

Joint Degree Programme Regulations

REGULATIONS

A student admitted onto the programme must follow the instructions issued by the Parties and be aware of the content of the Programme Specification and any additional guidance issued by the consortium which will contain further details on the Programme and may include further requirements associated with the award.

1. Admission

Before being considered for admission to study for an award to which these Regulations apply, a candidate must have obtained a degree or equivalent.

2. Duration of Study

The minimum period of study for the award of the degree is 24 calendar months. The maximum period for full-time study is 48 calendar months of registered study.

3. Programme Components

In order to qualify for the award a candidate must complete a minimum of 120 ECTS [1] [240 UoG credits equivalent] which includes 90 ECTS credits of taught courses (30 ECTS each at UoG, UB and KU) and 30 ECTS [60 UoG credits equivalent] for the course "Masters' Thesis Research".

4. Minimum Requirement for the Award of Credits

Credits for courses contributing to a candidate's curriculum shall be awarded subject to the fulfilment of the required conditions set out by the institution awarding the credit for that course.

5. Assessment

- 5.1 For each academic session, assessment and reassessment, including retaking of taught courses, are, insofar as not modified by these regulations, governed by the regulations in force at that institution in that session.
- 5.2 Courses for which the candidate has registered must be counted towards the minimum requirement for progression and the calculation of the candidate's grade point average for the purposes of §8 unless other provision is justified by good cause circumstances affecting the candidate.

This regulation applies where course registration continues:

- a) on the date on which the first summative assessment for that course is to be submitted; or
- b) on such other date as may be specified in the course document for that course.

- 5.3 The assessment of each taught course will be conducted by the institution teaching that course, with the course result determined in accordance with the assessment grading/mark schedule of that institution. In determining whether a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in these regulations, the equivalence of course results recorded by the University of Barcelona and Kyoto University to those recorded by the University of Glasgow shall be set out in the Programme Grade Conversion Table. The result for the dissertation will be determined in accordance with the assessment schedule of the University of Glasgow.

6. Progress

- 6.1 A candidate will be permitted to progress to preparation of the dissertation only if they have obtained 100% of the required credits (90 ECTS referred to in 3§) in the taught courses at grade C3 or above. The Programme Document may specify a course or courses in respect of which a specific grade is a minimum requirement of progression.
- 6.2 A candidate may be required to commence work on the dissertation before the assessment of the taught courses referred to in §3 has been completed. Such a requirement shall not indicate that the

candidate has satisfied the requirements for award in relation to the taught courses. In the event that subsequently after all opportunities at assessment have been exhausted the candidate does not achieve the standard required in relation to the taught courses specified in §8.1, the candidate will not be eligible for the award of the Master's degree. The Joint Board of Examiners will make a decision on whether the candidate is eligible for the award of any alternative qualifications, which will be conferred by University of Glasgow only, and the following will apply:

- If the dissertation has been submitted, it will be marked and a grade published.
- If the dissertation has not been submitted but is substantially complete and no further supervisory input is required, the candidate may submit the work by the published deadline. The work will be marked and a grade published.
- If the dissertation is not substantially complete or requires further supervisory input, the work should be discontinued and no submission made. No grade will be published for the candidate.

7. Resubmission of Dissertation

7.1 Where a candidate does not obtain a grade D3 or above in the dissertation, the candidate will be granted another opportunity to submit their dissertation on one occasion only, under such conditions as the Joint Examination Committee may prescribe in each particular case. Normally, resubmission should be no later than three months after the date of the meeting of the Joint Board of Examiners. There is no automatic entitlement to repeat any previous practical work associated with the dissertation or to undertake further practical work.

7.2 Where at the time of publication of the grade achieved on the dissertation a candidate has exhausted all assessment opportunities on the taught courses referred to in §3 and has failed to satisfy the standard required in relation to the taught courses specified in §8.1 for the award of the degree, another opportunity to submit their dissertation as referred to in §7.1 will only be permitted where the Joint Board of Examiners determines that no further supervisory input is required.

8. Requirements for the Award of a Masters Degree and Rules for Award of Distinction and Merit

8.1 A candidate will be eligible for the award of the degree on obtaining a grade of at least C3 for 100% of the taught courses (counted in the minimum 120 ECTS referred to in §3), and obtaining a grade D3 or above in the dissertation.

8.2 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Merit on achieving at the first attempt:

- a) a grade point average[2] of at least 15.0 in the 120 ECTS [240 UoG credits equivalent] or more completed on the programme, and
- b) a grade point average of at least 14.0 in the taught courses (i.e. the 90 ECTS referred to in 3§), and
- c) a grade of C1 or above in the dissertation.

8.3 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §8.2 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 120 ECTS [240 UoG credits equivalent] or more completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 14.1 to 14.9 the Joint Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Merit.

8.4 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Distinction on achieving at the first attempt:

- a) a grade point average of at least 18.0 in the 120 ECTS [240 UoG credits equivalent] or more completed on the programme, and
- b) a grade point average of at least 17.0 in the taught courses (i.e. the 90 ECTS referred to in 3§), and
- c) a grade of B1 or above in the dissertation.

8.5 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §8.4 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 120 ECTS [240 UoG credits equivalent] or more completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 17.1 to 17.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Distinction.

9. Transfer of Registration

A student who is unable for any reason to complete the programme may transfer their registration (which entails withdrawal from the Joint Degree Programme and loss of affiliation at the University of Barcelona and Kyoto University) to the MSc in Global Economy offered by the University of Glasgow which has provision for the additional exit awards of Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma.

10. Academic Appeals

A candidate wishing to appeal against an academic decision relating to a course should follow the academic appeals procedure of the Party delivering that course; a candidate wishing to appeal against an academic decision made in relation to the overall Programme should follow the academic appeals procedure of the University of Glasgow.

[1] In compliance with the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework for a Masters Degree 150 credits [75 ECTS] must be gained from **Masters level** courses (level M/SCQF level 11).

[2] The grade point average is determined with reference to the schedule of grades and grade points contained in Schedule A of the University of Glasgow's Code of Assessment. The grade point average is calculated by taking the product of each course's weight and the candidate's grade points and dividing the sum of these products by the sum of the courses' weights. The weights shall correspond to the courses' credit ratings unless specified otherwise in the relevant programme documentation. The grade point average is expressed to one decimal place. In determining whether a candidate has satisfied requirements in relation to progress and award, no further rounding is permitted. For example, a grade point average of 11.9 would not satisfy a requirement for a grade point average of 12.0.

The program regulations may be subject to minor updates each year.