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Issue

UEA has an Admissions Policy in the Academic Calendar for UG and PGT courses but has never had one for PGR. This document has been drafted to remedy this issue in accordance with the PGT Policy and approved by PGR Executive on 4 June. It will be a useful document in practice and for UKVI audit.

Recommendations

LTC is asked to approve the attached for inclusion in the 2018/19 Academic Calendar.

Resource Implications

No resource implications.

Risk Implications

Not having this document approved is a potential UKVI audit risk.

Equality and Diversity

There are no particular implications.

Timing of decisions

This paper relates to items that are current in June 2018.

Further Information

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Admissions Requirements for Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes

1 Admission of Students

In order to be considered for entry to a postgraduate research degree course of the University candidates must comply with the specific requirements for entry for that degree course as laid out in the Award Regulations for that degree, and also:

(1) General requirements for admissions and School requirements

Candidates must have satisfied the general requirements for admission (Regulations 2 and 3) and the course requirements (Regulation 5).

(2) Candidates Aged Under 18 at Registration

Whilst the University has no minimum or upper age limits on admission to the University, those applying for schemes of study who will be under 18 years of age at the point of intended registration will be required to comply with University procedures designed to satisfy existing child protection legislation.

(3) Candidates with Criminal Convictions

Any candidate with an unspent criminal conviction (as defined under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act) will be required to make a relevant declaration and comply with University procedures in relation to this area. Note that certain professional doctorate courses are exempt from the Act and all convictions must therefore be declared when making an application to these courses.

Candidates who cannot satisfy the requirements in (1) above may in some cases be admitted to the University in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4 below. Those applicants who fail to comply with stated University procedure in respect of (2) and (3) are refused entry to the University.

(4) Candidates requiring a Tier 4 visa

Such candidates must have obtained leave to remain or leave to enter, under the University of East Anglia's Tier 4 licence. They must also undertake to comply with all UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) and University requirements regarding their duties and any associated immigration conditions as a Tier 4 visa holder.

(5) Candidates to provide full and accurate information

In providing information to the University prospective students are required to make submissions which are full, unambiguous and honest, and any offer made by the University is made in good faith. Where inaccurate information has been dishonestly provided to the University or where wilful misrepresentation or omission has occurred, a student may be precluded from admission to the University.

2 General Requirements for Admission

In order to satisfy the general requirements for admission candidates should have one of the qualifications shown below.

UK Qualifications

A bachelor's degree or a Master's degree from a UK Higher Education Institution approved by the Privy Council or Office for Students to hold degree awarding powers. For all doctoral courses and postgraduate research Master's level course candidates must have at least an upper second class degree or a Master's degree.

International Qualifications

Successful completion of any non-UK degree which is regarded by the University as being equivalent to an approved UK degree, at the level required for the target doctoral or postgraduate research Master's course (please consult the Postgraduate Research Service).

3 English Language Requirements

All International students entering study on a Tier 4 visa must satisfy the minimum requirement for English language, as laid out by the UK Visas and Immigration (see Home Office website for current details). Please consult with the Postgraduate Research Service for exact acceptable criteria.

European and other non-Tier 4 students must also meet a minimum English language requirement. As the requirement differs from course to course, please consult with the Postgraduate Research Service for exact acceptable criteria.

4 Special Cases

The Head of the School concerned (or nominee, or Chair of NBI or Suffolk Graduate School) may make a recommendation to the Associate Dean for Postgraduate Research for the relevant Faculty to consider admission of a student in any of the following categories, and for the Associate Dean to deem that they have satisfied the general and course requirements for admission:

- (1) Candidates who do not satisfy any of the requirements listed in Regulations 2 and 5, but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed equivalent to any of those listed.
- (2) Candidates who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.
- (3) Candidates who do not satisfy any of the requirements listed in Regulations 2 and 5, but who submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the course proposed.

The Head of School (or nominee) may similarly recommend these exceptions for Regulation 3 – English Language Requirements where they relate to a non-Tier 4 sponsored student. For all Tier 4 sponsored students the UKVI regulations are absolute and no exceptions can be applied.

5 Course Requirements

Faculty and School	Courses	Qualification Requirement
Faculty of Arts and Humanities		
Schools of: Art, Media and American Studies Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communication Studies	MA by Research	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study.
	PhD MPhil	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 60% or above in a Master's degree, including at least 60% in the taught element.)
School of History	PhD MPhil	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 60% or above in a Master's degree, including at least 60% in the taught element.)
School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing	MA by Research	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study.
	PhD MPhil	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 65% or above in a Master's degree.)
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences		
Norwich Medical School School of Health Sciences	MSc by Research MPhil PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study.
Norwich Medical School	ClinPsyD	Doctoral admission requirement as in Regulation 2, plus requirements as listed in the Award Regulations for the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

Norwich Medical School	MD	Doctoral admission requirement as in Regulation 2, plus requirements as listed in the Award Regulations for the Doctor of Medicine.
School of Health Sciences	ProfD	Doctoral admission requirement as in Regulation 2, plus requirements as listed in the Award Regulations for the Professional Doctorate.
Faculty of Science		
Schools of: Biological Sciences Chemistry Computing Sciences Environmental Sciences Mathematics Pharmacy	MSc by Research MPhil PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study.
Faculty of Social Sciences		
School of Economics School of Psychology	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 60% or above in a Master's degree.)
School of Education and Lifelong Learning	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 60% or above overall, and a minimum of 65% in the dissertation or research component of a Master's degree.)
School of Education and Lifelong Learning	EdD / MEd	Doctoral admission requirement as in Regulation 2, plus requirements as listed in the Award Regulations for the Doctor of Education and Master of Education.
School of Education and Lifelong Learning	EdPsyD	Doctoral admission requirement as in Regulation 2, plus requirements as listed in the Award Regulations for the Doctorate in Educational Psychology.

School of International Development	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 65% or above in a Master's degree.)
School of Law	LLM by Research	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field of study.
	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study. (Successful candidates are normally expected to achieve 60% or above overall, and a minimum of 65% in the dissertation or research component of a Master's degree; or a minimum Merit or equivalent in an LLM.)
Norwich Business School	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study, including at least 65% or equivalent overall and at least 65% in the dissertation or extended research element in the Master's degree.
School of Social Work	MPhil, PhD	2:1 in a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant field of study, including at least 65% or equivalent overall in the Master's degree.
Norwich Bioscience Institutes Graduate School		
The minimum academic entry requirements are those for the intended School/course of registration.		
University of Suffolk Graduate School		
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