Fairness and Assurance Policy 2020/21 including clarification in respect of the carry forward of Emergency Regulations from 2019/20 to 2020/21

1. Carry forward of Emergency Regulations 2019/20 and New Regulations 2020/21

(1) In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Emergency Regulations were approved for the 2019/20 academic year. The Emergency Regulations formalised the communications which had been sent to students in respect of the steps taken by College to ensure students were not academically disadvantaged and included the College's policies of "Best 90/ Best Credits" and the provision of a "Safety Net". Whilst the Emergency Regulations were introduced for the academic year 2019/20 only, there are particular aspects of the regulations, set out below, which will need to be carried forward to the academic year 2020/21. This approach was approved by Executive Board on the 10 November 2020.

(2) References below to 'Retaking' encompasses all students retaking their year of study, whether through Resits (Capped and Uncapped), Repeats, First Sits or Deferred Assessments. Retaking students will retain the Emergency Regulations they were first assessed under irrespective of the number of credits they are retaking.

2. Mitigations for the Academic Year 2020/21

(1) For the academic year 2020/21, in addition to the changes made to teaching and assessment, a series of further protections have been introduced as follows to ensure students are not academically disadvantaged:

(a) The FHEQ level requirements set out in Section 15 Part B of the [Undergraduate Regulations 2020/21](#) for students to pass a specified number of credits at each FHEQ level in order to progress or to be awarded have been removed.

(b) The progression requirement for Undergraduate students in the academic year 2021/22 to pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the first and second stages of study to the value of 210 credits has been removed. This means that students are allowed to carry up to 30 credits worth of condonable fails from each stage. A condonable fail is a Fail outcome of at least 30%. Any modules designated as mandatory (non-condonable) in the course specification must be passed with a mark of 40% or above.

(c) The introduction of a 'Safety Net' calculation for all 2021/22 Second and Third Year (non-finalist) students which will be undertaken when students come to be awarded. A final average will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second or Third Year (completed in 2020/21) cannot lower the final classification.

(d) The development of the 'Safety Net' calculation for students who took a Year Abroad or a Year in Industry as detailed below for each cohort at points 3.1- 3.3 of Table 1 .

This approach was approved by Executive Board on the 20 January 2021.

3. Extensions

(1) The current [Extensions Policy](#) on what constitutes acceptable grounds for an extension remains in place, with the exception of IT issues which are not normally accepted but will for the academic year 2020/21 be considered on a case by case basis.

(2) There will be a relaxation of the requirement for students to provide supporting evidence in respect of 10-day extensions. Students must at least provide a statement and if they are

already in receipt of evidence it is important to provide this. However, students should not actively seek letters from the NHS/medical profession/ professions involved in the Covid Response to support their application if they have not already been provided to them.

(3) Where the College has asked a student to self-isolate and this impacts their ability to complete an assessment, due to Covid 19 symptoms or lack of access to necessary resources, the email sent by the College advising them to self-isolate would be accepted as evidence for an extension.

(4) The number of self-certified 5-day extensions will be increased to 2 per term, from 2 per Academic Year. Any extensions requested in relation to deadlines from Monday 7 - Friday 18 December 2020 will not count towards the maximum limit on the number of five-day self-certified extensions granted in the term.

(5) Clustering of assessments will continue to be monitored so that one self-certified application may be applied to several assessments which are due to be submitted at the same time.

(6) Additional arrangements have been put in place for the period at the end of the Autumn Term to accommodate the Government's student travel window.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

(1) The current Extenuating Circumstances guidance on what constitutes acceptable extenuating circumstances remains in place, with the exception of IT issues which are not normally accepted but will for the academic year 2020/21 be considered on a case by case basis.

(2) There will be a relaxation of the requirement for students to provide supporting evidence in respect of extenuating circumstances as set out in Appendix B of Extenuating Circumstances Guidance for Students. Students must at least provide a statement and if they are already in receipt of evidence it is important to provide this. However, students should not actively seek letters from the NHS/medical profession/ professions involved in the Covid Response to support their application if they have not already been provided to them.

