9. **Ordinary Degrees**

9.1 **PROGRESSION**

The rules of progression to the final year of an Ordinary degree are the same as those for a three year honours degree. (See 3.1)

9.2 **ELIGIBILITY FOR AN AWARD (Final Stage)**

9.2.1 For the award of an Ordinary degree, a total of 300 credits must be passed, with a minimum of 60 at level 6.

9.2.2 To be eligible for an Ordinary degree, students must:

a) pass a minimum of 60 credits at level 6

   - where a maximum of 30 credits have been failed across Stage One and Stage Two, an additional 30 credits at level 5 must be passed in the Final Stage
   
   - where 120 credits have been passed at both Stage One and Stage Two, a minimum of 60 credits at level 6 must be passed in Stage Three (final year)

   and

b) meet any additional course-specific requirements outlined in the variations to the Rules of Assessment, including professional, statutory and regulatory body requirements.

9.2.3 If a student does not meet the requirements for an Ordinary degree:

a) where the student has failed a **maximum of 15 credits at level 6**, he/she may resit the necessary examinations and/or resubmit coursework. Marks will be capped at 40%.

b) where the student has failed **more than 30 credits** at level 6 and has a year mark greater than 20%, he/she may repeat the Stage of study on a full-time basis for uncapped marks, or resit the necessary examinations and/or resubmit coursework the following year without attendance with the marks capped at 40%.

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* Credits are awarded at the component level. On programmes where two 15-credit modules have been aggregated together into a 30-credit component, the number of credits which have been passed at the module level is used in the student’s favour to determine whether reassessment can be offered instead of a repeat year.
c) where the **Stage mark for the 60 level 6 credits is below 20%**, or where a student was absent from all examinations with no substantiated extenuating circumstances, he/she must withdraw from the University.

9.2.4 When the Board meets after re-sits/resubmissions are completed, the Board may consider the following options (Boards may offer no more than three opportunities to undertake the assessment for a module, and no more than one opportunity to take exams without attendance). Where appropriate the Board may offer more than one option to the student:

a) to repeat the Stage of study full-time for uncapped module marks

or

b) where the student has failed **a maximum of 15 credits at level 6**, to repeat the Stage of study part-time, with marks capped at 40% NB This option is not available where students have failed credits during a period abroad

or

c) to resit the necessary examinations and/or resubmit coursework the following year without attendance where the mark recorded will be capped at 40%. This option cannot be offered where a student has already resat the exams without attendance. [N.B. where failure has occurred on a period abroad, resits may not be available.]

or

d) where the student has not met the requirements to proceed having had three attempts at the assessment for the Stage, he/she would be required to withdraw from the University.

or

e) where the **Stage mark is below 20%**, or where a student was absent from all examinations with no substantiated extenuating circumstances, to withdraw from the University.

9.3 **AWARDS CLASSIFICATION FOR ORDINARY DEGREES**

Ordinary degrees are unclassified.