

# Overarching Senate Regulations

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## **1. Court Resolutions**

The University has the power to confer degrees under the various Court Ordinances and Resolutions detailed below. The full text of each can be found on the [University Court website](#). The Senatus Academicus, with the approval of the University Court, has the power to make regulations on any matters in order to give effect to these instruments.

Ordinance No.6 (Scottish Universities) – Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Letters (DLitt) (13 May 1959)

Ordinance No.350 (General No.12) – Regulations for Research Students and Appointment of Research Fellows (12 September 1960)

Resolution 1974 No.3 – Degree of the Doctor of Science (DSc) (18 March 1974)

Resolution 1994 No.1 Conferment of Undergraduate Degrees (4 July 1994)

Resolution 2000 No.4 Degree of Master in Physics (MPhys) (2 March 2001)

Resolution 2001 No.3 – Degrees of Doctor of Engineering (DEng/EngD) Master of Engineering (MEng), and Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) (8 March 2002)

Resolution 2003 No.1 Degree of Master in Mathematics (MMath) (2003)

Resolution 2003 No.2 – Degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) (4 July 2003)

Resolution 2008 No.3 Degree of Bachelor of Arts (International Honours) (5 December 2008)

Resolution 2008 No.4 – Degree of Doctor of Performance (DPerf) (16 October 2009)

Resolution 2009 No.1 Degree of Master of Research in Medicine (26 February 2010)

Resolution 2011 No.1 – Award of Postgraduate Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates (13 May 2011)

Resolution 2011 No.2 – Award of Graduate Diplomas and Graduate Certificates (13 May 2011)

Resolution 2012 No.1 Degree of Master of Geology (MGeol) (13 April 2012) Resolution 2013 No.1 Degree of Master of Biochemistry (MBiochem) (24 January 2014)

Resolution 2014 No.1 – Degree of Master of Fine Arts (20 June 2014)

Resolution 2016 No.3 Degree of Master of Studies By Research (M.ST.) RES)) (20 January 2017)

Resolution 2018 No.2 – Degree of Doctor of Professional Practice (DProf) (26 October 2018)

Resolution 2021 No.1 Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) (22 October 2021)

Resolution 2023 No. 1 Degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.)

## 2. Definitions and Interpretations

In these Regulations, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
applicant	a person applying to the University
Assistant Vice-Principal (Dean of Learning and Teaching)	has delegated responsibility from the Vice-Principal Education (Proctor) for matters relating to learning and teaching
Assistant Vice-Principal (Dean of Learning and Teaching) and Provost	the role of Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost) and the role of Assistant Vice-Principal (Dean of Learning and Teaching) may sometimes be held by the same individual, but the two roles are kept distinct within these regulations. For matters relating to undergraduate students, they are the Assistant Vice-Principal (Dean of Learning and Teaching) and for matters relating to postgraduate students they are the Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost)
Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost)	has delegated responsibility from the Vice-Principal Education (Proctor) for all postgraduate matters
auditing	attending lectures and participating in a module but not completing assessments or receiving credit for the module
award	a combination of a qualification with a title associated with an approved programme of study and assessment
Centre for Doctoral Training	centres for managing funded PhD degrees, which may be in collaboration with other Universities, institutions or employers
Court	the University Court of the University of St Andrews
credits	an indication of the amount of learning involved in a module; each credit represents approximately 10 learning hours to achieve the intended learning outcomes of a module/programme
Director of the Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies	shall be considered a Head of School for the purposes of these regulations

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
examining committee	the committee of internal and external examiners approved by the Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost) responsible for examining a postgraduate research degree
exit award	a lower award given when a student leaves their programme of study before completing all of the necessary requirements of the originally intended programme
Faculty	the Faculty of Arts, Divinity, Science or Medicine
grade	a final overall assessment result for a module
Head of School	the leader of a School who has delegated authority from the Master of the United College to make academic and administrative decisions for the School
Integrated Masters	an extended undergraduate programme which takes one year longer than the BSc degree, and may incorporate a research or industrial placement, or advanced and specialised modules
matriculation	the process by which a student formally completes the registration process at the University of St Andrews
module board	the board responsible for reporting module results
portfolio	a body of work submitted for a doctoral degree. A portfolio may be submitted in lieu of a thesis in certain programmes, or with permission from the Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost)
postgraduate	University studies or a student at a more advanced level than a first degree
pre-requisite	a module that must be passed before another module can be taken
programme of study (or programme)	a combination of study (teaching and learning), and assessment associated with an award
qualification	a generic title assigned to an award, defining its level and volume of assessment
School	an academic discipline or collection of disciplines grouped together in an administrative unit
SCQF	the "Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework"

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
staff	individuals with a permanent or fixed-term salaried contract of employment from the University
student	a person who has been admitted to the University and matriculated in the current academic session
thesis	a specially composed monograph, or record of a single major research project, submitted for a degree
University	The University of St Andrews

### **3. Degrees and awards**







- a. to delineate the collective and individual responsibilities of the institutions in relation to the provision, management, monitoring, evaluation, and development of the programmes including in relation to outcome awards.
  - b. to agree a programme for each individual student, where this is required given the nature of the collaboration.
10. The agreement will outline the rules and regulations relevant to the programme in operation through the collaboration and where these diverge from individual institutional norms. In the case of an agreement for the joint supervision of postgraduate research students, one of the two institutions will typically act as the lead institution and the student will then be subject to the academic regulations of the lead institution.
11. The University Court may approve variations or exceptions to the established policies and regulations of the University of St Andrews in the joint agreement. In such cases, the exceptions will be detailed in either the programme requirements or in the agreement as relevant to the collaboration. In all cases, information on the policies and regulations will be made available to the students and the students must comply with those rules.

#### **Mode of attendance**

12. Applicants will be admitted as full-time, part-time, or flexible students. In these regulations, where only full-time periods are mentioned and unless stipulated otherwise, it should be understood to mean “or part-time or flexible equivalent”.
13. Students may request a change of mode of attendance if they can satisfy the Assistant Vice-Principal (Dean of Learning and Teaching) or Assistant Vice-Principal (Provost) that it is appropriate.

#### **Registration and Matriculation**

14. All students are required to abide by all University policies and procedures which apply to their cohort and mode of attendance.
15. Only students may receive credit for a module.
16. All students registered on programmes taught solely in St Andrews shall, for the duration