(3) Where the College has asked a student to self-isolate and this demonstrably impacted their ability to complete an assessment, due to Covid 19 symptoms or lack of access to necessary resources, the email sent by the College advising them to self-isolate would be accepted as evidence.

5. Resit Opportunities for the Academic Year 2020/21

(1) All students who either do not submit work, or who submit and receive failing marks, for summative assessments (coursework and examinations) in the Academic Year 2020-21 will be offered a further attempt at the assessment.

(2) Undergraduates: For first attempts and repeat attempts, a First Sit/ First Sit for repeat will be offered. For students on resit attempts, a First Sit for resit will be offered, however students will not receive an overall percentage mark greater than 40% for that module. For students who have received a penalty under Sections 6-8 of the Regulations on Academic Misconduct any resit attempt where permitted will be capped.

(3) Postgraduate Taught: For first attempts and repeat attempts students will be offered an uncapped resit. For students on resit attempts, a capped resit will be offered. For students who have received a penalty under Sections 6-8 of the Regulations on Academic Misconduct any resit attempt where permitted will be capped.

(4) Students who have passed a module may exceptionally be permitted to make a further attempt at that particular module on the recommendation of the Department Assessment Board.

(5) Finalists who have passed a module and been classified may exceptionally apply to the Chair of the relevant Departmental Assessment Board and the Chair of the School Progression and Award Board for a further attempt at that particular module. The approval of such an application will normally only be given if a further attempt may result in an improvement to the overall degree classification of the applicant.

(6) Students will not be billed a fee for any further attempts offered to them by the Department Assessment Board as a First Sit/First Sit for Resit/Repeat for Undergraduates or a capped/uncapped resit for Postgraduate Taught students.

6. Use of Module Review and Scaling

(1) Where module assessments have been affected or where the marks for student performance are out of line with previous cohorts, the Department Assessment Board and /or the School Progression and Awards Board may, in exceptional circumstances, scale marks from completed assessments in cases other than those set out in Sections 14 of the Undergraduate Regulations 2020-21 /Postgraduate Taught Regulations 2020-21.

7. Examination Boards

(1) In the case of Department Assessment Boards, Section 9 of the Emergency Regulations 2019/20 will continue to apply for the academic year 2020/21.

(2) In the case of School Progression and Awards Boards, Section 10 of the Emergency Regulations 2019/20 will continue to apply for the academic year 2020/21.

8. Progression and awards within programmes

(1) Progression in respect of undergraduate provision

(i) Where an Allowed outcome for a module was returned in 2019/20 or 2020/21 it will not count towards the limit upon the number of Allowed (AL) outcomes permitted across the course.

(ii) Students who interrupted in the year 2019/20 will be treated as retakers for the year of study they interrupted if they interrupted after 1st March 2020. Students who interrupted before this time will be subject to the standard 2020/21 Regulations for the year of study.

(iii) **Table 1** below sets out how progression requirements will apply for the academic year 2020/21 in respect of undergraduate provision.

Table 1

0.1	**Foundation Year** **Year of study 2020/21 –** *Foundation (Year 0)* **Cohort-***2020/21 Foundation* *Year*	Progression to the First Year is dependent on students achieving the criteria in the College's *Undergraduate Regulations 2020/21.* i.e.: * A Year Stage Average, calculated to two decimal places, of 40.00% or above. * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Foundation Year to the value of 120 credits OR pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Foundation Year to the value of at least 90 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 30% in the remaining credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type)
0.2	**Foundation Year** **Year of study 2020/21-** *Foundation(Year 0)* **Cohort-** *19/20 Foundation - First Sit or Retakes in 20/21*	Progression to the First Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * A Year Stage Average, calculated to two decimal places, of 40.00% or above. * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Foundation Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type)
1.1	**Bachelors and Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2020/21-1st year** **Cohort-***2020/21 First Year*	Progression to the Second Year is dependent on students achieving the criteria in the College's *Undergraduate Regulations 2020/21 i.e.:* * A Year Stage Average, calculated to two decimal places, of 40.00% or above. * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the First Year to the value of 120 credits OR pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the First Year to the value of at least 90 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 30% in the remaining credits if registered on a BA, BMus, BSc, BSc (Econ), LLB or MSci programmes or 35% in the remaining credit if registered on a BEng or MEng programme. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type) When students come to be in the Second Year there will be no requirement to pass or have condoned 240 credits in total over the First and Second Years.

