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Guidelines for Progression for students with less than 120 credits

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the transcript of your examination results. The transcript will tell you how many credits you have been awarded in total. If you have achieved 120 credits, congratulations, you may proceed to your dissertation. If you have not achieved 120 credits, then you will need to take reassessments in each module you have failed in order to increase your credits to 120. When your reassessments will take place depends on the number of credits you have achieved. You need to consult the relevant paragraph below for guidance. You are reminded of the importance of reassessments. Under normal circumstances you are only entitled to one reassessment of any failed module, which may comprise coursework and/or exams, depending on which components of the module you failed.

Reassessment marks are capped at the pass mark (50%). If you have passed some components of a module but failed others, you will re-sit only those components that you failed and your mark will be the weighted sum of the original marks you received for the components that you passed and the capped reassessment marks for those components that you originally failed. To pass the reassessment, this weighted mark must be 40% or more.

You need to look at the appropriate paragraph in this guide relating to your position.

- 1. Students with at least 75 credits*
- 2. Students with less than 75 credits*

You may also need to read the section on compensation. Compensation is only available (for up to 30 credits) after you have taken reassessment for a module, when you have failed it twice but have come close to the pass mark and have shown evidence of strength elsewhere. Note that you will be ineligible for compensation if you fail to submit a piece of reassessment coursework or fail to turn up for a reassessment examination. In this case, you will be failed in the module which will result in your degree programme to be terminated.

If in any doubt as to your position, you should consult your personal tutor.

1. *Students with at least 75 credits but less than 120*

You need to take reassessments over the summer reassessment period in order to bring your credits up to 120. During this time you will also be allowed to start working on your dissertation although it is important that you allow yourself sufficient time to revise for your reassessments since you will need to pass these in order to qualify for an MSc. If you pass your reassessments, then you will be able to submit your dissertation by the usual deadline and, if your dissertation achieves the pass mark will graduate with the rest of your cohort. If you do not pass all of your reassessments, then you will be unable to proceed further with your master's degree programme which will be terminated.

2. *Students with less than 75 Level 1 credits*

You have failed too many modules to be allowed to attempt reassessments over the summer. You will be **course suspended** for the next academic year, taking your reassessments in the usual examination periods (January or June) in the next academic year in order to bring your credits up to 120. If you achieve this, then you will be able to proceed to your dissertation next summer. If not, then you will be unable to proceed further with your master's degree programme which will be terminated. Over the summer, since you cannot attempt reassessments, you may want to start working on your dissertation. On the other hand, it may be better for you if you postpone starting your dissertation until next academic year after you have passed your reassessments at which point you may be in a better position to work on it. *You might want to discuss this with your Personal Tutor and with your dissertation supervisor.*

Rules for Compensation Credits

Compensation credits are awarded when a student has taken reassessment for a failed module and has failed it for the second time but when the higher of the two failed module marks comes close to the pass mark and where there is evidence that the student has demonstrated strength elsewhere. In practice, this means that:

- a) you have achieved at least 40% overall for the module (but less than 50%)
- b) you have achieved 90 credits or more (i.e. have passed modules worth at least 90 credits) and
- c) your overall module weighted average is at least 55% (for all 120 credits including the failed modules)
- d) you have not missed any components of the assessment (except with valid mitigating circumstances)

Compensation credits are awarded automatically if you are eligible for them and you are not able to rescind them.

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