Exceptional regulations for summer 19/20: UG progression (UNNC)

Due to COVID-19, the University of Nottingham has taken the decision not to hold examinations in the summer exam period that require students to be present on campus in the UK/UNM¹, and many other items of assessment will need to be altered. These regulations should be read in conjunction with all existing regulations, as well as the Exceptional regulations on, Extenuating Circumstances, Classification and Assessment. These regulations apply to all students who are being considered for Progression on their programme of study in the summer of 2020. We will keep these regulations under review and may extend the period further.

UGPR1. The Exceptional Regulations for Assessment make provision for cases where because of the cancelling of assessment due to COVID-19, a module will be missing marks, and neither part for whole nor substitute assessment are available. These are defined as COVID-incomplete² modules.

UGPR2. When determining whether to allow a student to progress, Schools are asked to ignore up to 40 credits of COVID-incomplete² modules (this may include non-compensatable modules).

UGPR3. Where a student has more than 40 credits of COVID-incomplete² modules, a case must be put to Quality and Standards Committee (QSC) to determine their progression.

UGPR4. It is recognised that those courses with Professional Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) requirements may need to make more stringent arrangements, first receiving guidance from the relevant PSRB Board. PSRB requirements will, in all cases, be in addition to the regulations laid out here.

Existing Progression regulations should then be applied on a pro-rata basis.

Thus, regulations UGPR5 and UGPR6, below, replace regulations 9 and 10 'Completion of a Stage' that are located in the 'Undergraduate Course Regulations: post September 2019', that can be found here:

https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/academicservices/qualitymanual/assessmentandawards/studyregulationsforundergraduatecourseswef2019.aspx

UGPR5. A student who passes all the modules in a given stage of their course (as defined in the University's Qualifications Framework) will **complete** that stage and be awarded the **total credit** for that stage. A student who qualifies for an Honours level through application of the relevant degree classification model and weightings (see Regulations 22 and 23) will automatically complete thefinal stage of their course

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²COVID-incomplete modules do not apply at UNNC, EXCEPT for UNNC students currently on exchange from UNUK/UNM

and be awarded the total credit for that stage, unless the relevant programme specification contains additional requirements for completion of the final stage.

UGPR6. A student who **fails** one or more modules will still complete that stage (subject to Regulation 11), and so be awarded the total credit for that stage provided that they have:

(a) passed modules worth at least **80 credits** and have a **weighted average** for the stage of at least **40% with no module marks of less than 30%**

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(b) passed modules worth at least 100 credits and have a weighted average for the stage of at least 50%

or

- (c) passed modules worth at least **90 credits**, have marks of **30% or more in modules worth at least 110* credits**, and have a **weighted average for the stage of at least 45%.**
- (d) up to 40 credits of modules that are COVID-incomplete², and otherwise satisfy any of regulation UGPR5, or UGPR6 (a)-(c) on a pro rata basis, when those COVID-incomplete² module credits are ignored.

UGPR7. To ensure that no student is disadvantaged by the outbreak of COVID-19, we are asking exam boards to operate with two routes to progression:

- (a) operate the exceptional regulations on progression, described above.
- (b) where all modules in the COVID-impacted period are passed, use a weighted average of marks achieved prior to 20/01/2020 as the basis for progression under the normal model.

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