| 1.2 | **Bachelors and Integrated Masters**
Year of study 2020/21-1st year Cohort -*2019/20 First Year - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21* | Progression to the Second Year is dependent on students passing the modules set as retakes in 2020/21 in the academic judgement of the Department Assessment Board.

When students come to be in the Second Year they will be required to meet the progression criteria as for other students who completed the First Year in 2019/20, as outlined in points 2.1 and 2.2 as appropriate to the degree type. |

2.1	Bachelors **Year of study 2019/20-** *First Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Second Year* **Cohort-***2020/21- Second Year*	Progression to the Third Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * A Year Stage Average, calculated to two decimal places, of 40.00% or above. * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Second Year to the value of 120 credits OR pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Second Year to the value of at least 90 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 30% in the remaining credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 5. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * There is no requirement to pass or have condoned 240 credits in total over the First and Second Years. When students come to be awarded a Standard Final Average and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Final Average: Calculated using the standard classification algorithm including the Second Year. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in2020/21) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in2020/21) and will be based on the Third Year Average weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

2.2	**Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2019/20-** *First Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Second Year* **Cohort-***2020/21- Second Year*	Progression to the Third Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * A Year Stage Average, calculated to two decimal places, of 50.00% or above. * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Second Year to the value of 120 credits OR pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Second Year to the value of at least 90 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 30% in the remaining credits if registered on a MSci programmes or 35% in the remaining credit if registered on a MEng programme. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 5. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * There is no requirement to pass or have condoned 240 credits in total over the First and Second Year. When students come to be awarded a Standard Final Average and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Final Average: Calculated using the standard classification algorithm including the Second Year. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2020/21) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2020/21) and will be based on the other Year Averages weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

2.3	**Bachelors** **Year of study 2019/20-** *Second Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Second Year* **Cohort-** *2019/20 Second Year - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21*	Progression to the Third Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Second Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 5. When students come to be awarded the award policies will apply as per 19/20 second year Bachelors students as outlined in points 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 and as appropriate to the degree type.
2.4	**Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2019/20-** *Second Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Second Year* **Cohort-** *2019/20 Second Year - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21*	Progression to the Third Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the First Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * MSci: There is no requirement to achieve a Year Stage average of 50% in the Second Year to progress to the third year of the MSci. * MEng: Required to achieve a Year Stage average of 50% in the Second Year to progress to the Third Year due to IET accreditation requirements. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 5. * When students come to be awarded the award policies will apply as per 2019/20 Second Year Integrated Masters students as outlined in point3.4.

| 3.1 | **Bachelors - 4 Year with a 3rd Year Abroad or in Industry (Not Modern Languages) or Integrated Masters with a 3rd or 4th Year in Industry** **Year of study 2019/20-***Second Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Third Year* **Cohort-***2020/21 Third Year* | Progression to the next stage following a year abroad/year industry is dependent on students achieving the criteria in the College's *Undergraduate Regulation 2020/21 i.*e. Students must satisfy the requirements for the extramural study as set out in the degree course specification.

