



## Derogations for the Medicine Programme 2019-20

| <b>1. Progression Regulations</b>  |   |
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| Progression regulations will be standardised as much as possible across undergraduate programmes. Some variation may be required to accommodate requirements from external professional and accrediting bodies.  | <b>Derogation granted</b> - Undergraduate Medicine will not fit with standard progression regulations due to external professional accreditation barriers and are seeking a derogation from a number of the regulations as detailed in this document.                                     |
| <b>2. Annual Progression</b>   |   |
| i. Progression should be on an annual basis.   | No derogation necessary.  |
| ii. Students should be allowed to carry failed modules from semester to semester, but not from year to year.   | No derogation necessary.  |
| iii. Students should receive provisional module results after Semester 1 for all modules completed and assessed during Michaelmas term. Courts of Examiners should convene after Semester 2 assessment and consider and confirm the results from both semesters. | No derogation necessary.  |
| <b>3. Progression Threshold</b>  |   |
| i. The mark representing a pass should be standardised as far as possible across all programmes. All programmes should provide clear grade descriptors setting out what constitutes a pass.  | <b>Derogation granted</b> - The standard pass mark for Medicine is 50%. However, the standard setting methods used for objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) results in a pass mark of 60%+, in accordance with the validity and reliability requirements for accreditation. |
| ii. The progression threshold in all standard four-year degree programmes will not be higher than the pass mark.   | Not applicable as this is a 5-year programme.   |



#### 4. Minimum credits to pass a year and progression thresholds.

i. Students should have a balanced credit load across the two semesters, i.e., 30 credits in semester 1 and 30 credits in semester 2.

**Derogation granted** - A balanced credit-load is not possible in clinical years as the programme/modules are typically spread over 15+25 weeks (not 11+11 weeks).

ii. The number of credits to pass a year should be 60 [this is predicated on all undergraduate programmes comprising 60 ECTS per year].

No derogation necessary.

iii. Compensation: All modules and components within modules are “compensatable”.

**Derogation granted** - Compensation is not permitted across core modules in all five years of the Medicine programme. However some compensation within modules is permitted; e.g. in modules with clinical components, theoretical components may be compensated with clinical assessment but not vice versa (see Appendix 1 for details).

#### 5. Degree Award Calculations

The calculation of the degree award will be based on the final two years (JS+SS) on a 30/70 basis.

**Derogation granted** - Medicine’s current 50/50 calculation is based on the named parts of the degree completed in year 4 (Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Paediatrics) and year 5 (Medicine and Surgery). The modules in Year 4 & 5 are delivered and assessed so that each student receives the required teaching and clinical placement hours in the designated clinical speciality. The modules are weighted equally in the overall degree calculation. Medicine has agreement in principle to work towards including Public Health and Primary Care in the final degree award calculation in accordance with Medical Council recommendations. Once approved, the revised calculation will be implemented on a 60/40 basis.

#### 6. Number of years to complete a degree.

The maximum number of years to complete an undergraduate degree should be:

- 6 years for a standard four-year programme
- 7 years for a five-year programme unless otherwise specified by accrediting bodies.

No derogation necessary. Attention is drawn to the fact that in Medicine a student who does not complete the course in 7 years, including years off the books, may not be able to register in some jurisdictions.



| <b>7. Repetition of a year<sup>1</sup></b>  |                          |
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| i. Students should be allowed to repeat all years.  | No derogation necessary. |
| ii. Students should not repeat any academic year more than once within a degree programme and may not repeat more than two academic years within a degree programme [See Recommendation 6]. | No derogation necessary. |
| iii. Repetition of a year is in full, i.e., all modules and all assessment components. There will be an option to repeat a year on an 'off-books' basis. <sup>2</sup>                       | No derogation necessary. |
| <b>8. Reassessment<sup>3</sup></b>  |                          |
| i. Supplementals should be available in all years.  | No derogation necessary. |
| ii. The right to supplementals where a student has failed at the annual session should be automatic. <sup>4</sup>   | No derogation necessary. |
| iii. The same progression regulations, including compensation, should be applied at annual and supplemental sessions.   | No derogation necessary. |
| iv. Re-scheduled exams within the session should be discontinued.   | No derogation necessary. |

<sup>1</sup> A student's academic record on their transcript will show clearly the time lost through repetition of a year.

<sup>2</sup> Of the nine recommendations approved by Council, one (recommendation 7) was subsequently revised in May 2018 further to the Board decision of 28 March 2018 (BD/17-18/178), which agreed to return the University's position in relation to supplemental exam fees and modular billing to the status quo. The implementation of modular billing was deferred for at least one academic year (2018/19), in order to facilitate a full and detailed analysis of all potential streams of revenue to fund it.

