

**University of St Andrews**  
**SENATE REGULATIONS**  
**CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 2009-10**

**Undergraduate Regulations**

**General Regulation 27:** amendment to the Regulation to clarify the categories of grades necessary for a General Degree student to graduate with Distinction and to raise the standard of those grades. The Regulation was approved for implementation for all students who enter the MA General programme from the start of the academic year 2009-10.

**General Regulation 36:** amendment to the Regulation to reflect the change in the pass grade from 5 to 7.

**Postgraduate Regulations**

**MPhil Examining Committee Outcomes**

Various amendments were made to the MPhil Examining Committee outcomes. The M.Phil is formally a two-year degree which incorporates a full 180-credit taught year, in the same style as the MLitt or MSc, followed by a full-time research year and thesis. However, there are routes via which it is possible to omit the 1<sup>st</sup>, taught, year, either by direct entry into year 2 or via a 'fall-back' from the 1<sup>st</sup> year assessment of the PhD. In these cases the student will not have completed the taught element and therefore should not qualify for the MLitt / MSc. The new wording clarifies the possible outcomes. ie. the option of awarding the MLitt / MSc is only possible to students who have completed the required 180 taught credits.

**Periods of Study for PhD Students**

Various amendments were made to the PhD Regulations as a consequence of the new default options for fees for the length of postgraduate research degrees.

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