
Part 1: Context

Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1 This handbook contains all of the academic regulations for taught courses leading to awards of the University of Westminster delivered on the University's campuses and through distance learning and collaborative provision. These are set out in Parts 1 to 6 of this handbook.
- 1.2 The regulations and processes, which govern research degrees, are set out in the [Research Degree Regulations and Handbook](#) and the [Research Framework](#).
- 1.3 The following documents also contain valuable information and can be accessed online:
- [Quality Assurance and Enhancement Handbook](#)
 - [Student Charter](#)
 - [Student Code of Conduct](#)
 - [Student Representation Handbook](#)
 - [University Calendar](#)
 - [Collaborations Handbook](#)
- 1.4 It is a student's responsibility to ensure they have read and are familiar with the University regulations.
- Note: If a student or member of staff has any queries regarding the regulations, they should contact the Academic Registrar's Department.
- 1.5 In the UK the [Office for Students](#) (OfS) is responsible for regulating the quality and standards of a higher education provider's courses. The OfS's regulatory framework provides a definitive reference point for all those involved in delivering higher education which leads to an award from, or is validated by a UK higher education provider. It makes clear what institutions are required to do, what they can expect of each other, and what the general public can expect of all higher education providers. These expectations express matters of key principle that have been identified as important for the assurance of quality and academic standards and are reflected within the University of Westminster Handbook of [Academic Regulations](#).
- 1.6 The University of Westminster academic regulations govern all taught courses of more than four weeks' full-time or 60 hours part-time duration and all courses that lead to a validated named award of the University or of an external validating agency.
- 1.7 The University requires that all taught courses be delivered wholly in accordance with the curriculum and award-specific regulations approved in the definitive course handbook by a University Validation Panel or Review Panel on behalf of Academic Council, taking account of any modifications that have been approved by the processes described in the Quality and Assurance and Enhancement Handbook.
- 1.8 The language of instruction and assessment for all programmes of study leading to an award of the University of Westminster is English unless otherwise approved by the University Validation Panel or Review Panel on behalf of Academic Council. An example of such an exception is when the subject or programme of study is another language.
- 1.9 The Teaching Committee is a sub-committee of Academic Council, with the authority to consider issues relating to academic quality, standards and regulations. A report of each meeting is submitted formally to Academic Council.
- 1.10 The academic regulations are reviewed by the Teaching Committee, which reports to Academic Council. All changes to the academic regulations are subject to approval by Academic Council.

- 1.11 In case of dispute about the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Academic Registrar shall be final.
- 1.12 We are committed to ensuring our websites and content is digitally accessible according to the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations (2018). This policy is published on our website [Academic regulations | University of Westminster, London](#); and can be requested in a range of formats e.g. Word, PDF, plain text, alternative formats such as large print or Braille.