4.4, 6, 7, Appendix 1.1 (a) and 1.2 have been updated. The insertions and updates were made to provide further clarity, correct grammatical errors, and reflect current / provide up to date Home Office rules and / or requirements.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 25/11/2024]

q. Code of Practice on the Student Representation System

- Section 5.2.1 has been updated. This update has been made to provide further clarity regarding the engagement expectations of Student Reps.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 23/03/2023]
- Sections 4.7 and 7.1.5 have been updated. These updates were made to ensure consistency of language used across University Legislation.
[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 11/12/2023]
- Section 5.3.5 has been inserted. This insertion was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place 'offline'.
[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 18/07/2024]
- Sections 4.7, 4.8, 5.2.2, 5.5.5, 6.2.3, 6.2.5, 7.1.3, 7.1.8 have been deleted (with subsequent numbering updated), and sections 3.1, 4.8, 5.3.3, 5.4.3, 5.5.5, 5.6.2, 5.7.2, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.2.1, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.5, 7.1.6 have been updated. These deletions and updates were made to reflect the agreed processes of the Student Representation System from the 2025-26 academic session.
[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 25/09/2025]

r. Code of Practice on Supervision and Monitoring Progress of Postgraduate Researchers

- Section 2.20 has been updated. This update has been made to return to a previous practice, that is, to allow all non-student visa holders to have their GSR2 normally held on campus, while retaining the "must do" requirement for student visa holders.
[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 20/03/2023]
- Section 1.1, and various sections of Appendix A (1.1-1.2, 2.1-2.4, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.2, 5.1, 5.1 (iii), 6.1-6.5, 7.1-7.4, 8.1-8.2, 9.1-9.3, 10.1-10.2, 11-11.1 (ii), 12) have been updated. These updates were made to reflect updated naming conventions / titles, and to provide further clarity on current processes.
[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 11/12/2023]
- Section 5.1 updated. This update was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place 'offline'.
[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 18/07/2024]
- Sections 2.16, 2.27, 4.4 and Appendix A (9.3) have been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity (2.27), convert a URL to a hyperlink (2.16), and reflect the new name of University Graduate / Doctoral School (4.4 & AA [9.3]).
[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 11/11/2024]
- Sections 5.17 and 5.18 have been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated), sections 2.20, 2.22 and 2.28 have been updated. These updates have been made to reflect the revised UKRI T&Cs for PGRs (5.17, 5.18) and to add further clarity (2.20, 2.22, 2.28).
[Version: 2023.1.5, Published: 24/11/2025]

s. Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment and Feedback

- Sections 4.2.3 (c) has been updated, and section 5.1.2 has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). These updates have been made to provide further clarity on University expectations.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 10/01/2023]

- Section 4.2.1 has been inserted and sections 1.2, 2.10, 3.2.1, 3.6, 3.11, 4.1.1 have been updated. These sections have been updated to allow for the use of synoptic / integrated programme assessment, to accurately reference the updated Academic Teaching Year, and to ensure alignment with the recently published Assessment Load Guidance document.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 06/04/2023]

- Sections 6.1.5 (a) and Appendix A (2.4) have been deleted (with subsequent numbering updated). Sections 5.7.6, 6.1.5 (c), 7.3.3 (a), and Appendix A (1.1) have been updated. The deletions and updates were made to provide further clarity / reflect current practice and to fix erroneous references.

- Sections 3.2.1, 3.6, 3.11, 4.1.16 (b), 4.1.17 (d), 4.2.1, 5.1.4, and Appendix C have been updated. These updates were made to ensure that the required flexibility in design and delivery of modules is available to colleagues.

- Sections 3.9, 4.2.3 (a), 4.2.4 (c), 5.1.3 and 5.2.1 have been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity on current processes / put in writing current practices and, in the case of section 3.9, increase flexibility in a process.

[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 04/12/2023]

- Section 4.1.14 (c) has been updated. This update removed the erroneous references to “Examinations Office” and replaced it with “relevant College Wellbeing Officer”. This update was made to reflect the way the process has been running for a number of years.

[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 23/02/2024]

- Section 4.1.18 has been updated. This update was made in response to the OfS B conditions of registration, specifically, the requirement for examination scripts to be retained for five (5) years.