When students come to be awarded 3 Final Averages will be calculated:
- Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included.
- Safety Net Final Average 1: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and will be based on the other Year Averages weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree.
- Safety Net Final Average 2: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second and Third Years (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average 2 will exclude the Second and Third Year Averages (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) and will be based on only the Final Year Average weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average unless either of the Safety Net Averages would result in a higher Classification, in which case the best of the Safety Net Averages will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of either of the Safety Net Averages. |

| 3.2 | Bachelors - 4 Year with a 3rd Year Abroad (Modern Languages)
Year of study 2019/20-*Second Year*
Year of study 2020/21-*Third Year*
Cohort-*2020/21 Third Year* | Progression to the Final (Fourth) is dependent on students achieving the criteria in the College's *Undergraduate Regulations 2020/21* i.e. Students must satisfy the requirements for the extramural study as set out in the degree course specification.

When students come to be awarded 3 Final Averages will be calculated:
- Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included.
- Safety Net Final Average 1: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and will be based on the 60 Credits from Year Abroad and the 120 credits in the Final (Fourth) Year. The Final Year will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
- Safety Net Final Average 2: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second and Third Years (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average 2 will exclude the Second and Third Year Averages (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) and will be based on only the Final Year Average weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average unless either of the Safety Net Averages would result in a higher Classification, in which case the best of the Safety Net Averages will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of either of the Safety Net Averages. |

| 3.3 | **Bachelors - 4 Year with a 4th Year Abroad (Modern Languages)** **Year of study 2019/20-*Second Year*** **Year of study 2020/21-*Third Year*** **Cohort-*2020/21 Third Year*** | Progression to the Final (Fourth) is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
 * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Third Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
 * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
 * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

 The weighting of the year abroad will be 30 credits at Year 3.
 When students come to be awarded 2 Final averages will be calculated:

 Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Yr 2 Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage).
 Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included.
 The 150 credits across the Third and Final (Fourth) Year Averages will be combined to create the Final Stage Average and will be double weighted in calculating the final average.

 Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and will be based on the 30 Credits from Year Abroad and the 120 credits in the Third Year. |

3.4	**Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2019/20-**_Second Year_ **Year of study 2020/21-**_Third Year_ **Cohort-**_2020/21 Third Year_	Progression to the Final (Fourth) Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * A Weighted Stage Average, double weighting the Third Year, calculated to two decimal places, of 55.00% or above at the first attempt * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Third Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * There is no requirement to pass or have condoned 360 credits in total over the First, Second and Third Year. When students come to be awarded 3 Final Averages will be calculated: - Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. - Safety Net Final Average 1: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and will be based on the 120 credits in each of the Third and the Final (Fourth) Year. The Third and Final Years will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. - Safety Net Final Average 2: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second and Third Years (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average 2 will exclude the Second and Third Year Averages (completed in 2019/20 and 2020/21) and will be based on only the Final Year Average weighted as equivalent to the standard classification algorithm for the degree. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the best of the Safety Net Averages will be used for Classification.

		* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of either of the Safety Net Averages.
3.5	**Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2019/20-***Third Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Third Year* **Cohort-***2019/20 Third Year - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21*	Progression to the Final (Fourth) Year is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Third Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). * There is no requirement to achieve a weighted stage average of 55% in the third year to progress to the final year of the MSci or MEng. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6. * When students come to be awarded the award policies will apply as per 19/20 Third Year Integrated Masters students as outlined in point 4.8.

(2) Classification requirements in respect of undergraduate provision

(i) Undergraduate Part-time students who began a year stage in the year 2019/20 will be considered under the 2019/20 Regulations for the year stage. For these students the Best 90/120 policies will apply across all modules contributing to the particular stage at which the student is studying. A distinction will not be made as to which academic year a particular module was taken in.

(ii**)** For undergraduate Joint and Major/Minor Students (All Years), the Best 90/120 policies are not subject specific and so will apply across all modules that a student has taken. Therefore Joint and Major/Minor students could have the full 30 credits of one of their subjects discounted and no credits of their second subject discounted in the calculation of the final average. This would not impact on the degree title, provided all other requirements for the degree title, such as passing mandatory non-condonable modules, are met.

