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In Semester 2 2019/20 Academic Board agreed a schema, guidance and changes to the Academic Regulations to enable Leeds Beckett University to make academic decisions covering student progression and the award of academic credit and degrees on undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This enabled our University to maintain the academic and professional standards expected by key stakeholders, including Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies, while being fair and reasonable to our students by considering the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on their academic experience.

In continuing to support our students, the Vice Chancellor confirmed in January 2021 that the changes to the University Academic Regulations that were approved during the first wave of the pandemic would be reintroduced in 2020/21. These progression and award regulations will apply to all students studying in 2020/21 and will be applied at the point that students are ready to progress or be considered for an award.

#### **Please note:**

- **The position defined below will also be applicable to Part Time students at the point they are ready to progress or be considered for an award;**
- **The position will be adapted flexibly to ensure that students who are studying other undergraduate or postgraduate awards are treated in an equitable way;**
- **The criteria for progression from Level 4 to 5 is equally applicable to students progressing from Foundation Years (Level 0) to level 4.**

The full details of the Covid-19 progression and award arrangements can be viewed online at Section 4 of the Academic Regulations. A summary of the revised approach to progression and award is included below.

### **Covid-19 Regulations: Progression**

<b>Profile</b>	<b>Covid-19 Criteria for Progression</b>
Students will progress from Level 4 to Level 5 if the following criteria are met:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students have studied their full programme of modules for Level 4</li><li>• Students have submitted/attempted all their components of assessment (<i>unless they have been prevented from doing so because of circumstances caused by coronavirus. In these cases the University will consider performance prior to those circumstances to make a fair progression decision</i>)</li><li>• Students have achieved marks of 40% or more in modules equivalent to 60 credit points (<i>three standard modules</i>)</li><li>• Students have achieved the learning outcomes for Level 4 in the judgement of the academic staff concerned</li><li>• Students have met any additional requirements set by a Professional Body which accredits the course (where applicable)</li></ul>
Students will progress from Level 5 to Level 6 if the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students have studied their full programme of modules for Level 5</li><li>• Students have submitted/ attempted all their components of assessment (<i>unless they have been prevented from doing so because of circumstances caused by coronavirus. In these cases the University will consider performance prior to those circumstances to make a fair progression decision</i>)</li></ul>

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following criteria are met:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students have achieved marks of 40% or more in modules equivalent to 60 credit points (<i>three standard modules</i>)</li> <li>Students have an average mark for the whole level of 30% or more</li> <li>Students have an average mark for half of the level of 40% or more</li> <li>Students have achieved the learning outcomes for Level 5 in the judgement of the academic staff concerned</li> <li>Students have met any additional requirements set by a Professional Body which accredits the course (where applicable)</li> </ul>

## Covid-19 Regulations: Undergraduate Honours Degree Award Eligibility and Honours Classification

Profile	Covid-19 Criteria for Honours Degrees
Students will be eligible for a Bachelors with Honours degree award if the following criteria are met:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students have studied their full programme of modules for Level 6</li> <li>Students have submitted/ attempted all their components of assessment (<i>unless they have been prevented from doing so because of circumstances caused by coronavirus. In these cases the University will consider performance prior to those circumstances to make a fair eligibility decision</i>)</li> <li>Students have an average mark for the whole level of 30% or more</li> <li>Students have achieved marks of 40% or more in modules equivalent to 60 credit points (<i>three standard modules</i>)</li> <li>Students have achieved the learning outcomes for the award in the judgement of the academic staff concerned</li> <li>Students have met any additional requirements set by a Professional Body which accredits the course</li> <li>Students have achieved a mark of 40% or more in the dissertation/ major study module if that is a pre-existing requirement of the degree course concerned</li> </ul>
Bachelors with Honours Degree Classifications will be made based on the following criteria:	<p>Students will receive a classification calculated using the 'best 60' approach, applied as outlined below:</p> <p><u>For students who passed Level 5 in 2019/20 and are studying Level 6 in 2020/21:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An average of the marks from the best 60 credits achieved at Level 5 (weighted at 25%) added to an average of the best 60 credits at Level 6 (weighted at 75%).</li> </ul> <p><u>For students who passed Level 5 prior to Semester 2 in 2019/20 and are studying Level 6 in 2020/21:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An average of the marks from the best 100 credits achieved at Level 5 (weighted at 25%) added to an average of the best 60 credits at Level 6 (weighted at 75%).</li> </ul> <p>Additional requirements for classification set by a Professional Body which accredits the course will be retained.</p>

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## Covid-19 Regulations: Masters Degrees

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Students will be eligible for a Masters award if the following criteria are met:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students have studied their full programme of modules for Level 7</li><li>• Students have submitted/ attempted all their components of assessment (<i>unless they have been prevented from doing so because of circumstances caused by coronavirus. In these cases the University will consider performance prior to those circumstances to make a fair progression decision</i>)</li><li>• Students have achieved marks of 40% or more in modules equivalent to 60 credit points (<i>three standard modules</i>) and in addition, have achieved a mark of 40% or more in the dissertation/ major study module</li><li>• Students have an average mark for the whole level of 30% or more</li><li>• Students have achieved the learning outcomes for the award in the judgement of the academic staff concerned</li><li>• Students have met any additional requirements set by a Professional Body which accredits the course (where applicable)</li></ul>
Merit and Distinction:	<p>Merit and distinction are awarded in one of the two following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An average across modules equivalent to 120 credit points of 60% for Merit and 70% for Distinction</li><li>• <i>or</i></li><li>• A '<i>defined profile of achievement</i>'</li></ul> <p>Your course documentation will confirm if the '<i>defined profile of achievement</i>' has been adopted by your course.</p>

Please contact your Student Administrator/Course Director to confirm the Covid-19 criteria for merit and distinction for other non-honours awards not listed above.

## Contacts and Further Information

[Academic Regulations](#)

**Students** with queries should contact their Course Director or Student Administrator

**Staff** with queries should contact [Quality Assurance Services](#)