[Version: 2023.1.5, Published: 27/03/2024]

- Section 1.5 inserted. This insertion was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place ‘offline’.

[Version: 2023.1.6, Published: 19/07/2024]

- Sections 7.2.6, 7.2.7, 7.2.8, and Appendix A have been updated. These updates have been made to provide further clarity / guidance on how the marks from periods of studying abroad are calculated.

[Version: 2023.1.7, Published: 09/09/2024]

- Footnote 4 has been updated. This update was made to reflect current practice of block taught modules and the timeliness of feedback requirements for these modules.

- Section 2.10 has been updated. This update was made to remove the requirement for an inclusive online, alternative assessment to be developed. This has been removed to align with

the University decision to stop using online exams (unless absolutely necessary) due to Generative AI concerns.

[Version: 2023.1.8, Published: 05/11/2024]

- Section 5.5.2 (c)(ii) has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated). This insertion has been made to reflect current practice / provide further clarity.

[Version: 2023.1.9, Published: 11/11/2024]

- Section 7.7, the whole of, has been updated. These updates have been made following the University Education Committee decision to approve the new Profiling system (the Borderline Classification Algorithm) for use from the 2025-26 academic session. The following updates have been made: the title of section 7.7 has been updated to reflect the new name for Profiling; sections 7.7.1, 7.7.2, 7.7.3, 7.7.4 have been updated to reflect the newly agreed system. Section 5.5.2 (d)(iv) has also been updated as this contained a reference to the old name for profiling.

[Version: 2023.1.10, Published: 17/09/2025]

- Section 4.2.1 has been inserted (with subsequent numbering updated), and sections 2.10, 4.1.1 have been updated. These updates have been made to reflect principles / information found in the recently created Assessment and Assessment Load Guidance document.

[Version: 2023.1.11, Published: 27/10/2025]

- Section 1.2 of Appendix A has been updated. This update has been made to allow for efficiencies to be brought into the process described in this section.

[Version: 2023.1.12, Published: 24/11/2025]

t. Code of Practice on Teaching and Academic Support Provided by Registered Students

- Section 6.1 has been updated. This update has been made to ensure alignment with the associated Guidance document. Previously there were minor inconsistencies in the responsibilities assigned to PGTA Coordinators between the two documents.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 20/03/2023]

- Section 4.5 inserted. This insertion was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place 'offline'.

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 18/07/2024]

- Section 4.2 has been updated. This update has been made to ensure alignment with the working time restrictions found in the Guidance for Students on Paid Employment document.

[Version: 2023.1.3, Published: 05/11/2024]

- Section 6.5 has been inserted, and section 5.3 has been updated. These updates were made to provide further clarity on the need for demonstrators to have specific training which suits their context (5.3), and to make it explicit who is responsible for ensuring that Postgraduate Teaching Assistants (PGTAs) are appropriately supported in their practice (6.5).

[Version: 2023.1.4, Published: 10/10/2025]

8. Policy Documents

a. Harassment and Bullying Policy

- Sections 7.5.1, 11.4, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 have been updated. These updates were required as the previously referenced "Harassment Service Advice" no longer exists as a University Service. This service has been replaced by the University's "Report and Support" service. The updates reflect this. Please note this document is classed as non-cohort legislation.

[Version: 1.4, Published: 07/02/2023]

b. Policy on Consultation with Students

- Section 5.1.6 updated. This update was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place 'offline'.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 17/07/2024]

c. Policy on Student Academic Engagement

- This new legislation document has been created as a companion document for the newly created Code of Practice on Student Academic Engagement. A T&F group was convened to create this document, led by the Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (DVPC) for Education, Policy and Academic Standards and the Director of Registry and Education Support. The T&F group had input from Directors of Education, Deputy Directors of Education, Professional Services staff, and the Guild of Students.

[Version: 2023.1.0, Published: 26/09/2025]

d. Spiking Policy

- This document has been created / introduced to ensure that there is clear information available to staff and students on this topic. Please note this document is classed as non-cohort legislation.