(iii) **Table 2** below sets out how classification requirements will apply for the academic year 2020/21 in respect of undergraduate provision.

Table 2

4.1	**Bachelors - Standard 3 Year including those with an integrated 2nd Year Abroad Year of Study 2019/20-*Second Year* Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Third) Year* Cohort- *Finalist 2020/21***	Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Third) Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A Standard Algorithm and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Final (Third) Year average will be calculated on the basis of the full 120 credits and will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and so will be based only on the Final (Third) Year Average. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Third) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

4.1.1	**Bachelors- LLB Law (Senior Status)** **2 Year Programme** **Year of Study 2019/20-** *First Year* **Year of Study 2020/21-** *Final (Second) Year* **Cohort-** *Finalist 2020/21*	Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Second) Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A Standard Algorithm and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Algorithm (with Yr 1 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the First Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). The Final (Second) Year average will be calculated on the basis of the full 120 credits and will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the First Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the First Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and so will be based only on the Final (Second) Year Average. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm (with Yr 1 Best 90) Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Second) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

| 4.2 | **Bachelors - Standard 3 Year including those with an integrated 2nd Year Abroad and 4 Year Modern Languages Programmes**
 Year of Study 2019/20-*Final (Third or Fourth) Year*
 Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Third or Fourth) Year*
 Cohort- *2019/20 Finalist - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21* | Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
 * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Third/Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
 * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
 * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

 Final Average & Classification Calculations:
 * A 'Best 90' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
 - Best 90 Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Final (Third/Fourth) Year Average will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Final Year average will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
 - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20.
 * Students will be classified on the basis of the Best 90 Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
 * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best 90 Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Third/Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

| 4.3 | **Bachelors - 4 Year Modern Languages Programmes with a 3rd Year Abroad**
Year of Study 2019/20- *Third Year*
Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Fourth) Year*
Cohort- *2020/21 Finalist* | Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
* Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
* There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
* Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

Final Average & Classification Calculations:
* A 'Standard' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
- Standard Final Average: This will include the 60 credits (Level 5) completed as part of the Third Year in addition to the 120 Credits from each of the Second Year and the Final Year. The Final (Fourth) Year average will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
- Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Third Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the 60 Credits from the Third Year (completed in 2019/20) and so will be based only on the Second Year and the Final (Fourth) Year Averages. The Final (Fourth) Year average will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

| 4.4 | **Bachelors - 4 Year with a 3rd Year Abroad or in Industry**
 Year of Study 2019/20- *Third Year*
 Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Fourth) Year*
 Cohort- *2020/21 Finalist* | Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
 * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
 * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
 * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

 Final Average & Classification Calculations:
 * A 'Standard' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
 - Standard Final Average: This will include the 30 credits completed as part of the Third Year in addition to the 120 Credits from each of the Second Year and the Final Year. The combined Third and Final (Fourth) Year Averages will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
 - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Third Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the 30 Credits from the Third Year (and so will be based only on the Second Year and the Final (Fourth) Year Averages. The Final (Fourth) Year average will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
 * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
 * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

| 4.5 | **Bachelors - 4 Year with a 3rd Year Abroad or in Industry** **Year of Study 2019/20-** *Final (Fourth)Year* **Year of Study 2020/21-** *Final (Fourth) Year* **Cohort-** *2019/20 Finalist - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 2020/21* | Awarding of the Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
 * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
 * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
 * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

 Final Average & Classification Calculations:
 * A 'Best 120' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
 - Best 120 Final Average: A Best 120 average will be calculated in which the combined Third and Final (Fourth) Stage Average will be calculated on the basis of the best 120 credits (out of 150 credits contributing to the Stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The combined Third and Final Stage Average will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
 - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20.
 * Students will be classified on the basis of the Best 120 Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
 * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best 120 Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

