

## Main features of the Bachelors and Integrated Masters Award regulations (New Academic Model) 2013/14

- Undergraduate students enrolling from 2013/14 onwards will join under these regulations.
- Students are required to pass all modules in order to progress to the next year of their course.
- Students will need to meet specified thresholds (minimum mark for the module of 20% at the first attempt for stage 2 and above), before being offered a reassessment opportunity.
- Stage 0 and stage 1 students will have an automatic reassessment opportunity even if the module mark is lower than 20% - see 2013/14 regulations.
- Reassessment is by assessment item failed wherever possible. This means that where a module has been failed students will reassess in whichever item/s within that module originally failed.
- The minimum module size is 20 credits.
- Many course profiles now contain an option choice with appropriate modules defined by Course Directors.
- Joint degrees have a Course Director from the School in which students are registered and Assistant Course Directors from other Schools contributing to the course.
- There is a planned reduction in the May/June assessment period from 6 to 4 weeks from 2015/16.
- Each BA/BSc (Hons) degree comprises of at least 360 credits, with at least 90 credits at level 6 and no more than 20 credits at level 4 in stage 2. [Bachelors and Integrated Masters Awards 2013 - 3 - University of East Anglia \(UEA\)](#)
- Each Integrated Masters degree comprises of at least 480 credits, with no more than 20 credits at module level 4 in stage 2, at least 90 credits at level 6 in stage 3 and 120 credits at level 7 in stage 4. [Bachelors and Integrated Masters Awards 2013 - 3 - University of East Anglia \(UEA\)](#)
- Modules will follow a clear progression from levels 4, to 5 to 6 to & 7, which aligns with the Higher Education credit framework for England.
- The Higher Education credit framework for England level descriptors have been adopted.
- Item and module assessment marks are recorded as two decimal places throughout for precision (and to avoid losing marks). Where module, stage or award marks are up to 0.5 below a whole number, they will be treated as if rounded up to the integer.
- Assessment and classification rules to be simplified, with the use of algorithms. [Bachelors and Integrated Masters Awards 2013 - 16 - University of East Anglia \(UEA\)](#)
- Simplification of the rules for classification to include a reduction in the discretion available to Boards of Examiners. Algorithms approved and included in 2013/14 regulations.
- Year weightings for all UEA 3 and 4 year Honours degrees are 40:60, stage 2: final stage.
- Year weightings for all Integrated Masters degrees are 20:30:50, stage 2: stage 3: stage 4.
- All courses have Programme-level outcomes and the ways these are to be assessed should be clear for all.
- Students returning from intercalation will be on whatever set of regulations covers the stage at which they re-commence their studies.
- Introduction of PGT New Academic Model indefinitely postponed. Merit award has been introduced for PGT courses from 2013/14 onwards.
- Continuing students will have the transitional arrangements applied, see following announcement issued to students affected November 2013:

## **Introduction of new regulations for undergraduate degrees in 2013/4; transitional arrangements for continuing undergraduate students regarding classification of finalists**

1. New Bachelors and Integrated Masters (BIM) regulations (the 'New Academic Model') have been introduced for all new students in Stage 0 and Stage 1 in September 2013.
2. Continuing students will progress on the current Common Course Structure (CCS) and Integrated Masters (IM) regulations.
3. Final year students on the CCS regulations (those finishing in 2013/4, 2015/6 and on four year programmes finishing in 2016/7), where their classification mark is 50:50 year 2 and year 3, will be considered for classification purposes as set out below:

### **Classification of Final-year students**

One of the precepts of the New Academic Model is that the classification of Bachelors degrees will be based on the marks from Stages 2 and 3 weighted 40:60. Many degrees are already weighted in these proportions, but for those that are currently weighted 50:50 and are moving to 40:60, in anticipation of the change, Boards of Examiners will consider both weightings when recommending classifications. This means that a student will be considered for the higher classification when their classification mark falls into the higher class under *either* 50:50 weighting *or* 40:60 weighting.

This affects students on CCS regulations studying on the following courses/programmes:

**AMS, ART, ECO, EDU (Physical Education courses only), FTM, HIS, LAW, LCS, LDC, NSC\*, MUS, PHI, PSI, PSY, RSC, SWK**

\*NSC Only those courses that are currently 50:50 and will move to 40:60 under the New Academic Model are affected by this amendment.

1. For the transitional period, for current finalists who are registered on courses with a degree weighting of 50:50 for the final classification mark, as listed above, the Boards of Examiners will be provided with two classification marks, one calculated using the 50:50 CCS weighting, and one calculated using the 40:60 BIM weighting.
2. Where the two marks produce two different provisional classifications (outright, not borderline), the Board of Examiners will recommend the higher classification.

If you have any questions about this arrangement, please speak to Lorraine Newark, l.newark@uea.ac.uk, in the first instance.

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