

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

CHANGES FOR 2015/16

Academic Regulations are reviewed on an annual basis. All changes are approved by Academic Council to ensure that the regulations align with legislative, policy or procedural changes which emerge during an academic session. In preparation for 2015/16, key changes to [Academic Regulations](#) as approved by Academic Council (07.05.2015) are highlighted below. Full details of changes are contained in the [Academic Regulations Version History](#).



WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR 2015/16?

GENERAL REGULATIONS

University Programmes Board (UPB)

- » The University Undergraduate Programmes Board (UUPB) and the University Graduate Programmes Board (UGPB) were formally consolidated into a single University Programmes Board (UPB) by Academic Council on 7 May 2015. This is now reflected throughout the Academic Regulations.

Compensation

- » In line with the phasing out of compensation, regulation 5.7 states that no modules taken in any stage in UCD are passable by compensation. However, an E grade received for any module registered to and taken in 2014/15 or earlier, that was eligible to compensate, will still be eligible to compensate in 2015/16, in accordance with the stipulations outlined in regulations 5.7.1.1, 5.7.1.2 and 5.7.1.3.

Resit Assessments

- » Clarification in regulation 5.9 and 5.9.1 that resit assessments should be available for modules for which a repeat (or specified alternative) is not available in the next teaching semester.

Credits

- » Clarification regarding UCD and ECTS credit hours (1 credit = 20-30 hours) in regulation 1.2.

Graduate Taught Dissertation & Research Modules

- » Clarification of possible credit values of graduate taught dissertations and research project modules in regulation 1.3 and allowing for such modules to be offered over more than one semester or in summer term (regulation 2.1).

Professional Master of Education

- » Amendment to regulations 3.1 and 6.3 to include the Professional Master of Education

REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Doctor of Educational Psychology (DEdPsych)

- » This new programme was approved in the autumn of 2014 and will commence in September 2015. The specific regulations for this programme (all professional doctoral programmes have their own set of regulations) were approved by Academic Council on 7 May 2015.

Requirement for *viva voce* examination

- » A *viva voce* examination is now compulsory upon submission of a thesis for the PhD, DN and DM, DGov and DVMS (previously the examiners had discretion to decide whether the thesis was suitable for examination). It is also compulsory for the DEdPsych.

Timeframe for *viva voce* examination

- » Minor amendment to the regulations regarding the timeframe for the *viva voce* examination, involving a change from two months from submission of the thesis to two months from receipt of the thesis by the examiners. This relates to the Research Masters and MD degrees (in both instances a *viva voce* examination is only required on the request of the Head of School or at the behest of the examiners) as well as the PhD, DN and DM, DGov, DVMS and DEdPsych.



THINGS TO NOTE

- » **All students**, including students returning to their programme following a leave of absence or withdrawal, **are governed by the Academic Regulations in place in the academic session in which they (re-)register**. The status of PhD students returning from a leave of absence whose first registration was prior to 2006 may be determined by the relevant Graduate School Board.
- » When designing any programme-specific information (including web pages, publications and flyers) please make sure that you **link directly to the regulations, rather than quote from them, to reflect any updates and amendments**.



FURTHER INFORMATION

- [The 2015/16 Academic Regulations](#)
- [The Users' Guide](#)
- [Academic Regulations Version History](#)



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