4.6	**Integrated Masters** **Year of study 2019/20-***Second Year* **Year of study 2020/21-***Third Year* **Cohort-***2020/21 Third Year*	Awarding of the Provisional Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Third Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A Standard Algorithm and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Algorithm (with Yr 2 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Third Year average will be calculated on the basis of the full 120 credits and will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Second Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Second Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and so will be based only on the Third Year Average. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Third Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

| 4.7 | **Integrated Masters**
Year of study 2019/20-*Third Year*
Year of study 2020/21-*Third Year*
Cohort-*2019/20 Third Year - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 20/21* | Awarding of the Provisional Bachelors degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
* Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Third Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
* There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 6.
* Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

Final Average & Classification Calculations:
* A 'Best 90' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
- Best 90 Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Third Year Average will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Third Year average will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
- Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Best 90 Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best 90 Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Third Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

4.8	**Integrated Masters - 4 Year** **Year of Study 2019/20-** *Third* *Year* **Year of Study 2020/21-** *Final* *(Fourth) Year* **Cohort-** *2020/21 Finalist*	Awarding of the Integrated Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits. * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 7. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A Standard Algorithm and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Standard Algorithm (with Y3 Best 90) Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Third Year Average (completed in 2019/20) will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Final (Fourth) Year average will be calculated on the basis of the full 120 credits. The Third and Final (Fourth) Year averages will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Third Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the Third Year Average (completed in 2019/20) and so will be based on the Second Year and the Final (Fourth) Year Average. The Final (Fourth) Year average will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Algorithm Final Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Algorithm Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.

| 4.9 | **Integrated Masters - 4 Year Year of Study 2019/20-** *Final (Fourth) Year* **Year of Study 2020/21-** *Final (Fourth) Year* **Cohort-** *2019/20 Finalist - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 2020/21* | Awarding of the Integrated Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
* Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fourth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
* There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 7.
* Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

Final Average & Classification Calculations:
* A 'Best 90' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
- Best 90 Final Average: A Best 90 average will be calculated in which the Final (Fourth) Year Average will be calculated on the basis of the best 90 credits (out of 120 credits contributing to the year stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Third and Final Year averages will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
- Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Best 90 Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best 90 Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fourth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

| 5.1 | Integrated Masters - 5 Year with a 4th Year Abroad or in Industry
Year of Study 2019/20- *Fourth Year*
Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Fifth) Year*
Cohort- *2020/21 Finalist* | Awarding of the Integrated Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
* Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fifth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
* There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 7.
* Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

Final Average & Classification Calculation:
* A 'Standard' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
- Standard Final Average: This will include the 30 credits completed as part of the Fourth Year in addition to the 120 Credits from each of the Second Year, Third Year and the Final Year. The Third Year and the Combined Fourth and Final (Fifth) Year Averages will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
- Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated to ensure the mark for the Fourth Year (completed in 2019/20) cannot lower the final classification. The Safety Net Final Average will exclude the 30 Credits from the Fourth Year (and so will be based only on the Second Year, Third Year and the Final (Fifth) Year Averages. The Third and Final (Fifth) Year averaged will be double weighted in calculating the Final Average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
* Students will be classified on the basis of the Standard Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
* The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Standard Final Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fifth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

| 5.2 | **Integrated Masters - 5 Year with a 3rd or 4th Year Abroad or in Industry**
 Year of Study 2019/20- *Fifth Year*
 Year of Study 2020/21- *Final (Fifth) Year*
 Cohort- *2019/20 Finalist - First Sit or Retakes or year 2/2 Part-Time Students in 2020/21* | Awarding of the Integrated Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria:
 * Pass, be allowed or be granted exemption from modules in the Final (Fifth) Year to the value of at least 90 credits.
 * There is no requirement for all 90 credits to be at FHEQ Level 7.
 * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).