<sup>3</sup> Students who are given permission to defer from the annual to the supplemental session (including on medical grounds) are recorded at the annual session as 'Defer'. As with Recommendation 7 (i), the student's academic record on their transcript will show clearly the stages at which the student has supplemented and/or repeated years.

<sup>4</sup> Students who have passed at the annual session are not permitted to present at the supplemental session in order to improve their performance.



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| v. Students (in all years) should only be required to re-sit examinations or re-submit coursework for failed modules or components thereof. | <b>Derogation granted</b> – In specified modules, students are required to pass both written and clinical assessment components in the same assessment sitting. Students who fail, or are absent from, the clinical (or written) component of the examination in any subject will be required to repeat the written and clinical components of that subject, even if they have previously passed the written (or clinical) component. (See Appendix 2 for module details.) |
| vi. Different reassessment modalities should be allowed where appropriate.  | No derogation necessary.   |
| vii. Where supplemental assessments are taken, marks are awarded and agreed as usual. Capping will not be applied.                          | No derogation necessary.   |
| <b>9. Special Examinations</b>  |  |
| Special Examinations should be discontinued.  | No derogation necessary.   |



Appendix 1.

Compensatable (C)/Non-compensatable (NC) Module Details

| Module Code   | Module Name  | ECTS | Compensatable within Module | Compensatable or Non-compensatable |
|---------------|--|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Year 1</b> |  |      |                             |                                    |
| MDU11006      | HUMAN FORM AND FUNCTION                                      | 30   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU11001      | EVOLUTION AND LIFE   | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU11002      | HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES AND ETHICS           | 15   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU11003      | MEDICINE, HEALTH HUMANITIES                                  | 5    | NC                          | NC                                 |
| <b>Year 2</b> |  |      |                             |                                    |
| MDU22001      | PRINCIPLES OF PHARMACOLOGY AND PRACTICAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU22007      | MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF DISEASE AND PERSONALISED MEDICINE    | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU22004      | NEUROSCIENCES  | 15   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU22002      | HEAD AND NECK ANATOMY  | 5    | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU22005      | CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY  | 5    | NC                          | NC                                 |
| MDU22006      | INFECTION & IMMUNITY   | 5    | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU22003      | FUNDAMENTALS OF CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE           | 10   | NC                          | NC                                 |
| <b>Year 3</b> |  |      |                             |                                    |
| MDU33001      | PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS                                | 5    | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU33002      | LABORATORY & INVESTIGATIVE MEDICINE                          | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU33006      | PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL & SURGICAL PRACTICE                    | 30   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU33003      | ADVANCED CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE                  | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU33004      | EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE AND ELECTIVE PRACTICE 1              | 5    | NC                          | NC                                 |



| Module Code   | Module Name   | ECTS | Compensatable within Module | Compensatable or Non-compensatable |
|---------------|---|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Year 4</b> |   |      |                             |                                    |
| MDU44004      | PUBLIC HEALTH, PRIMARY CARE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY - ROTATION 1/2/3/4 | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU44003      | OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY                                      | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU44002      | PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH                                      | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU44001      | PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PSYCHIATRY                           | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU44005      | MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE, ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM               | 10   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU44006      | PROFESSIONALISM IN CLINICAL PRACTICE                            | 5    | NC                          | NC                                 |
| MDU44007      | ELECTIVE PRACTICE 2   | 5    | NC                          | NC                                 |
| <b>Year 5</b> |   |      |                             |                                    |
| MDU55001      | INTEGRATED MEDICAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICE                         | 20   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU55002      | INTEGRATED SURGICAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICE                        | 20   | C                           | NC                                 |
| MDU55003      | COMPETENCY BASED PREP FOR PRACTICE                              | 10   | NC                          | NC                                 |
| MDU55004      | ELECTIVE PRACTICE 3   | 10   | NC                          | NC                                 |



## Appendix 2.

### Modules with derogations to Regulation 8.v

| <b>Module Code</b> | <b>Module Name</b>                          |
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| <b>Year 3</b>      |   |
| MDU33003           | ADVANCED CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE |
| MDU33006           | PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PRACTICE |
| <b>Year 4</b>      |   |
| MDU44003           | OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY                  |
| MDU44001           | PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF PSYCHIATRY       |
| MDU44002           | PAEDIATRICS AND CHILD HEALTH                |
| <b>Year 5</b>      |   |
| MDU55001           | INTEGRATED MEDICAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICE     |
| MDU55002           | INTEGRATED SURGICAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICE    |