
Integrated Masters Academic Regulations



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1 Introduction

1.1 Integrated Masters awards are four-year degree programmes, commencing at level 4 in the first year and leading through a single course to a level 7 qualification at the end of the fourth year.

1.2 The BSU Integrated Masters award is structured as follows:

Year 1	120 credits at Level 4
Year 2	120 credits at Level 5
Year 3	60 credits at Level 6 + 60 credits at Level 7
Year 4	120 credits at Level 7

2 Applicable regulations

2.1 These regulations should be read in conjunction with the following other regulations of the University:

- Academic Regulations
- Undergraduate Modular Scheme
- Specialised Course (Art & Design) Regulations
- Undergraduate Academic Framework¹
- Taught Postgraduate Framework

The above regulations will apply to Integrated Masters at the appropriate points of study (ie either the UGMS or A&D regulations will apply for levels 4-6 and the TPF will apply for level 7). This document sets out where exceptions are applied to those regulations.

3 Admission and transfer in to the Integrated Masters award

3.1 Where an Integrated Masters award has a related BA/BSc(Hons) award, applicants will be expected to indicate to which award (Integrated Masters or Bachelors) they are applying.

3.2 Transfers into the Integrated Masters award will be permitted at the end of level 4 on the basis of exceptional performance. This would normally be judged as an academic profile that has been consistently of the standard of First Class or Distinction throughout the level.

4 Progression

4.1 Students may not take re-take failed modules, ie the trailing of modules is not permitted on the Integrated Masters award.

4.2 Progression from year 1 (level 4) is dependent on a student having passed all level 4 modules. Any student who is not in this position will automatically transfer to the BA/BSc (Hons) award and options for his/her progression on that award will be considered under

¹ Implemented for levels 4 and 5 from 2018/19 and level 6 from 2019/20 to supersede the Specialised Courses (Art and Design) Regulations and the Undergraduate Modular Scheme

either the Undergraduate Modular Scheme or Art & Design Course Regulations, as applicable.

- 4.3 Progression from year 2 (level 5), is dependent on a student having passed all level 5 modules. Further, in order to progress to year 3 of the Integrated Masters award, a student must also have a mean mark of 55 or higher for level 5 (calculated as per the University's standard rounding rule). Any student who is not in this position will automatically transfer to the BA/BSc (Hons) award and options for his/her progression on that award will be considered under either the Undergraduate Modular Scheme or Art & Design Course Regulations, as applicable.
- 4.4 For progression from year 3, a student will be required to pass all level 6 modules with a minimum mark of 40 for each module and all level 7 modules with a minimum mark of 50 for each module, as per the academic regulations for those levels. Any student who has not passed all modules at the end of the year will be given the opportunity to re-take as per the Undergraduate Modular Scheme or Art & Design Course Regulations but will no longer be eligible to progress to year 4 on successful completion of the outstanding modules. Thus, a student in this position will be considered for the award of Bachelor of Arts/Science with Honours (see *Section 5 – Exit Awards*, paragraph 5.3 below).

5 Exit Awards

- 5.1 The exit awards available on the Integrated Masters are Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education and Bachelor of Arts/Science with or without Honours.
- 5.2 For the regulations governing the awards of Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education and Bachelor of Arts/Science without Honours, please see either the Undergraduate Modular Scheme or Art & Design Course Regulations, as applicable.
- 5.3 A student who withdraws from the Integrated Masters award following successful completion of the first three years of study will be eligible for the award of a Bachelor of Arts/Science with Honours. As the Integrated Masters will have diverged from the related BA/BSc (Hons) award in year 3, the precise title of the Bachelors when conferred as an exit award will be determined at the point of course approval. Classification of the Bachelors award will be First Class, Second Class (Upper Division), Second Class (Lower Division) and Third Class. Classification will be calculated according to either the Undergraduate Modular Scheme or Art & Design Course Regulations, as applicable. Any credits achieved during year 4 will not be included in the classification of the award.
- 5.4 The exit awards of Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma are not possible on the Integrated Masters award.

6 Classification of degree

- 6.1 As per the Taught Postgraduate Framework, the classification of the Integrated Masters award will be based on the 180 credits of level 7 modules and outcomes will be Pass with Distinction, Pass with Merit, Pass or Fail, as set out in paragraph 6.7 of the Taught Postgraduate Framework.

7 Structure of years 3 & 4

- 7.1 In years 1 and 2, the Integrated Masters award will run in parallel with the associated BA/BSc (Hons) course and students enrolled on the two awards will, effectively be a single cohort.

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- 7.2 In year 3, 60 level 6 credits will be replaced with 60 level 7 credits of taught modules. The level 7 modules will replace the project/dissertation undertaken by the students on the BA/BSc (Hons) award.
- 7.3 In year 4, students on the Integrated Masters will undertake a project/dissertation. As per the Taught Postgraduate Framework, this can be either a double (ie 60-credit) or triple (90-credit) module.