

Key Changes to Undergraduate Degree Regulations 2026/27

Links within the regulations to other information have been updated as necessary.

Regulation Updated	What has changed
6 Undergraduate awards	Amended the credit volumes for the MBChB and the BVM&S to reflect the current structure of these programmes.
19 Authorised Interruption of Study	Amended to remove content duplicated from the Authorised Interruption of Study Policy and instead refer to that Policy for more information. This removes existing misalignment between the wording of the Regulation and the Policy (for example regarding retrospective approval of interruptions) and prevents this recurring.
28 Optional Study Abroad	Amended to clarify the position regarding the requirement to have passed all credits before undertaking optional study abroad. The clarification states that all courses taken in Year 2 must be passed at the first attempt, rather than simply Year 2 courses, as students in Year 2 may be carrying courses with fails or null sits from Year 1. The amendment also notes that the College may allow exceptions to this where students are awarded null sits for courses taken in Year 2 due to Exceptional Circumstances. The amendments reflect existing practice.
33 Withdrawal and Exclusion	Amended to bring the regulation into line with the PG equivalent (45) and the expectations of the Withdrawal and Exclusion Procedure. The amendment explicitly extends the permission to apply for readmission onto the same, or a related programme of study to students who have been excluded due to debt, non-matriculation, or lack of visa permission. It maintains the existing requirement that the gap between withdrawal or exclusion and readmission must be no more than three years, but notes that there are some exceptions to this, e.g. on professional programmes where two years is the maximum. The regulation states that the decision as to whether to readmit a student remains at the University's discretion, and provides information regarding factors to be considered when assessing applications. This provides effective mitigation against the risk that a student may be readmitted where this would not be

	appropriate or feasible, and serves to manage students' expectations regarding the process of readmission. The regulation also clarifies that, where a readmitted student has previously received an exit award, this will be rescinded, in the event that they achieve a higher award following resubmission. Students face increasing challenges with the affordability of study, so it will be of benefit to provide explicit reassurance that students excluded due to debt can seek readmission once their debt is settled. This benefit will be particularly relevant for students from lower-income backgrounds. Students requiring a visa to study can also face challenges securing or maintaining the appropriate visa through no fault of their own. Providing a route to readmission following exclusion due to lack of visa permission is therefore a significant benefit to international students. There are situations where students fail to matriculate at the appropriate time due to serious health or personal issues, and they do not respond to contact before the exclusion process is completed. Providing an explicit route to seek readmission in these circumstances will therefore be of significant benefit to these students.
Changes to Degree Specific Regulations	
78 MBChB	Amended to reflect new requirements from the General Medical Council, including the Medical Licensing Assessment Applied Knowledge Test.
85-91 BVM&S	Various amendments to align the regulations with current practice regarding progression requirements on the programme. 87 states that the permitted maximum of two years of interruption or of repeat years may not be taken consecutively. This reflects the experience within R(D)SVS that students with such interrupted progress have a very low likelihood of completing the programme subsequently. It is therefore considered in a student's best interest that they withdraw voluntarily in these circumstances, although there remains the

	option for the School to request a concession in exceptional cases. 91 provides new content regarding attendance requirements on the programme. These are existing requirements, being added to the Regulations for the sake of clarity. The requirements are set out in detail in the BVM&S Attendance Policy.
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