

Topic	What's New?	What It Means for Students
Online Learning Participation	Students attending online sessions are expected to have their cameras on and actively participate.	During online teaching sessions, students may be expected to actively engage rather than simply log in and observe.
Attendance Monitoring and Withdrawal Process	Clear attendance thresholds have been revised. Students may receive attendance alerts, withdrawal warnings and ultimately be withdrawn if attendance falls below required levels including below 40% overall.	Regular attendance is essential. Continued low attendance could lead to student withdrawal from their course.
Student Loan Funding and Attendance	The University may temporarily suspend access to Student Loans Company maintenance funding where a student is at risk of withdrawal due to poor attendance or engagement.	Poor attendance could affect student access to maintenance loan payments until attendance improves.
Reporting Absences	New guidance explains how absences should be reported and when supporting evidence is required.	If a student is absent for more than seven days, they will normally need evidence to support their request for authorised absence.
Lateness and Leaving Early	Students arriving more than 15 minutes late may be recorded as late, while missing more than 60 minutes of teaching may be recorded as an absence. Leaving early without permission may be treated as a disciplinary matter.	Arriving late or leaving classes early could affect a students' attendance record and, in some cases, lead to disciplinary action.
Interruptions of Study	Additional flexibility may be available for students with evidenced serious health conditions or other exceptional circumstances, subject to approval.	Students facing significant personal or health challenges may be able to request additional interruption opportunities where justified.
Course Transfers at Level 6	Transfers into or during Level 6 will normally not be permitted and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.	If a student is considering changing course in their final undergraduate year, this will be restricted.
Academic Misconduct Decisions	Students found responsible for academic misconduct can request that their case is reviewed by an Academic Misconduct Panel. A formal outcome letter must normally be issued within five working	If a student disagrees with an academic misconduct decision, they will have a clearer route to request a panel review.

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New Social Media Policy	A new Social Media Policy sets expectations for responsible online behaviour, including bullying, harassment, hate speech, confidentiality and use of university branding.	Behaviour on social media may be investigated where it affects members of the university community or breaches university standards.
Pass/Fail Assessments	The 24-hour late submission allowance will no longer apply to pass/fail assessments. Missing the deadline will result in automatic failure and retrieval at the next opportunity.	It is especially important for students to submit pass/fail assessments on time, as there is no late submission window.
Progression and Repeat Year Decisions	Where students have more than 60 credits of failed modules after teaching has concluded, a formal review may consider whether repeating the year is more appropriate than retrieval. Students should be involved in discussions.	Students with significant amounts of failed credit may be offered alternative progression options rather than automatically entering retrieval.
Extenuating Circumstances and Resits	Students who receive approved extenuating circumstances may be allowed to retain the better of two marks if they choose to retake an assessment that was already passed.	In certain circumstances, a student may be able to attempt an assessment again without risking a lower mark.
Reasonable Adjustments and Disability Support	The regulations include revised guidance and additional information on reasonable adjustments and learning support.	Students requiring support because of a disability or health condition are encouraged to contact Student Services early to discuss available adjustments.
Visa Sponsorship and Appeals	The regulations make clear that if a Stage 1 appeal against withdrawal is unsuccessful, the University must notify UKVI, which may result in visa curtailment.	International students should be aware that an unsuccessful appeal may affect their visa status and right to remain in the UK.
Enrolment Deadlines	New wording clarifies that students must complete online enrolment and begin attending classes by the enrolment deadline. Students who miss deadlines may be withdrawn.	Students need to make sure they complete enrolment and start their studies on time to avoid losing their place.
Marking Scheme and Grade Boundaries	The University is replacing the previous notch point grading approach with full mark ranges. For example, a First Class mark will now be shown as 69.5-	Students will receive marks using full percentage ranges rather than notch points. This provides a clearer link between a student's mark and degree

	100%, an Upper Second as 59.5-69.49%, and similar full ranges apply across all classifications. New codes for Academic Misconduct (AM) and Non-Submission (NS) are also included in the marking scheme.	classification and makes it easier to understand how their work has been graded.
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