

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

1. PREAMBLE

These rules apply to the first-year taught programme of the Language and Linguistics Integrated PhD programmes.

These rules should be read in conjunction with the relevant Programme Structure, Programme Specification and Module Directory entries. The Module Directory will give detail of assessment arrangements. The Programme Structure will identify which modules are core for the programmes.

It is for the Language and Linguistics Postgraduate Research Progress Board, following recommendation of the Postgraduate Taught Interim and Final Exam Board, to determine whether the criteria for progression have been met and to make a recommendation to the Faculty Dean (Postgraduate). The PGT Board of Examiners will convene at an interim meeting at the end of June each year, and in November following completion of the Level 7 dissertation stage of each of the programmes.

The final award of the PhD is decided by the two examiners following a viva examination of the PhD Thesis following the 'Principal Regulations for Research Degrees'.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUING ONTO 2ND YEAR OF ALL LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES

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

- a) participate in the 180-credit MRes programme as specified in the course structure of each programme.
- b) obtain an overall weighted average of 65% over the 180-credit programme, with a minimum mark of 65 in the final dissertation (LG994-7-FY).
- c) Pass all core modules. 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) Students may have a second attempt for non-core taught module(s) that have been failed with marks below 50 up to a maximum of 60 taught module credits. Students may also be offered voluntary reassessment in taught modules where marks are below 65, in order to help to meet the overall weighted average progression requirement. Although the marks achieved at the first attempt will remain on the transcript, the marks achieved after reassessment will be used to calculate whether or not the student has achieved the required overall weighted average to be eligible to progress to the research stage of the programme. The student's overall weighted average and module aggregate will not change. However, these credits will be included in the maximum of 60 taught module credits permitted for reassessment.
- e) No second attempt at the assessment for a module is permitted prior to the Board of Examiners meeting where marks are confirmed and is subject to departmental arrangements. Reassessment should normally take place across the summer so the Board of Examiners can confirm whether a student can progress to the MPhD programme before the start of the next academic year.
- f) Following reassessment, the maximum module mark that will be recorded for a failed non-core module is 50. Capping will not be applied in modules where there are

substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners. Following reassessment, the uncapped marks will be used to calculate the overall weighted average for progression onto the MPhD programme before capping is then applied. Where voluntary reassessment is offered to meet the overall weighted average mark for progression, the mark after reassessment will be used to calculate the average for progression purposes, but the original mark will be reinstated afterwards.

- g) The Board of Examiners will reinstate the module mark for the previous attempt at a failed module if it is higher than the mark for the most recent attempt.
- h) 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 50.

3. 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 standard rules of assessment for Postgraduate Taught modules.

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

Re-submission of Dissertations

- a) Re-submission of dissertations is only permitted in the following circumstances:
 - (i) Either substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted at the discretion of the Board of Examiners; or
 - (ii) Where the original mark awarded is at least 40 and the Board of Examiners judges that the work required does not include any additional experimental or practical work.
- b) Re-submission is subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) A dissertation must normally be re-submitted within two months of the formal notification of permission to resubmit; in cases of extenuating circumstances, this may be extended to a maximum of twelve months;
 - (ii) A dissertation which has been re-submitted because of a marginal fail shall be awarded no more than the minimum pass mark; in the case of re- submissions because of extenuating circumstances, the full range of marks shall be available to examiners.

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