Programme Regulations 2024–2025

Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies

MA

mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided please contact us. You should use the *ask a question* tab in the Student Portal.

Changes made to the Programme Regulations in 2024 2025

1. The two dissertation modules RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation, each spanning over two sessions, have been divided into two parts each: RPM400 into RPM410 Research Proposal I and RPM420 Research proposal II; RPM500 into RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II. Assessments are submitted during RPM420 and RPM520.
2. Registration on the four dissertation modules is expected to take place in consecutive terms.

1   Structure of the programme

The degree

1.1

The MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies consists of:

two compulsory core modules (each worth 30 credits)

four elective modules (each worth 15 credits)

four compulsory dissertation modules split over four sessions (together worth 60 credits).

Exit qualifications

See Section 8 for exit qualification criteria.

1.2

The Board of Examiners has discretion to grant a Postgraduate Certificate PGCert or Postgraduate Diploma PGDip in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification to a student who does not successfully complete the MA degree but who does meet the criteria of the PGCert or PGDip.

2   Registration

Effective date of registration

2.1

You may commence the programme in October or March. Your effective date of registration for the programme will be either:

1 October if you first registered at the October registration closing date

or

1 March if you first registered at the March registration closing date.

Period of registration

2.2

The minimum and maximum periods of registration are counted from your effective date of registration.

Details of the minimum and maximum periods of registration can be found in the Programme Specification.

Registering for modules

Each core and elective module runs for a 16-week term that begins in either October (Term 1) or March (Term 2). All module names include the term in which they run (e.g. RPM240 Advanced international refugee law (March)). The registration for the dissertation modules has been split into four parts: RPM410 Research Proposal I, RPM420 Research proposal II, RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II.

Refer to Appendix A for more information on the structure of the Programme.

To register for a module, you must select it and pay for it by the deadline date. When you register for a module, you are committing to studying the module in the next term that the module runs so you should only register for modules that you are ready to study. For example, if you register for the core modules RPM010 and RPM020 at the start of the academic year, you will be expected to study them both that year in consecutive terms.

You will be expected to register for the four dissertation modules (RPM410 Research Proposal I, RPM420 Research proposal II, RPM510 Research dissertation I, and RMP520 Research dissertation II) in consecutive dissertation terms.

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and in the fee schedule on the University of London website.

2.3

When you first register for the programme, you must register for at least one core module.

2.4

If you register for a core, elective or dissertation module, you must study it when you are eligible to take it in the first term that it runs.

Maximum and minimum number of modules you can study in a term

2.5

You can register for up to one new core module or up to two new elective modules in any term, excluding dissertation and failed modules:

> The dissertation modules can be studied alongside core and elective modules, and do not count towards the maximum number of core and elective modules that can be studied in any one term.

> Failed modules, where the final assessment is being retaken, do not count towards the maximum number of core and ell6((rds)-3(the)-3( )]TJETq0.000008871 0 595.32 841.92 reW*nBT/F3 10

Deadlines are listed within the subject guide for each module.

Delaying your studies

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To delay a module, you must notify us through the Student Portal before the term starts or as soon

2.21

If you defer RPM510 Research dissertation I or RPM520 Research dissertation II, you must register for the relevant module in the next study session.

2.22

> Continuity of dissertation supervision cannot be guaranteed if you defer submission of RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II on a second occasion.

If, having already deferred submission of RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II on one occasion, it is agreed that you can defer submission on a further occasion you must pay the Dissertation second-deferral fee. This fee must be paid by the dissertation deadline for the term in which you are deferring. Any further requests for deferral will be granted only in exceptional circumstances and with approval from the Programme Director.

2.23

Any penalties for plagiarism and other assessment offences that were applied to a module that has been deferred on one or more occasions will be carried over in their entirety upon recommencement of the deferred module.

Replacing an elective module

2.24

We will consider a request to replace an elective module with another if you contact us through the Student Portal. It will be our decision whether or not to approve a request.

2.25

We will not normally approve a request to replace a module with another if you have already started work on the module.

2.26

If you fail an elective module on the second attempt, you will be permitted to replace the module with another elective module. We will only allow you to replace a module under these circumstance on one occasion.

2.27

We will only approve requests to replace elective modules for up to a maximum of:

> one module where you have not yet started work on the module, and

> one module where you have failed a module on the second attempt.