 Final Average & Classification Calculations:
 * A 'Best 120' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated:
 - Best 120 Final Average: A Best 120 average will be calculated in which the combined Year In Industry Year (Third or Fourth) and the Final (Fifth) Stage Average will be calculated on the basis of the best 120 credits (out of 150 credits contributing to the Stage). Where the worst modules are a 15 then a 30 credit module, the 30 credit module will be split with 15 credits discarded and 15 included. The Third/Fourth Year average and the combined year In Industry Year (Third or Fourth) and the Final (Fifth) Stage Average will be double weighted in calculating the final average, as per the standard degree classification algorithm.
 - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20.
 * Students will be classified on the basis of the Best 120 Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification.
 * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best 120 Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and achieve 60 credits in the higher class in the Final (Fifth) Year. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. |

(3) Progression and award requirements in respect of postgraduate taught provision

(i) Students who interrupted in the year 2019/20 will be treated as retakers for the year of study they interrupted if they interrupted after 1st March 2020. Students who interrupted before this time will be subject to the standard 2020/21 Regulations for the year of study.

(ii) **Table 3** below sets out how progression and award requirements will apply for the academic year 2020/21 in respect of postgraduate taught provision.

Table 3

7.1	**Masters** **Year of Study 2020/21- First Year** **(Including Final Year)** **Cohort-** *2020/21 First Year* **AND** **Economics (2 Year Masters)** *Cohort - 2020/21 – Second year*	Progression and Award are dependent on students achieving the criteria in the College's *Postgraduate Taught Regulations 2020/21* as set out in the degree course specification. For standard Masters programmes award is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass or be granted exemption from all modules OR Pass or be granted exemption from modules to the value of at least 140 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 40% in the remaining credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type).
7.2	**Masters** **Year of Study 2019/20-** *Final (First or Second) Year* **Year of study 2020/21** **Cohort-** *2019/20 First or Second Year Retakes in 2020/21*	Awarding of the Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass or be granted exemption from all modules OR Pass or be granted exemption from modules to the value of at least 140 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 40% in the remaining credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A 'Best Credits' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Best Credits Final Average: A Best Credits average will be calculated in which the overall percentage is at least the best 150 credits (out of 180 credits students contributing to the degree). Modules will not be split if the worst credits do not combine to equal 30 credits. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated as in 2019/20 on the basis of assessments completed prior to 1st March 2020. Safety Net Averages cannot be calculated for students who undertook capped resits in 2019/20. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Best Credits Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case

		the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best Credits Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and the mark for the dissertation/ research project is above the classification boundary. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average. * For First Year students on 2 year programmes, when students come to be awarded the award policies will apply as per 20/21 second year students as outlined in point 7.3.
7.3	**PGT Masters - 2 Year Programmes & Part-Time & CPD Students** **Year of Study 2019/20-** *First Year* **Year of Study 2020/21-***Second (Final) Year* **Cohort-** *2019/20 First Year - Second Year 2020/21*		Awarding of the Masters degree is dependent on students achieving the following criteria: * Pass or be granted exemption from all modules OR Pass or be granted exemption from modules to the value of at least 140 credits and achieve a Fail outcome of at least 40% in the remaining credits. * Pass any mandatory modules or modules that are requirements for externally accredited degrees (MNC module type). **Final Average & Classification Calculations:** * A 'Best Credits' and a Safety Net Final Average will be calculated: - Best Credits Final Average: A Best Credits average will be calculated in which the overall percentage is at least the best 150 credits (out of 180 credits students contributing to the degree). Modules will not be split if the worst credits do not combine to equal 30 credits. - Safety Net Final Average: This will be calculated on the basis of the modules completed in 2018/19 or earlier and in 20/21, i.e. excluding the modules completed in 2019/20, provided this is a minimum of 60 credits in total. * Students will be classified on the basis of the Best Credits Average unless the Safety Net Average would result in a higher Classification, in which case the Safety Net Average will be used for Classification. * The raising of Classifications will apply to students classified on the basis of their Best Credits Average who are within 2% of a classification boundary and the mark for the dissertation/ research project is above the classification boundary. The raising of Classifications will not apply to students classified on the basis of their Safety Net Average.