



## Academic Regulations

### *Framework of Qualifications*

#### 1 Implementation

This document is approved by Senate in November 2021, and shall apply **with immediate effect**.

#### 2 General

These tables list all types of qualification offered by the University, and are consistent with the national *Framework of Higher Education Qualifications*.

Students who become eligible for the award of any of these qualifications will be issued with a formal certificate.

In addition, the University will issue transcripts to students who complete all credit-rated provision, including isolated CPD modules [which do not appear in the Framework and for which no formal Certificate is available].

The tables indicate the level of each qualification in relation to the UK Framework of Higher Education Qualifications [FHEQ]. This may be converted to alternative terminology used at the University as follows:

FHEQ Level	University Level
4	C
5	I
6	H
7	M
8	D

### 3 Standard Undergraduate & Graduate Qualifications

Title	FHEQ Exit Level	UK Credits	Comments
Bachelor of Arts [BA] with Honours in [designated] EXCEPT BA QTS	6	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4, 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>The award may be made <i>without honours</i> to a student who has completed Level 6, but who either gained an aggregate mark of 39 in one subject or, despite passing on aggregate, failed the Research Block with a mark of between 25 and 39.</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Arts [BA] with Honours [and recommendation for QTS] [students who began before September 2010]	6	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 240 credits at Level 4, and 120 credits from each of Levels 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>The award may be made <i>without honours</i> to a student who has completed Level 6, but who either gained an aggregate mark of 39 in one subject or, despite passing on aggregate, failed a Key Honours Assessment.</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Arts [BA] with Honours [and recommendation for QTS] [students who began from September 2010]	7 [* see comment]	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must normally gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, 180 credits from Level 6 and 60 credits from Level 7.</li> <li>The award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, and 240 credits from Level 6.</li> <li>The degree classification is based on work at Levels 4, 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>The award may be made <i>with Distinction</i> or <i>with Merit in Teaching Practice</i>.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Design [BDes] with Honours	6	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4, 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>The award may be made <i>without honours</i> to a student who has completed Level 6, but who either gained an aggregate mark of 39 in one subject or, despite passing on aggregate, failed the Research Block with a mark of between 35 and 39.</li> </ul>

Title	FHEQ Exit	UK Credits	Comments
Bachelor of Science [BSc] with Honours in [designation]	6	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4, 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>The award may be made without honours to a student who has completed Level 6, but who either gained an aggregate mark of 39 in one subject or, despite passing on aggregate, failed the Research Block with a mark of between 35 and 39.</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Engineering [BEng] with Honours	6	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4, 5 &amp; 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>The award may be made without honours to a student who has completed Level 6, but who either gained an aggregate mark of 39 in one subject or, despite passing on aggregate, failed the Research Block with a mark of between 35 and 39.</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Laws [LLB] with Honours	6	360	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>The award may NOT be made <i>without honours</i>.</li> <li>All formal assessments are Qualifying Components. However, a student who, having been granted appropriate opportunities to resit or retake, fails to meet one or more Qualifying Marks, but gains a mark of 35+ for each assessment, and otherwise satisfies the University's requirements for the award of a Bachelor of Arts degree, shall be eligible to graduate with the award of a Bachelor of Arts in Law [with or without Honours, as appropriate].</li> <li>Transfer from LLB to BA, on the basis of failed Qualifying Components, shall be possible at the end of any Level of study.</li> </ul>
Certificate in Higher Education [Cert HE]	4	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at Level 4.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL</li> </ul>
Diploma in Higher Education {Dip HE}	5	240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits via APL.</li> </ul>
Foundation Degree [FDa] in [designation]	5	240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits via APL.</li> </ul>

Graduate Certificate in [designation]	6	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL</li> </ul>
International Professional Certificate in [Designation] (iPCert)	6	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPCert in [Designation] is delivered off-shore via a validation agreement</li> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL.</li> <li>This certificate <b>is</b> available as an entry award</li> </ul>
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education [PgCE]	6	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL.</li> <li>This is <b>ONLY</b> available as an exit award from the Postgraduate Certificate in Education.</li> </ul>
International Professional Graduate Certificate in [Designation] (iPgCert)	6	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPgCert in [Designation] is delivered off-shore via a validation agreement</li> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL.</li> <li>This certificate <b>is</b> available as an entry award</li> </ul>
Professional Graduate Diploma in Education [PGDE]	6	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at Level 6 or higher.</li> <li>This is <b>ONLY</b> available as an exit award from the Postgraduate Diploma in Education.</li> </ul>

#### 4 Standard Taught Postgraduate Qualifications

Title	FHEQ Exit	UK Credi	Comments
<b>Masters Awards</b>			
Master of Arts [MA] in/by [designation]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes must include at least 180 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 150 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>
International Master of Business Administration [IMBA]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes must include at least 180 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 150 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>

Master of Education [M.Ed]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include at least 180 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 150 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120</li> </ul>
Master of Ministry [M.Min]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include 180 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>
Master of Research [M.Res [Designation]]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include 180 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>
Master of Arts by Research [Designation] [MA Res [Designation]]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include 180 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>
Master of Science [MSc] in [designated]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include at least 180 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 150 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL [but NOT for the Dissertation or equivalent.]</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits.</li> </ul>
Masters in Teaching and Learning [MTL]	7	180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmes must include at least 180 credits, with a maximum of 30 credits at Level 6 and a minimum of 150 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption via APL for up to 60 credits [but only for specified modules]. Up to 30 of these exempted credits may on the basis of credits obtained in PGCE programmes.</li> </ul>

