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1. Introduction

1.1 These regulations outline the requirements for applicants to be admitted to University's taught courses of study at foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate level. Some courses may have additional entry requirements where qualifications alone do not demonstrate an individual's potential to succeed.

1.2 These regulations will inform all admissions decisions, including the setting of entry requirements for new courses.

1.3 Where courses are delivered via an approved Delivery Partnership, these regulations will apply unless otherwise specified in the partnership agreement. Where post titles are referenced, it should be noted that equivalent posts may undertake duties at delivery partnerships.

1.4 The Student Recruitment Operational Group recommends any changes to the regulations to Academic Board.

2. Key Responsibilities

2.1 The Admissions & Enrolment Manager is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Recruitment, Selection, Admission and Enrolment Regulations.

3. Standard Entry Requirements

3.1 Applications will be assessed against the academic and non-academic selection criteria relevant to the course of study for which an application has been made. These Regulations establish the University's baseline framework for admission. Applicants may demonstrate their suitability and readiness for study through a range of evidence, including relevant qualifications, prior learning, professional or other experience, and evidence of academic potential. Course-specific entry requirements and the Recruitment, Selection and Admissions Policy set out how these criteria are applied and provide for appropriate flexibility, alternative entry routes and contextual consideration, provided that such arrangements are consistent with the University's academic standards and any applicable regulatory or professional requirements.

3.2 The University's standard entry requirements will normally apply. Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB), legislation, immigration requirements or other external regulatory requirements prescribe additional or higher requirements, those requirements will also apply.

4. Foundation Courses

4.1 Applicants will normally meet the entry requirements specified for their intended course of study.

4.2 Requirements relating to English, mathematics or other specific qualifications may apply where necessary to support academic success or progression, or to meet professional, statutory, regulatory or other external requirements.

4.3 Entry requirements based on academic or professional qualifications from outside the UK are determined using guidance from UK ENIC (www.ecctis.co.uk/naric/Default.aspx) as well as other external bodies such as UCAS, British Council, overseas governments and international market experience and expertise. Official translated transcripts will be required if qualifications are not certificated in English.

5. Undergraduate Courses

5.1 Applicants must normally meet the entry requirements specified for their intended course of study.

5.2 Requirements relating to English, mathematics or other specific qualifications may apply where necessary for academic success, progression, professional accreditation or regulatory compliance.

5.3 For entry to undergraduate degree-level study, applicants will normally demonstrate readiness to study at the relevant academic level through appropriate prior learning, qualifications and/or other evidence of academic potential

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market experience and expertise. Official translated transcripts will be required if qualifications are not certificated in English.

5.5 Applicants may enter a course of study with credit on the basis of prior certificated and/or experiential learning within the limits prescribed by the University. Applications for the recognition of prior learning (RPL) must be processed in accordance with the Recruitment Selection and Admissions Policy & Procedure – Taught Awards.

6. Postgraduate Courses

6.1 Applicants must demonstrate their ability to study at this level by possessing, or expecting, an undergraduate Honours degree or equivalent.

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7. English Language Requirements

7.1 English as a second language

7.1.1 Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate proficiency in all four components of English language: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

7.2 Foundation Courses

7.2.1 The standard English language requirement for foundation courses is normally a minimum of International English Language Testing (IELTS) (Academic) overall score of 5.5 with a minimum score of 5.5 in each component (Listening, Writing, Reading, Speaking).

7.3 Undergraduate Courses

7.3.1 The standard English language requirement for undergraduate taught courses is normally a minimum of International English Language Testing (IELTS) (Academic) overall score of 6.0 with a minimum score of 5.5 in each component (Listening, Writing, Reading, Speaking).

7.4 Postgraduate Courses

7.4.1 The standard English language requirement for postgraduate taught courses is normally a minimum of International English Language Testing (IELTS) (Academic) overall score of 7.0 with a minimum score of 6.5 in each component (Listening, Writing, Reading, Speaking). Some courses may require a higher level of English language proficiency, for example to meet the expectations of a Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB). Further

information about acceptable English language proficiency qualifications can be found on the University's website.

7.4.2 The University's standard English language requirements will normally apply. Where a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB), legislation, immigration requirements or other external regulatory requirements prescribe additional or higher requirements, those requirements will also apply.

7.4.3 Meeting the University's academic English language requirements does not in itself guarantee eligibility for Student visa sponsorship. Applicants who require sponsorship under the Student route must also demonstrate that they meet the English language requirements of the applicable UK Immigration Rules and UK Visas and Immigration Student sponsor guidance before a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be issued.

7.5 English Proficiency for Apprenticeship Courses

7.5.1 A recognised Level 2 English qualification (or recognised equivalent) is required.

7.6 Exceptions

7.6.1 Applicants who have previously been unsuccessful may apply again for a subsequent year of entry. The University reserves the right to refer to any previous applications or registrations/enrolments when assessing the suitability to a course of study. Applicants who have been unsuccessful on academic grounds or after further assessment (e.g., interview) may not normally reapply for entry to the same course of study in the same application cycle.

7.6.2 Students whose studies are terminated and / or withdrawn on academic or disciplinary grounds must formally apply for re-admission if they wish to return to a course of study leading to an award of the University. The circumstances of the student's withdrawal will be taken into account when their application is considered.

7.6.3 Students who have been required to withdraw from one of the University's courses due to outstanding debts will not be considered for re-admission to any of its courses until all outstanding debts have been paid in full.

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