Important information regarding the Programme Regulations

About this document

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

The Programme Regulations are designed and developed by the School of Advanced Study which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at the School of Advanced Study. Programme Regulations, together with the Programme handbook, will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study. Further information about how to use the Programme Regulations and Programme handbook can be found in the Student guide.

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the General Regulations. These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the University of London and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

The relevant General Regulations and the Programme Regulations relating to your registration with us are for the current year and not in the year in which you initially registered.

On all matters where the regulations are to be interpreted, or are silent, our decision will be final.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the relevant Courses page of the website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

Terminology

The following language is specific to the Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies programme:

Core module: a compulsory module that must be taken.

Elective module: a module that is chosen from a number of options.

Dissertation module: a compulsory module that forms the   .

Terms: Term 1 runs from October to March. Term 2 runs from March to October. The core and elective modules run in either one term or the other and students can start in either term. The

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)

To register for a module, you must select it and pay for it by the deadline date. When you register for a module you

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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

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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

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The dissertation component of the programme consists of two linked modules: RPM400 Dissertation research proposal

5   Number of attempts permitted at assessment

Maximum number of attempts

ork item (70%) of the core and elective modules, or the RPM500 Research dissertation component of the dissertation (85%). E-tivities are referred to by name.

5.1

The maximum number of attempts permitted at the final assessment of core modules, elective modules, RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Dissertation is two. The exceptions to this are where you have deferred a module or have to restart a core module because you previously failed the module or failed to submit on the second attempt.

5.2

The maximum number of attempts permitted for each E-tivity is one. The exceptions to this are where you have deferred a module, or you failed the module or failed to submit the final assessment at the second attempt.

If you do not submit coursework

If you believe there are circumstances beyond your control that prevent you from keeping to these regulations, and require an extension to the deadline, we will consider your circumstances if you write to the Programme Director immediately with evidence. See also the regulations for mitigating circumstances.

5.3

If you have not deferred an elective module and you do not submit the coursework you will receive a mark of zero for the element and it will count as an attempt. You will be required to submit the coursework within 56 days of the results release date, by a new deadline specified by the Programme Director. Submission at the second deadline will count as your (a)8(m)-3(od)3(ul)6(e)]TJET Q0.000

Dissertation modules

The dissertation element of the programme consists of two linked modules, RPM400 Research dissertation proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation.

If you believe there are mitigating circumst

7 Progression within the programme

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> We strongly recommend that you have attempted the assessments for both core modules before you start work on any elective module.

You must have registered for both core modules in a previous term before registering for any elective modules.

7.2

> For more information on the dissertation study sessions please refer to the Programme handbook.

You will study the dissertation modules in four study sessions, two of which include the research which is a compulsory component of RPM400 Dissertation research proposal.

7.3

You must submit the RPM400 Dissertation research proposal at the end of the second dissertation study session. You cannot start studying RPM500 unless you have completed your dissertation proposal.

7.4

You can register for RPM500 Research dissertation at any time.

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You can start studying proposal

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 RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation in a ratio of 15:85.

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 RPM500; and

a combined mark of at least 50% for RPM400 and RPM500 where the modules are weighted in a ratio of 15:85.

8.8

The overall module mark for core and elective modules will be capped at 50% if the module was passed at the second attempt. The overall mark for the dissertation component will be capped at 50% if RPM500 was passed at the second attempt.

8.9

To calculate the final grade for the award, the marks for the modules are weighted according to their credit values.

8.10

The following mark scheme is used for the MA:

Mark range		Classification
70%	100%	Distinction
60%	69%	Merit
50%	59%	Pass
0%	49%	Fail

8.11

In order to be considered for the award of:

> Merit: you should obtain a weighted average mark of 60% - 69% across all modules.
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> Distinction: you should obtain a weighted average of at least 70% across all modules.

Exit qualifications

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The Board of Examiners may grant the Postgraduate Certificate in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification if you pass modules to the value of 60 credits or more.

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The Board of Examiners may grant the Postgraduate Diploma in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification if you pass modules to the value of 120 credits or more.

8.14

If we award you the Postgraduate Certificate in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies you may not subsequently be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma or MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.

8.15

If we award you the Postgraduate Diploma in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies you may not subsequently be awarded the MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.

Appendix B   Assessment criteria

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

Coursework and dissertation   Assessment criteria

The following criteria will be used in determining the marks awarded for the final assessment components for each module.

Mark	Criteria
85-100 Distinction	Outstanding performance above a distinction level. Work is of exceptional quality. The highest level of knowledge and understanding is demonstrated by independence and originality in conception, the highest level of critical skill, synthesis and analysis. The work contains analysis of sufficient originality and importance to change the conventional way of approaching the subject, and its presentation is of the highest standard. The work will be well-argued, well-organised and impeccably documented, and be of publishable or near-publishable quality.
75-84 Distinction	Excellent work, demonstrating a consistently very high level of knowledge and understanding. It shows clear evidence of originality and/or independent critical evaluation, high levels of skill in synthesis and analysis. Propositions are analysed with sufficient originality to challenge received ideas, and in a clear, sustained, relevant and focussed manner. Presentation standards will be excellent.
70-74 Distinction	Very good to excellent work, demonstrating a very good level of knowledge 81.84 reW*nBT/F3 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 166.1 487.013(r)11 81.84 re8*nBT/F3 11N

Fail	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.

E-tivities   Assessment criteria

Mark	Criteria
Core modules 5/5 13-15/15	
Elective Modules 17	