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Addendum to Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes and to Policies/Procedures; Covid-19 2020-21 amendments

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1.0	<p>To create an addendum to the RAU Academic Regulations for Taught Programmes and related Policies/Procedures giving details of the temporary amendments approved by Academic Board for the 2020-21 session only, relating to Covid-19 and its consequences.</p> <p>Temporary changes have been made to regulatory paragraphs: 51,53, 143-5, 205 & 206 and to paragraph 28 "Fit to Sit, Fit to Submit Policy and the Procedure for</p>	David Cunningham Academic Registrar & Director of Academic Services	17/02/21

	Extension or Deferral due to Exceptional Circumstances"		

A. Temporary Amendments

1. To RAU Academic Regulations for Taught programmes, paragraphs:

"51. Full time study is not compatible with full-time work. However the University recognises that many students may wish to combine their studies with part-time work, including voluntary work. Work commitments will not normally be accepted as a reason for a student not being able to meet their academic commitments. "

For Academic Year 2020-21 only, work commitments or shielding requirements will normally be accepted as a reason for a student not being able to meet their academic commitments. Where a student is affected in this way, they should apply for an extension using the standard form.

"53. Where a student is a member of the reserve forces and is called upon to join active service, then procedures for interruption of study will be applied."

For Semester two of academic year 2020-21 only, where a student is a member of the reserve forces or equivalent COVID 19 voluntary service and is called upon to join active service, then procedures for interruption of study will be applied

143: "Candidates for the award of a Foundation Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or greater will be awarded a Foundation Degree. The final assessment will normally comprise the results of level 4 weighted at 30% plus the results of level 5 weighted at 70%..."

Candidates for the award of a Foundation Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or greater will be awarded a Foundation Degree. For those students studying at level 4 of a Foundation Degree in academic year 2020-21, the final assessment will be calculated both as: i. the results of level 4 weighted at 30% plus the results of level 5 weighted at 70%; and as ii. the results of level 5 weighted at 100%; with the final assessment being the higher result out of i and ii.

144. "Candidates for the award of an Ordinary Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or above will be awarded a degree. The final assessment will normally comprise the results of level 5 studies weighted at 30% plus level 6 studies weighted at 70%..."

Candidates for the award of an Ordinary Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or above will be awarded a degree. For those students studying at level 5 of a first degree (BSc or BA) in academic year 2020-21, the final assessment will be calculated both as: i. the results of level 5 weighted at 30% plus the results of level 6 weighted

at 70%; and as ii. the results of level 6 weighted at 100%; with the final assessment being the higher result out of i and ii.

145. "Candidates for the award of a BSc or BA Honours Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or above will be awarded an honours degree. The final assessment will normally comprise the results of level 5 and level 6 studies weighted at 30% for level 5 and 70% for level 6. Where level 5 results are not available, for example on a one-year BSc or BA Honours Top-up programme, then the award will be based only on the performance at level 6..."

Candidates for the award of a BSc or BA Honours Degree who have achieved the required credits as specified above and whose average score in the final assessment is 40% or above will be awarded a degree. For those students studying at level 5 of a first degree (BSc or BA) in academic year 2020-21, the final assessment will be calculated both as: i. the results of level 5 weighted at 30% plus the results of level 6 weighted at 70%; and as ii. the results of level 6 weighted at 100%; with the final assessment being the higher result out of i and ii.

205: "Students who are prevented from completing coursework by the due date by reason of illness or accident or exceptional events outside of their control must submit a request to Registry for an extension for ten working days or deferral to the next assessment period, together with appropriate supporting evidence."

Students who are prevented from completing coursework by the due date by reason of illness or accident or exceptional events outside of their control or, during semester two of academic year 2020-21 only, for reasons directly or indirectly related to the CV19 pandemic and its impact, must submit a request to Registry for an extension for ten working days (or, for semester two of academic year 2020-21 only, of twenty University working days in the case of level 6 undergraduate dissertations falling in categories 4 or 5 as per "Guidance for students on completion of module 3300 February 2021") or deferral to the next assessment period, together with supporting evidence, for semester two of academic year 2020-21 only if required.

206; "Work which is submitted late, without an agreed extension, will incur a mark penalty. The maximum mark awarded for submissions received up to one week late will be the pass mark. Submissions received after this date will receive a zero mark."

Work which is submitted late, without an agreed extension, will incur a mark penalty. The maximum mark awarded for submissions received up to one week late, or up to ten University days late in semester two of academic year 2020-21 only, will be the pass mark. Submissions received after this date will receive a zero mark."

2. To “Fit to Sit, Fit to Submit Policy and the Procedure for Extension or Deferral due to Exceptional Circumstances”: paragraph 28:

"Applications received more than one week after the submission deadline or exam date cannot be considered..."

Applications received more than one week after the submission deadline or exam date, or more than ten University working days after the submission deadline or exam date in semester two of academic year 2020-21 only, cannot be considered.

B. For Avoidance of Doubt

1. temporary variations in regulations or policies approved by Academic Board and detailed in this document, “RAU Academic Regulations for Taught Programmed addendum Covid-19 amendments 2019/20” and “Proposed revision to semester two summative assessment 2020”, to support students at specific levels of study on specific awards during this or the previous academic year, will continue to apply to those students for the duration of their current registration at RAU.
2. Other than where documented in A and B above, temporary variations in regulations or policies previously approved by Academic Board and detailed in “RAU Academic Regulations for Taught Programmed addendum Covid-19 amendments 2019/20” and “Proposed revision to semester two summative assessment 2020” cease to apply as at the start of academic year 2020-21.
3. timescales laid down in the academic regulations, with the amendments above, take precedence over those quoted in other policies or procedures;