

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS FOR 2016-17

The main changes made to the suite of University Regulations for application in 2016-17 are set out below for ease of reference. Full details and copies of the Regulations can be directly accessed electronically via the Secretariat's website at: <http://secretariat.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/university-regulations/>

UNIVERSITY GENERAL REGULATIONS

Part A – Regulations Governing Academic Offences – Summary Procedure

	Section 2.2.6 (now 2.1.6) has been amended to clarify the resit entitlement opportunity under the Summary Procedure.
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Part C – Academic Review and Appeal

	Section 4.2 has been updated to clarify the role of Appeal Chair which includes deciding when the grounds for appeal have been met but does not include a substantive review of the case.
	Section 5.3 has been updated to clarify the referral back process.

Parts D (1) and D (2) – Fitness to Practise

	Sections D(1) 5.10 and D(2)10.3 have been revised to enable the School Fitness to Practise Panel to decide whether a student may continue on their programme of study in the event an appeal is lodged. This will be communicated to the student at any time they are informed of the Panel's findings/decision.
	Revisions to D(2) around the IO requesting information as part of the investigatory process (5.3; to avoid any perception of bias); clarification that note taking is the sole role of the assistant in an interview (5.4); removal of 7.1 (to remove perception that Chair will receive material that others will not); increase from 10 to 20 working days to complete initial investigation (6.8); advise that witnesses who make statements may be required to attend the Panel in person (7.10); adjust the Panel composition to more broadly include a student representative nominated by the SU President (8.2); and remove reference to legal representation (9.4).

Part H – Academic Fees Regulations

	The following revisions have been made: Removal of the condition that enrolment is only complete when tuition fees have been paid or a payment plan has been agreed.
	Introduces a 2 week period of grace for UG students within which they can withdraw without incurring any charges.
	In the case of student interruptions, clarifies the tuition fee charging principles for the interrupted and resumed academic years.
	Suggests disputes against decision to suspend studies be forwarded to the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Development.
	Amends the definition of 'Effective Start Date' within the glossary of section H7.

Part I – Library Regulations

	Part I has been slightly revised to take account of the new Library IT system.
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UNDERGRADUATE REGULATIONS (AND TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE REGULATIONS)

Section 4.7.- Termination of Enrolment and Registration

	Section 4.7.6 has been updated to clarify that a student who has submitted an appeal against termination on the grounds of attendance may continue to attend lectures etc pending the outcome of the appeal.
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	Section 4.7.7 has been revised to reduce the time within which an appeal should normally be completed from 20 to 15 working days.
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Section 4.8 – UK Visas and Immigration Compliance

	Section 4.8.3 has been updated to clarify that students cannot hand in work or attend assessments during a period of suspension where they have not provided evidence regarding their visa on request (also applicable to PGR , section 6.5)
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Section 5.6 – In course Retrieval for Level 4 Integrated Masters Students Only

	Section 5.6 around in-course retrieval has been removed as this has run through.
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Annex D – Code of Conduct in Examinations

	A clause has been added around how scripts will be dealt with where the student's handwriting is illegible.
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TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE REGULATIONS

Changes to PGT Regulations - condonement

	Sections 5.3, 5.6 and 5.7 have been revised to remove subjectivity and risk of inconsistency across the University.
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RESEARCH DEGREES REGULATIONS FOR MA/MSC BY RESEARCH, MPhil AND PHD

Section 9 - Supervision

	Regulations strengthened to reflect current practice and Tier 4 expectations: supervisors should normally meet with their students on a monthly basis for full-time students or every two months in the case of part-time students.
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Section 10 – Transfer of Research Degree

	The reference to CRDB within Section 10.2(b) has been deleted as the function is now undertaken by School Panels.
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Section 14 – Re-Examination

	The length of time to re-examination has been changed from 18 to 12 months to reflect 13.3 (section 14.1). The length of time to make amendments following re-examination inserted to mirror first examination.
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Annex B – Interruption of Study

	Updated in line with employment law regarding maternity and paternity leave entitlements.
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