

Changes to Academic Regulations 2026/2027 (Taught)

This document provides details of the substantive changes that have been made to the university's academic regulations for taught programmes for 2026/2027. If further information is required, please contact the Quality Assurance and Enhancement team at quality@imperial.ac.uk. Minor typographical changes are not included in this table. Details of *Short Course* and *Research* regulations and changes for academic year 2026/2027 can be found on the [regulations webpages](#).

Previous versions of the Academic Regulations can be found on the [archive page](#). Please note that it would be expected that students liaise with their programme team in the first instance if they have questions regarding the regulatory framework.

1. General Regulations

These regulations apply to undergraduate and postgraduate taught students governed by the *Academic* and *Examination* Regulations (Regs B), and to research students. No changes have been made to these regulations for 2026/2027.

Academic Regulations

2. Regulations for Taught Programmes of Study ("Regs A")

The following changes have been made within these regulations:

25/26 para number	New para number	Change	Notes
Glossary	n/A	Additional entry: Co-curricular modules Placement Re-fresh year Refinements to: Borderline candidate Extended consideration Re-sit Re-take	
8	8	Addition of footnote	To note that MRes is a taught programme for the purposes of academic regulations and policies, but a research programme for UKVI or statutory returns.
10	10	Amendment to text to regarding MBBS additional outcomes.	Update to provide clarity. Additional footnote also added.
38-39	38	Paras combined to improve clarity	Refers to requiring students to complete registration and enrolment procedures

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-	51d	New para	Noting that where a partnership has been agreed that means the students are not based at Imperial, the normal attendance requirements at an <i>Imperial Campus</i> are not in place.
	59	New para	Students that chose to withdraw have no right of return to Imperial.
	64	New para	Students that are withdrawn have no right of return to Imperial.
96	97	Addition to confirm route for consideration	Variations to module size to be approved by the Regulations and Policy Review Committee on behalf of Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee.
110	111	Confirm that co-curricular (such as i-explore) modules are compulsory	
123	124	Additional option of 'Field of Study with Year Abroad and Year in Industry'	This was missing from the regulations which previously only referred to a single year abroad or a year in industry.
145	146	Additional clarification regarding compensation	Compensation is only applied at module level and cannot be applied to individual assessment components within a module.
149	150	Update/clarification in line with academic policies and procedures	Confirmation that in postgraduate taught programmes the <i>programme overall weighted average</i> must be at the minimum threshold mark to apply compensation.
156b	157b	Additional footnote	Confirmation that re-takes of modules are not normally available on postgraduate taught programmes.
161-162	162 - 163	Update/clarification to wording	Update to provide clear regulatory position with regards to the status of assessment components where mitigating circumstances have been accepted. Brought in line with academic policy documentation including the Board of Examiners Policy.
New	173	New para	Management of students that will not have sufficient remaining of their maximum registration period to complete their target award.
New	174	New para	Students that are withdrawn for academic failure have no right of return to Imperial.

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New	179f	New para	Requirement on module leaders to ensure all assessment documentation is accurate and fully proofread
New	207	New para	Confirmation of ratification of final marks and authority to release in line with university practice.
New	219	New para	Confirmation that reassessment opportunities for students at point of award reflect that listed within the 'progression' regulations. i.e. eligibility for compensation, re-sits or re-takes.
New	236	New para	States that there is no borderline provision for postgraduate taught programmes. The 25/26 version had the section removed without explicit confirmation that this was the case. This does not preclude uplifts in classification due to accepted unspent mitigating circumstances ("extended consideration").
Section 17	Section 17	Postgraduate programmes conferment dates update	Re-work of the wording to provide greater clarity of the official conferment date of Imperial awards.

3. ***Academic and Examination Regulations ("Regs B")***

These Regulations have not been updated, beyond changing the academic year of application. These regulations are in place to support those students continuing after their cohort has completed.