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Section 17: Awards of the University and their Standards

17.1 Purpose

This section defines the awards of the University and their standard.

17.2 Title of Awards

The Academic Board is responsible for approving the title of any award of the University granted under these Regulations.

17.3 Standard

The Academic Board, on behalf of the University, ensures that all awards and distinctions are consistent and comparable with awards granted and conferred throughout higher education.

17.4 Designated Letters for Awards

Designated letters are established to enable holders of awards and distinctions of the University to use them in accordance with academic convention.

17.5 Awards of the University

The awards of the University are as below.

17.5.1 Pre-Degree Level

- Certificate in Lifelong Learning (CertLL)
- Foundation Certificate (FCert)
- Certificate (Cert)
- Letter of Achievement
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
- Certificate in Education (CertEd)
- Diploma (Dip)
- Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Advanced Diploma (ADip)
- Vocational Certificate (VCert)

Professional Diploma (PDip)

17.5.2 First Degree Level

Foundation Degree Arts (FdA)

Foundation Degree Engineering (FdEng)

Foundation Degree Science (FdSc)

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BAHons)

Bachelor of Education (BEd)

Bachelor of Education with Honours (BEdHons)

Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BEngHons)

Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLBHons)

Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSci)

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Bachelor of Science with Honours (BScHons)

Bachelor of Technology (BTech)

Bachelor of Technology with Honours (BTechHons)

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

17.5.3 Post-Experience

Certificate in Professional Studies

Diploma in Professional Studies

17.5.4 Postgraduate

Advanced Certificate in Lifelong Learning (ACertLL)

Advanced Professional Diploma (APDip)

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE)

Certificate in Management (CM)

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

Diploma in Management Studies (DMS)

Graduate Certificate (GCert)

Graduate Diploma (GDip)

17.5.5 Integrated Masters

Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBioms)
Master of Engineering (MEng)
Master of Planning (MPlan)
Master of Law (MLaw)

17.5.6 Taught Masters Awards

Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
Master of Arts (MA)
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Master of Education (MEd)
Master of Fine Art (MFA)
Master of Laws (LLM)
Master of Science (MSc)
Master of Public Administration (MPA)
Master of Architecture (MArch)
Master of Engineering (MEng)
Masters in Teaching and Learning (MTL)

17.5.7 Research Awards

Master of Arts (MA by research)
Master of Science (MSc by research)
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

17.5.8 Professional Research Doctorates

Doctor of Philosophy (DProf)
Doctor of Engineering (DEng)
Doctor of Education (EdD)
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
Doctor of Creative Arts (DCA)
Doctor of Professional Practice in Sport (DProf. Sport)
Professional Doctorate (DProf)

17.5.9 Higher Doctorates

Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
Doctor of Science (DSc)
Doctor of Technology (DTech)

17.6 Date of Conferment

The date of conferment of an award will normally be the date of the award ceremony. A student may elect to receive their award in absentia.

Where, through the working of the Appeal process, the classification of a Bachelor Degree with Honours is determined subsequent to the relevant award ceremony for the student's cohort, the date of the conferment of the degree will be deemed to be the date of that award ceremony.

Where through the working of the Appeal process, the entitlement to an award of the University is determined, the date of the conferment of that award will be deemed to be the date of the award ceremony for the student's cohort; and the student shall be entitled to attend a subsequent award ceremony if the student so wishes.

17.7 Specific Provisions in respect of University Awards

17.7.1 Distinction and Merit

Provision for the recommendation of a Distinction or Merit may be made in the regulations for all taught awards except for the classification for the degree with honours and Integrated Masters courses and for the Lifelong Learning contained awards.

17.7.2 Classification of Honours Degrees and Integrated Masters

Bachelor Degrees with Honours are available in the following classifications:

- First Class
- Upper Second Class
- Lower Second Class
- Third Class

Integrated Masters are available in the following classifications:

- First Class
- Upper Second Class

- Lower Second Class

17.7.3 Pass or Unclassified Degree

Bachelor Degrees with Honours and Integrated Masters may be awarded as pass or unclassified degrees.

Where they are a pass or unclassified, these awards do not appear on the degree certificate but may be on any transcript.

17.7.4 Aegrotat Awards

An aegrotat award may be recommended when a Progression and Award Board does not have enough evidence of the student's performance to be able to recommend the award for which the student was a candidate, but is satisfied that but for illness or other valid cause the student would have reached the standard required. A candidate who has been offered an aegrotat award, but who elects instead to be reassessed may not claim the aegrotat award in the event of failure.

Aegrotat awards do not carry any classification or distinction.

17.7.5 Posthumous Awards

An award may be conferred posthumously and be accepted by another person on behalf of the late student; and as deemed appropriate by the University.

17.8 Awards of Other Bodies

The University may confer awards of other institutions, validating and accrediting bodies either singly or jointly with University awards, where the University has an agreement with the other institution or body.

17.9 Honorary Awards

17.9.1 Conferment of Honorary Awards

The Academic Board, on behalf of the University, may confer honorary awards on individuals or organisations. The Academic Board delegates authority to the Honorary Awards

Committee to seek nominations; select candidates against criteria and make invitations to candidates for the conferment of award.

17.9.2 Categories of Honorary Awards

The University may confer honorary masters' degrees, honorary doctorates and honorary fellowships.

17.9.3 Criteria for Conferment

Honorary awards of the University may be conferred on individuals or organisations whose work and achievement reflect the mission and values of the University and/or whose conduct or reputation has brought distinction in one or more of the following fields:

- research and scholarship
- education
- the arts and sport
- science and technology
- the professions
- industry and commerce
- public life
- public and voluntary service
- service to the University
- service to the City of Leeds and/or the region
- service to the national or international community.

17.9.4 Selection for Conferment of Honorary Awards

In conferring honorary awards, the University will have regard to distinguished alumni of the institution and will also seek to ensure a broadly balanced list. Nominations for the conferment of honorary awards will be sought on a regular basis from all members of the University community, against the criteria for conferment.

17.9.5 Recipients: Honorary Masters Degrees and Doctorates

Honorary masters' degrees and honorary doctorates may be conferred on individuals.

17.9.6 Recipients: Honorary Fellowships

Honorary fellowships may be conferred on either individuals or organisations.

17.9.7 Role of Recipients

Individuals and/or organisations invited to receive an award will also be invited to continue their involvement with the University after conferment for the benefit of students and staff.

17.9.8 Award of Honorary Masters Degree

The general policy for the award of an honorary master's degree will be the honorary award of one of the taught or research master's degrees of the University or the honorary degree of Hon M Univ.

17.9.9 Award of Honorary Doctorate

The general policy for the award of an honorary doctorate will be the award of one of the following:

- Hon D Arts
- Hon D Business Administration
- Hon D Ed
- Hon D Eng
- Hon D Laws
- Hon D Litt
- Hon D Music
- Hon D Science
- Hon D Sport Science
- Hon D Technology
- Hon D Univ

17.9.10 Degree of Distinction

The conferment of honorary masters' and doctorate awards will be differentiated by the degree of distinction to be recognised.

17.9.11 Personal Acceptance

Honorary awards of the University will not be conferred in absentia.

17.9.12 Use of Designatory Letters

Recipients of honorary awards may use approved designatory letters but may not use the doctorate title unless they are entitled by virtue of their other qualifications.

17.10 Academic Dress

Styles and colours for academic dress will conform to the regulations approved by the University.