

ESSEX BUSINESS SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

RULES OF ASSESSMENT FOR INTEGRATED MASTERS 2011/12

1. PREAMBLE

These rules apply to the first year programme of the following courses:

N40048 PhD Integrated Accounting

N30048 PhD Integrated Finance

N20048 PhD Integrated Management

The rules should be read alongside the programme structures as outlined in SECTION 2.

It is for the EBS PHD Progress Committee to determine whether the criteria for an award have been satisfied. This group will convene at in interim committee at the beginning of June each year, and in October following completion of the Level 7 dissertation stage of each of the programmes. Both these meetings will be chaired by the PhD Director.

2. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES

N30048 PHD Integrated Finance

BE351 (compulsory)	Derivative Securities	20 credits
BE352 (compulsory)	Asset Pricing	20 credits
BE354 (core*)	Portfolio Management	20 credits
BE953 (core)	Research Methods in Finance: Empirical Methods in Finance	20 credits
BE954 (core*)	Research Methods in Finance: Foundations in Finance	20 credits
BEXXX (option)	One Approved option from School List	20 credits
BE981 (core)	Dissertation	60 credits

* Differs from the Masters programme of study in their classification as 'core modules'

N20048 PHD Integrated Management

BE450 (compulsory)	Management in Organizations	20 credits
or		
BE451 (compulsory)	Critical Perspectives on Management Knowledge	20 credits
BE951 (core)	Research Methods and Methodologies	20 credits

BE952 (core*)	in Accounting and Management The Philosophy of Management and Accounting	20 credits
BE950 (core)	Research Evaluation Projects	20 credits
BE959 (compulsory)	Advanced Research Methods: Empirical Explorations of the Contemporary Workplace	20 credits
BEXXX (option)	One Approved option from School List	20 credits
BE981 (core)	Dissertation	60 credits

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N40048 PHD Integrated Accounting

BE150 (compulsory)	Issues in Financial Reporting	20 credits
or		
BE151 (compulsory)	Management Accounting	20 credits
BE951 (core)	Research Methods and Methodologies in Accounting and Management	20 credits
BE952 (core*)	The Philosophy of Management and Accounting	20 credits
BE950 (core)	Research Evaluation Projects	20 credits
BE959 (compulsory)	Advanced Research Methods: Empirical Explorations of the Contemporary Workplace	20 credits
BEXXX (option)	One Approved option from School List	20 credits
BE981 (core)	Dissertation	60 credits

* Differs from the Masters programme of study in classification as 'core module'

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUING ONTO 2ND YEAR OF INTEGRATED PROGRAMME : N30048 PHD Integrated Finance

To continue onto the second year of the integrated programme a student should:

- (a) participate in the 180 credit programme of study as outlined above relating to their discipline.
- (b) obtain an average of 65% over the 180 credit programme.
- (c) Pass all core modules with an average of 60%. For the purposes of these rules taught module averages, the overall weighted average for the taught modules and the mark for the dissertation will be rounded to the nearest whole number – i.e. 64.5 will count as 65, 64.4 as 64.
- (d) Be permitted to resit up to 40 credits (2 modules) of modules classified as 'core' 'compulsory' or 'option' modules in their programme of study. The maximum mark that may be recorded for a module as a result of a second attempt is 50, unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.
- (e) Failure with a mark of 40 or more for up to 40 credits in non-core taught modules will be condoned provided the overall weighted average for all the taught modules is 60.

Students may simultaneously be considered for the degree award of MSc Finance upon successful completion of the taught modules and dissertation. This decision will be made separately by the PGT board of Examiners.

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUING ONTO 2ND YEAR OF INTEGRATED PROGRAMME: N40048 PHD Integrated Accounting & N20048 PHD Integrated Management

To continue onto the second year of the integrated programme a student should:

- (a) participate in the 180 credit programme of study as outlined above relating to their discipline.
- (b) obtain an average of 65% over the 180 credit programme.
- (c) Pass all core modules with an average of 60%. For the purposes of these rules taught module averages, the overall weighted average for the taught modules and the mark for the dissertation will be rounded to the nearest whole number – – i.e. 64.5 will count as 65, 64.4 as 64.
- (d) Be permitted to resit up to 40 credits (2 modules) of modules classified as 'compulsory' or 'option' modules in their programme of study. The maximum mark that may be recorded for a module as a result of a second attempt is 50, unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.
Failure with a mark of 40 or more for up to 40 credits in non-core taught modules will be condoned provided the overall weighted average for all the taught modules is 60.

Students may simultaneously be considered for the degree award of MRes Management or MRes Accounting upon successful completion of the taught modules and dissertation. This decision will be made separately by the PGT board of Examiners.

5. EXIT ROUTES

Students who do not fulfil the above criteria will automatically be put forward for the Masters degree corresponding to their subject area. Success for this award will be based on the Graduate School's standard ROA for PGT (http://www2.essex.ac.uk/academic/students/pgt/pgroa/PGT%2009-10/Masters_09.pdf) and will be determined during the EBS PGT board.

It is for the PGT Board of Examiners to determine whether the criteria for a Masters award has been satisfied.