3   Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

3.1

We will not recognise prior learning or approve credit transfer for this programme.

recorded as 'participating' for that discussion session. This may be done no more than twice per module for core modules, and once per module for elective modules, RPM410 Research Proposal I, and RPM420 Research proposal II.

Submission of E-tivities, coursework and the dissertation

Note that the deadline dates and times are UK times and that it is your responsibility to adjust to UK time if you are in another time-zone.

4.5

E-tivities, coursework and dissertation items must be submitted through the Virtual Learning Environment VLE by the submission dates given in the module timetable on the VLE.

Penalties for missing a deadline or exceeding a word limit

Instructions, word limits and deadlines for submitting coursework, E-tivity and dissertation items are given in each Module Study Guide, provided on the [VLE](#) You will lose marks if you do not keep to these rules.

Further information on assessment can be found in the [Programme handbook](#).

Penalty for missing a deadline

4.6

You must keep to the deadlines stated in the Module Study Guide. If you are late in submitting an item of coursework, E-tivity or dissertation we will reduce the mark you receive, which is used for progression and classification.

Penalty for exceeding the word limit

4.7

You must keep to the word limits stated in the Module Study Guide. If you exceed the word limit for an item of coursework, E-tivity or dissertation we will reduce the mark you receive, which is used for progression and classification.

Further details of the penalties incurred for late submission or exceeding the word limit can be found in the Assessment section of the [Programme handbook](#).

The dissertation

4.8

The dissertation component of the programme consists of four linked modules: RPM410 Research Proposal I, RPM420 Research proposal II, RPM510 Research dissertation I, and RPM520 Research dissertation II.

4.9

You are expected to work with your appointed supervisor in the preparation of your dissertation. Full details of the responsibility of the supervisor will be supplied to you following registration on RPM510 Research dissertation I.

Mitigating circumstances

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Progression if you have failed a module

5.12

If you fail a module at the first attempt, you are allowed to register for further modules but only under the following conditions:

> For core modules: you can register for further modules but must resubmit the final item of coursework within 56 days of the results release date. However, you should be aware that your registration may cease if you fail a core module at the second attempt having used your opportunity to restart it.

> For elective modules: you can register for further modules but must submit the final assessment within 56 days of receiving the result.

Dissertation modules

8 Schemes of award

> If your final assessments are submitted in February or March, the date of award will be 1 August in the year of the last assessments that contribute to the award.
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> If your final assessments are submitted in July or October, the date of award will be 31 December in the year of the last assessments that contribute to the award.

Award requirements

8.1

To be awarded the MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, you must achieve a mark of at least 50% in each of the two core modules, four elective modules and the dissertation component.

Mark scheme

> See the Assessment section of the [Programme handbook](#) for more information about the assessments.

8.2

Marks awarded for each element of the assessment of a module and the overall module mark will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

8.3

The overall mark for each core module is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for E-tivity 1, E-tivity 2, E-tivity 3, E-tivity 4, E-tivity 5, and the coursework in a ratio of 0: 2: 5: 15: 8: 70.

8.4

The overall mark for each of the elective modules is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for E-tivity 1, E-tivity 2, E-tivity 3 and the coursework in a ratio of 0: 20: 10: 70.

8.5

The overall mark for the dissertation is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for RPM410 Research Proposal I and RPM420 Research proposal II (15%), with RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II (85%).

8.6

To pass a core or elective module, you must achieve an overall mark for the module of at least 50%.

8.7

To pass the dissertation component, you must achieve

> a mark of at least 50% for RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II;
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> and
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> a combined mark of at least 50% for RPM410 Research Proposal I and RPM420 Research proposal II (together 15%), with RPM510 Research dissertation I and RPM520 Research dissertation II (together 85%).

Appendix B   Assessment criteria

These guidelines reflect the standards of work expected at postgraduate level.

Coursework and dissertation   Assessment criteria

25-34 Fail	*A Fail will be awarded in cases in which there is:* Extremely poor work, demonstrating all the flaws outlined above.
0-24 Fail	*A Fail will be awarded in cases in which the work is:* Unacceptable or not submitted.

25-34

Fail

Participation-based E-tivity   Assessment criteria

Research proposal   Assessment criteria

Mark	Criteria
	Demonstrates all or many of the pertinent elements:
9 10/10	Well-written and concise - shows excellent academic skills Well-

Research proposal   Assessment criteria

Mark	Criteria