## Integrated Masters

<p>Master of Mathematics with Honours (M.Math)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>480</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5,</li> </ul>
<p>Master of Education (M.Ed) with Honours [and recommendation for QTS]</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>480</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, and 6. This Award will also include a recommendation for</li> </ul>
<p>Master of Engineering with Honours [M.Eng]</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>480</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, and 6.</li> </ul>

Master in Science with Honours [M.Sci]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, and 6.</li> </ul>
Master of Humanities with Honours [M.Hum]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5,</li> </ul>
Master of Business with Honours [M.Bus]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5,</li> </ul>

Master of Creative Industries with Honours [M.Creat Ind]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5,</li> </ul>
Master of Psychology with Honours [M.Psych]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department and subject to the requirements of the BPS, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5, and 6.</li> <li>• The award is accredited by the BPS.</li> </ul>
Master of Social Science with Honours [MSocSci]	7	480	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at each of Levels C[4], I[5] &amp; H[6].</li> <li>• Students must gain 120 credits at Level M[7].</li> <li>• Students may be granted exemption from up to 120 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• Exceptionally, at the discretion of the Head of School/Department, a student may be granted exemption from up to 240 credits from Levels 4 &amp; 5 on the basis of APL.</li> <li>• In order to be eligible to progress to Masters Level students shall be required not only to have completed Honours Level but also to have performed at a level commensurate with the University's requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree with first class or second class Honours;</li> <li>• A related Bachelors award may be made at Level 6 for students who gain 120 credits at each of Levels 4 and 5,</li> </ul>



Postgraduate Certificate in [designation]	7	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL</li> </ul>
International Postgraduate Certificate in [Designation]	7	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPGCert in [Designation] is delivered off-shore via a validation agreement</li> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL</li> </ul>
Postgraduate Diploma in Education [PGDE]	7	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students who gain 60 credits at Level 7 but do not successfully complete the full Diploma, and are not eligible for the award of a Professional Graduate Diploma, will be eligible for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate [<b>NOT</b> PGCE].</li> </ul>
Postgraduate Diploma in [designation]	7	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL</li> </ul>

## 5 Standard Postgraduate Research Qualifications

Title	FHEQ Exit	UK Credits	Comments
Doctor of Education [EdD]	8	540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass Part 1 [120 credits at Level 7 and 60 credits at Level 8] and Part 2 [360 credits at Level 8].</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption via APL from up to 120 Part 1 credits [not including the Research Proposal].</li> <li>Students who pass the 120 Level 7 credits at Part 1 AND achieve at least a Level 7 pass for the 60 Level 8 credits at Part 1, but do not successfully complete Part 2, will be eligible for the award of Master of Education [MEd].</li> </ul>
Master of Philosophy [MPhil]	7	n/a	
Doctor of Ministry [D.Min]	8	540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass Part 1 [120 credits at Level 7 and 60 credits at Level 8] and Part 2 [360 credits at Level 8].</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption via APL from up to 120 Part 1 credits [not including the Research Proposal].</li> <li>Students who pass the 120 Level 7 credits at Part 1 AND achieve at least a Level 7 pass for the 60 Level 8 credits at Part 1, but do not successfully complete Part 2, will be eligible for the award of XXX [].</li> </ul>

Doctor of Social Work [D.SW]	8	540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass Part 1 [120 credits at Level 7 and 60 credits at Level 8] and Part 2 [360 credits at Level 8].</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption via APL from up to 120 Part 1 credits [not including the Research Proposal].</li> <li>Students who pass the 120 Level 7 credits at Part 1 AND achieve at least a Level 7 pass for the 60 Level 8 credits at Part 1, but do not successfully complete Part 2, will be eligible for the award of XXX [].</li> </ul>
Doctor of Health and Social Care [D.HS]	8	540	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass Part 1 [120 credits at Level 7 and 60 credits at Level 8] and Part 2 [360 credits at Level 8].</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption via APL from up to 120 Part 1 credits [not including the Research Proposal].</li> <li>Students who pass the 120 Level 7 credits at Part 1 AND achieve at least a Level 7 pass for the 60 Level 8 credits at Part 1, but do not successfully complete Part 2, will be eligible for the award of XXX [].</li> </ul>
Doctor of Philosophy [PhD]	8	n/a	

## 6 Other Qualifications

Title	FHEQ Exit	UK Credits	Comments
Certificate in <i>[designation]</i>	4, 5 or 6	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at any combination of Levels 4, 5 or 6.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits</li> </ul>
Certificate of Attendance	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance at an approved, but not credit-rated, course</li> </ul>
University Certificate of Credit	4, 5 or 6	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 30 credits at any combination of Levels 4, 5 or 6.</li> </ul>
Certificate of Professional Development	7	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 60 credits at Level 7.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 30 credits via APL</li> </ul>
Diploma in <i>[designation]</i>	5	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits, of which no more than 60 may be at Level 4.</li> <li>Students may be granted exemption from up to 60 credits via APL.</li> </ul>
Foundation Certificate in <i>[designation]</i>	3	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must gain 120 credits at Foundation Level 3 and exit the University</li> </ul>
Service & Leadership Award	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded in addition to another qualification.</li> </ul>

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