

Special Regulations for Diploma of Higher Education programmes jointly offered by the University of Buckingham (UoB) and Guangzhou Panyu Polytechnic (GPP)

This document sets out special regulations for the 3-year Diploma of Higher Education programmes offered by the UoB-GPP partnership. The following regulations have been developed with the partner institute, The University of Buckingham. This set of special regulations works in conjunction with the University of Buckingham's General Academic Regulations for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Degrees. If there is any conflict or disagreement between what is stipulated in General Academic Regulations for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Degrees, and the General Regulations for GPP, the stipulations within this document take precedence.

1. Duration

1.1 The maximum period of study for the Diploma of Higher Education programmes offered by the UoB-GPP partnership is six years.

2. Minimum Unit and Credit Requirements

2.1 To be eligible for the award of a Diploma of Higher Education, a student must have passed assessment for modules with a minimum total value of 240 credits of which at least 90 credits must have been achieved at Level 5 or above.

3. Academic Progression

Module Requirements

3.1 A student will be considered not to have satisfied the module requirements for any module where that student has:

- a) failed to register with GPP or withdrawn from the UoB/GPP joint programme; or
- b) not completed all assessed components as set out in the module specification, thereby resulting in a technical fail; or
- c) been deemed by the examiners to have made no serious attempt in the prescribed assessment(s); or
- d) not met the special regulations of the module/programme; or not obtained at least the bare pass mark.

Progression

3.2 A student who satisfies the examiners by passing all the assessments for all the modules specified by the degree programme regulations will be permitted to proceed to the next stage of study.

3.3 A student carrying failures in modules in the relevant progression period may be permitted to proceed to the next stage of studies (with the opportunity or requirement to re-sit at the next available opportunity) regardless of the total value of those modules.

4. Re-starts

4.1 A student who is unsuccessful at a stage of their programme may be permitted to re-start the programme subject to them being accepted by the relevant Admissions Tutor and (in the care of a second such restart) the approval of the relevant Head of School.

4.2 Students permitted to restart a diploma programme stage shall be treated as if they were attempting the module for the first time as far as re-sit regulations are concerned.

4.3 In no case shall more than two such restarts in any diploma programme(s) be permitted (that is, three attempts in total).

5. Award and Classification

5.1 The diplomas of the University may be conferred by the authority of the Senate upon such students as are reported to the Senate as having:

- a) satisfied the Regulations of the University; and
- b) completed a prescribed programme of studies as set out in the relevant programme specification and, where appropriate, any Special Regulations of the programme for which they are registered; and
- c) satisfied their Board of Examiners that they have attained the requisite standard in the prescribed assessments for the modules on their programme of study.

5.2 The DipHE is conferred as either Pass or Fail without classifications.

6. Condonation

6.1. Where a student has exhausted all available opportunities to pass individual modules, the Board of Examiners shall, at point of classification, condone a failure and award credits (described as credits by condonation) in a module or modules with a total value of not more than 40 units where:

- a) the student obtains a mark of 35 or more in the module, or modules concerned; and
- b) the weighted mean of the marks awarded in all modules comprised within the programme (including any modules failed and the module in which it is proposed to award credits by condonation) is 40 or above.
- c) There are no PSRB requirements prohibiting condonation in the modules concerned; and
- d) Provided that 3.1 has been met.

Modules failed following Academic Integrity Investigation(s) are still eligible for condonation provided a) to d) above apply.