[Version: 1.0, Published: 29/07/2024]

e. Visitor Policy

- This document has been created / introduced to ensure that there is clear information available to staff and students on this topic. Please note this document is classed as non-cohort legislation.

[Version: 1.0, Published: 29/07/2024]

9. Stand-Alone Guidance Documents

a. Guidance: Principles on Assessment and Assessment Load: Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Provision

- This new legislation document has been created to replace the (now withdrawn) Guidance on Assessment Load document. The DPVC for Education, Policy and Academic Standards led on this piece of work, liaising with the Senior Education Team (SET) throughout.

[Version: 2023.1.0, Published: 02/10/2025]

b. Guidance to Accompany the Code of Practice on Misconduct and Fitness to Practise Committee

- The “Fitness to Practise” section (on page 5 & 6) has been inserted. The insertion was made to provide clarity on existing practices for Committee members, students, and professional bodies.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 09/10/2023]

c. Guidance on January Boards of Examiners

- New Guidance document created for all active cohort legislation. Following previous feedback from the Guild of Students, which noted that PGT dissertation resubmissions were having to wait until the June exam boards, Senior Academic and Professional Services staff were in agreement that there was nothing to prevent anyone arranging extra boards in this kind of situation, and this guidance has therefore been created to note / confirm this.

[Version: 2023.1.0, Published: 08/01/2024]

d. Guidance on Minimum Standards for the Organisation and Supervision of Dissertations for Postgraduate Taught Programmes (PGT)

- Section 3.5 inserted. This insertion was made to clarify the requirement for communication with students, with the aim of strengthening resilience and oversight, and preventing contentious or inappropriate communications taking place ‘offline’

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 18/07/2024]

e. Guidance on Placement learning

- Sections 6.4 (a), 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, Appendix 1, Appendix 3, Appendix 5 updated. These updates were made to correct erroneous references / links, provide greater clarity, and reflect current practice. Various typos throughout the document have also been updated / fixed.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 10/06/2024]

f. Guidance on Programmes of Study Delivered and / or Assessed in a Language other than English

- Sections 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 4.1.2, 4.2, 5, 6.6, 7, and 8 have been updated. These updates have been made to accurately reflect nomenclature of both external organisations (1.3); in relation to updated internal UoB teams (1.4, 3.1, 5, 6.6, 7); to correct previously erroneous references to other documents (4.1.2, 4.2, 5, 8); and to ensure this document is accurate in relation to updated Office for Students ‘B’ conditions (1.4). Please note this document is classed as non-cohort legislation.

[Version: 1.1, Published: 25/02/2025]

g. Guidance for Staff on Moderation

- Sections 4a, 4b and 5a have been updated. These updates have been made to ensure alignment with section 5.3.1 of the Code of Practice Taught Programme and Module Assessment and Feedback.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 12/08/2025]

h. Guidance for Students on Paid Employment

- Sections 3b, 4a, and 5c have been updated. The updates were made to provide further clarity on current rules / requirements.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 11/12/2023]

- Sections 2a, 3a, 3b, and 4a have been updated. These updates were made to reflect the published academic year structure / term dates, and to increase the maximum weekly working hours that can be undertaken by students (this reflects the updates approved by UoB Senior Colleagues in September 2024).

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 06/11/2024]

i. Guidance for Taught Students on Leaves of Absence

- Section 9c has been updated. This update was made to reflect current practice.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 25/10/2023]

j. Guidance on Teaching and Academic Support Provided by Registered Students

- Section 5.2 (b) has been updated. This update has been made to ensure alignment with the Code of Practice document. Previously there were minor inconsistencies in the responsibilities assigned to PGTA Coordinators between the two documents.

[Version: 2023.1.1, Published: 28/08/2024]

- Sections 5.1 and 8 have been updated. These updates were made to the training provision, agreed at the May 2025 meeting of the University's Quality, Enhancement, and Standards Committee (QESC).

[Version: 2023.1.2, Published: 10/10/2025]

k. Guidance on the Use of Transcription and Translation Tools by Students

- This document has been created / introduced due to various queries being raised during the first months of the 2024-25 academic session around student use of translation tools / students recording teaching sessions.

[Version: 2023.1.0, Published: 28/01/2025]

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