

Temporary Amendments to the Academic Regulations

From Monday 16th March 2020, temporary amendments were made to the following Academic Regulations 2019-20. Those temporary amendments have been revised to apply to UCSD's Academic Regulations 2020-21. These temporary amendments to Academic Regulations apply only to registered students.

Section	Amended regulation for 2020/21	Amended regulation for 2019/20:	Prior to the amendment, the regulation had stipulated:
STUDENT REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT			
2	Regulation returns to standard requirements, as it was prior to 2019/20 amendment.	If a student interrupts due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic after 50% of the teaching on a module has been completed, they may take the module at the same attempt upon resumption of their studies.	If a student interrupts after 50% of the teaching on a module has been completed, this will count as an attempt at the modules and they will take the module at the next attempt upon resumption of their studies
ASSESSMENT			
2.1	If a student believes that their academic performance will be affected by personal or health circumstances, they must submit details to UCSD on the appropriate form as soon as possible, and no later than ten working days after the assessment deadline.	Regulation suspended. The requirement to submit an Extenuating Circumstances claim, either self-certified or corroborated, for any assessment that was due to be submitted on or after Monday 16th March 2020 has been removed. This means all students will automatically be granted Extenuating Circumstances and assessments will not be subject to any penalty.	If a student believes that their academic performance will be affected by personal or health circumstances, they must submit details to UCSD on the appropriate form and provide relevant corroborative evidence as soon as possible, and no later than ten working days after the assessment deadline.
	Regulation is suspended. Students must submit an Extenuating Circumstances claim form but do	Regulation suspended. Given that the requirement to submit an Extenuating Circumstances claim has been removed,	All claims, other than those that are self-certified, must be accompanied by independent supporting documentation that shows the

	<p>not need to submit corroborating evidence.</p>	<p>there is also no requirement to submit independent, supporting documentation or evidence.</p>	<p>nature, timing and evidence of the problem, and the effect the problem has had on the student's performance. Supporting evidence should not be retrospective.</p>
<p>6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extended referral allows students to progress to the next level of study while completing referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. The student will be required to complete that referral work by 9 December 2021. • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by 9 December 2021, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extended referral allows students to progress to the next level of study while completing referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. The student will be required to complete that referral work by 10 December 2020. • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by 10 December 2020, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extended referral allows students to progress to the next level of study while completing referral work in a maximum of 20 credits. The student will be required to complete that referral work by the November of the next academic year. • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by the November of the next academic year, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 20 credits.

8.2	<p>A student may be referred in up to 80 credits</p> <p>If a student is deferred in one or more modules, the credit value of these modules will not count towards the referral total.</p>	<p>A student may be referred in up to 80 credits</p> <p>If a student is deferred in one or more modules, the credit value of these modules will not count towards the referral total.</p>	<p>A student may be referred in up to 60 credits.</p>
8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a student has failed referred assessment in up to 40 credits, the board may exceptionally allow the student to progress and offer an extended referral during the next session • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by 9 December 2021, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. • Where the referral takes the form of coursework, the submission deadline will be 9 December 2021. • If a student is deferred in one or more modules, the credit value of these modules will not count towards the referral total. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a student has failed referred assessment in up to 40 credits, the board may exceptionally allow the student to progress and offer an extended referral during the next session • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by 10 December 2020, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 40 credits. • Where the referral takes the form of coursework, the submission deadline will be 10 December 2020. • If a student is deferred in one or more modules, the credit value of these modules will not count towards the referral total. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a student has failed referred assessment in up to 20 credits, the board may exceptionally allow the student to progress and offer an extended referral during the next session • A final year student may be given an extended referral opportunity, which will mean that they can complete referral assessment by the November of the next academic year, without having to attend. Final year students can only complete extended referral work in a maximum of 20 credits. • Where the referral takes the form of coursework, the submission deadline should normally be set for the end of November

10	The Subject Assessment Panel will meet via virtual means in order for members to attend remotely. All papers necessary for the Panel to	The Subject Assessment Panel will meet via virtual means in order for members to attend remotely. All papers necessary for the Panel to fulfil its responsibilities will be made available electronically.	N/A – this is an addition rather than an amendment
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10	The Award Assessment Board will meet via virtual means in order for members to attend remotely. All papers necessary for the Board to fulfil its responsibilities will be made available electronically	The Award Assessment Board will meet via virtual means in order for members to attend remotely. All papers necessary for the Board to fulfil its responsibilities will be made available electronically.	N/A – this is an addition rather than an amendment

AWARDS			
4	Regulation returns to standard requirements, as it was prior to 2019/20 amendment.	<p>A Foundation Degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5 or above.</p> <p>The final programme aggregate mark will be calculated using all of the level 4 module marks and the highest level 5 assessment marks totalling 60 credits</p> <p>If the student's final programme aggregate mark calculated using all of the level 4 module marks and the highest level 5 assessment marks totalling 60 credits is 70% or above, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Distinction.</p> <p>If the student's final programme aggregate mark calculated using all of the level 4 module marks and the highest level 5 marks totalling 60 credits is between 60% and 69%, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Merit.</p>	<p>A Foundation Degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed a minimum of 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5 or above.</p> <p>If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is 70% or above, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Distinction.</p> <p>If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is between 60% and 69%, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Merit</p>

3	Regulation returns to standard requirements, as it was prior to 2019/20 amendment.	<p>A Certificate of Higher Education may be awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a student who is registered for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education and has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above; or • a student who has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above in a programme on which s/he is not continuing, provided the credits successfully completed fall within the programme specification for the award. 	<p>A Certificate of Higher Education may be awarded to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a student who is registered for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education and has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above; or • a student who has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above in a programme on which s/he is not continuing, provided the credits successfully completed fall within the programme specification for the award.
3	Amendment will be honoured for a stage that occurred in 2019-20.	The level aggregate marks for levels 4, 5 and 6 will be calculated for 2019-20 using the highest assessment marks totalling 60 credits.	The level 4 aggregate mark is calculated using the highest module marks totalling 80 credits