# Supplementary Regulations for the Award of all Degrees in Arts and Social Sciences

The degrees governed by these Supplementary Regulations are conferred in accordance with Resolution No. 140 of 1990, which was approved by the University Court on 15 May 1990, as modified by subsequent University Court Resolutions.

1. First Degree programmes in Arts and Social Sciences may lead as appropriate to the award of a Degree of Master of Arts (360 credits, including 60 at level 3), a Designated Degree of Master of Arts (360 credits, including at least 240 at level 1 and 2 and 90 at level 3 in a specified discipline), a Degree of Master of Arts with Honours (480 credits, including at least 240 at levels 1 and 2 with at least 180 credits at level 3 or above, a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4) or a Degree of Master of Business with Honours (480 credits, including at least 240 at levels 1 and 2 with at least 180 credits at level 3 or above, a minimum of 90 of these being at level 4). Candidates for a Designated Degree of Master of Arts, Degree of Master of Arts with Honours or Degree of Master of Business with Honours must in addition comply with the specification for one of the relevant degree programmes specified in Regulations 6 or 9. They must also satisfactorily complete any field work or practical courses as outlined in the programme prescription. Candidates registered on a Master of Business with Honours programme will be subject to the regulations for the Master of Arts with Honours degree.

2. Every candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts must, unless granted a concession in accordance with General Regulations for First Degrees Regulation 14, attend during one of the following minimum periods, as applicable, approved courses of instruction in the University of Aberdeen:

   (i) Candidates for the degree by full-time study only: not less than three sessions in the case of the Degree of Master of Arts or Designated Degree of Master of Arts; not less than four sessions in the case of a Degree of Master of Arts with Honours.

   (ii) Candidates for the degree by part-time study only: not less than five sessions in the case of a Degree of Master of Arts, not less than six sessions in the case of a Designated Degree of Master of Arts and not less than eight sessions in the case of a Degree of Master of Arts with Honours.

   (iii) Candidates for the degree by a combination of both part-time and full-time study: such period as may be determined in individual cases by the Senatus Academicus and in accordance with General Regulation 17.1 for First Degrees.

   (iv) In terms of General Regulation 4 for First Degrees, part-time study is permitted at levels one and two for all degrees. Those degree programmes marked with an asterix (*) in the awards list in Supplementary Regulation 6 may only be undertaken by full-time study at Honours level.

   Where a candidate is granted exemption or recognition on the basis of previous study, the minimum period of study for candidates at the University of Aberdeen may be reduced appropriately by the Senatus Academicus, but in no case shall the degree be awarded unless the period of study at the University of Aberdeen has been at least one session.

3. Courses will normally be studied in sequence within a given discipline as follows: level 1, level 2, level 3, level 4, level 5 (undergraduate).

4. Courses may include practical, laboratory or field work as prescribed, but it shall be in the power of the examiners to accept, in lieu of practical examination, evidence that candidates have carried out observational, experimental or research work of a sufficient standard during their practical, laboratory or field work.

**REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF A DESIGNATED DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS**

5.1 Courses for the degrees are divided into two groups as under:

*Group A*: Degree courses in Academic Skills (QQ Coded Courses Only), Accountancy, Anthropology, Arabic, Art History, Archaeology, Business Management, Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies, Computing, Counselling Skills, Economics, Education, English, Ethnology and Folklore, Film and Visual Culture, Finance, French, Gaelic Studies, Geography, German, History, International Business, International Relations, Language and Linguistics, Latin, Legal Studies, Mandarin, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Real Estate, Sociology, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Swedish, Theology and Religion, Translation and Interpretation Studies.

*Group B*: Degree courses in any other discipline. Unnamed recognitions granted in respect of previous studies may be awarded in Group A or Group B as appropriate. Credits achieved from Sixth Century courses may be counted towards the total required from Group A, provided that except with the permission of the Senatus Academicus a graduating curriculum may not include in the Group A total more than 60 credit points from Sixth Century courses achieved in programme years 1 and 2 combined, nor more than 30 credit points achieved in programme years 3 and above.

5.2 Courses from Group B may be counted towards the degrees as follows:

(i) As part of any degree, where no more than 30 credit points may be taken at level 1, no more than 30 credit points at level 2 and no more than 30 credit points across levels 3 and 4;

(ii) As part of the prescription for an approved degree programme for a Designated Degree of Master of Arts or a Degree of Master of Arts with Honours.

5.3 Notwithstanding Supplementary Regulation 5.2, candidates undertaking the Degree of Master of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science may, exceptionally, undertake courses from Group B as follows: no more than 45 credit points may be taken at level 1, no more than 45 credit points at level 2, no more than 45 credit points at level 3 and no more than 45 credit points at level 4.

6. Notwithstanding Supplementary Regulation 4, exceptionally with the permission of the Senatus Academicus, candidates registered for Honours Programmes in disciplines not listed in Regulation 4 above who have obtained a minimum of 90 credit points in appropriate level 3 courses, may also be permitted to apply for the award of a Designated Degree.

**REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF A DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS WITH HONOURS**

Note: Regulations 7 to 15 below are written with a full-time candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts with Honours in mind. They also apply mutatis mutandis to candidates combining both part-time and fulltime study for the degree.
* These programmes can be taken only by full-time study at Honours level.

7. Candidates shall not be admitted to a two-year Honours programme unless they have obtained a minimum of 240 credit points at levels 1 and 2, including all courses required to graduate. The Convenor of the Students' Progress Committee (Arts and Social Sciences), on the recommendation of the Head of School concerned, may exempt candidates from this requirement.

8. Candidates who choose to take more than 120 credit points in any of their Honours years must, at the outset of the relevant session or term, stipulate in writing the courses that will be included toward their Degree Classification. Such proposals must be approved by the relevant Head of School.

9. Candidates who have been examined for the Honours Degree in any discipline in science may not present themselves for re-examination in the same or a corresponding discipline in Arts.

10. Candidates are normally required to complete and submit all prescribed degree assessment by the end of their senior Honours session. The Convenor of the Students' Progress Committee (Arts and Social Sciences), on the recommendation of the Head of School concerned, may exempt candidates from this requirement.

11. Candidates for a joint Honours degree may normally only complete one Dissertation in one of their joint subject areas, unless granted approval from the Senatus Academicus on the recommendation of the Head(s) of School concerned.

12. Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts with Honours in Computing who have achieved all prescribed courses for this degree programme, shall be eligible to apply for an Internal Transfer to the Degree of Master in Science (MSci) in Computing with Industrial Placement. Such applications must normally be made no later than the end of programme year 3.

13. Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts with Honours in International Business who have achieved all prescribed courses for this degree programme and have undertaken the required year abroad, shall be eligible to apply to graduate with a Degree of Master of Business with Honours.

14. Candidates may be exempted from attendance on courses by the Senatus Academicus for the purposes of approved study away from the University on the recommendation of the Head of School concerned.

15. Candidates registered on Master of Arts Degrees in Languages who wish to undertake an independent plan for their residency abroad requirement must obtain written permission from the relevant Head of School before the commencement of programme year 3.

**GENERAL NOTES**

16. Candidates who have embarked on an Honours programme may count towards Honours degree assessment only the first result obtained by them in any element which contributes towards such assessment in accordance with General Regulation 9.5 for First Degrees