



REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

SECTION 5 - ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Executive Brief

Sets out the Regulations governing admission of Students to the University and the terms and obligations which apply to Registered Students.



Section 5. Admission and Registration

5.1. Admission Procedures

5.1.1 General

- 5.1.1 (a) Every applicant for admission to the University (other than for programmes which include a mandatory clinical placement) must normally have reached the age of 17 years on 1 October of the year of entry. For programmes which include a mandatory clinical placement, applicants must have reached the age of 18 years on 1 October of the year of entry.
- 5.1.1 (b) The requirements for entrance to the programmes of study offered by the University shall be as specified in the appropriate University publications.
- 5.1.1 (c) (i) Applications for first-degree programmes of study must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service except where indicated in appropriate University publications.
- (ii) Applications for all other programmes must be made direct to the University except where indicated in appropriate University publications.
- 5.1.1 (d) An applicant may be accepted for admission only by the appropriate authority designated by the Senate.
- 5.1.1 (e) No applicant shall be admitted to an undergraduate programme unless they have satisfied the General Entry Requirements of the University as determined by the Senate, except application to the Birmingham International Academy, and the entry requirements for the programme concerned as approved by the Senate or under delegated authority.
- 5.1.1 (f) No applicant shall be admitted to a postgraduate taught or graduate taught programme unless they have satisfied the entry requirements for the programme concerned as approved by the Senate or under delegated authority.
- 5.1.1 (g) To gain admission to a research degree programme (with the exception of the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Medicine (MD)) an applicant must comply with the following entry requirements:
- (i) attainment of an Honours degree (normally a First or Upper Second Class Honours degree or equivalent) awarded by an approved university in an appropriate subject, or
- (ii) attainment of an alternative qualification or qualifications and/or evidence of experience judged by the University as indicating an applicant's potential for research and as satisfactory for the purpose of entry to a research degree programme.

In addition



- (iii) Admission and Registration for a research degree programme may be conditional on satisfactory completion of preliminary study, which may include assessment. The time taken for the preliminary study will not be counted towards the period of Registration prescribed in subsection 5.2.3, for the completion of the research degree.
- (iv) The field of research shall be subject to approval by the relevant Head(s) of the Principal Academic Unit in advance of Registration to ensure that appropriate supervisory support is available.

5.1.1 (h) Eligibility for admission to the DDS

- (i) Two years from the date of having passed the BDS (or equivalent) a candidate will be eligible to apply for permission to register for the higher degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.
- (ii) Applicants must be in possession of a degree recognised for full registration by the General Dental Council. Such candidates must be connected with the University or one of its associated hospitals as normally evidenced by the holding of a full-time, part-time or honorary University appointment.
- (iii) Applicants must be able to devote half their working week for research purposes.
- (iv) Research carried-out outside the city of Birmingham and/or its associated hospitals) is not permitted.
- (v) Applications must be made using the standard University Postgraduate online application form and must additionally include:
 - (a) an outline of the research which will be the subject of the thesis;
 - (b) details of where the research will be undertaken;
 - (c) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the number of clinical hours the candidate will be undertaking during registration and the number of part-time hours which will be dedicated to research.

5.1.1 (i) Eligibility for admission to the MD

- (i) Two years from the date of having passed the MBChB (or equivalent) a candidate will be eligible to apply for permission to register for the higher degree of Doctor of Medicine
- (ii) Applicants must be in possession of a degree recognised for full registration by the General Medical Council. Such candidates must be connected with the University or one of its associated hospitals as normally evidenced by the holding of a full-time, part-time or honorary University appointment.



- (iii) Applicants must be able to devote half their working week for research purposes.
 - (iv) Research carried-out outside the city of Birmingham and/or its associated hospitals) is not permitted.
 - (v) Applications must be made using the standard University Postgraduate online application form and must additionally include:
 - (a) an outline of the research which will be the subject of the thesis;
 - (b) details of where the research will be undertaken;
 - (c) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the number of clinical hours the candidate will be undertaking during registration and the number of part-time hours which will be dedicated to research.
- 5.1.1 (j) To gain admission to an apprenticeship programme an applicant must comply with the following entry requirements¹:
- (i) Academic Eligibility – confirmation of whether an applicant is eligible for entry on to the apprenticeship programme, as per the University’s entry requirements.
 - (ii) Additional Information – additional data is gathered on the applicant, as required by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.
 - (iii) Initial Needs Assessment – the applicant’s education needs are assessed with previous learning taken into account.
- 5.1.1 (k) Subject to general law, the University reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant to any programme without assigning any cause.
- 5.1.1 (l) Admission depends on satisfactory command of written and spoken English. Specific requirements for English language ability shall be as specified in appropriate University publications.
- 5.1.1 (m) Any Registered Student who has made a false statement in the admission or Registration process shall be liable to have their Registration declared void by the Registrar and Secretary. Any such decision shall have been preceded by an opportunity for the Registered Student to submit representations. Whilst the matter is being investigated and considered, the Registrar and Secretary (or nominee) may require the student to cease attendance on their programme of study.

¹ All apprentices must also be employed, full time, by the start of the academic programme in order to be eligible to begin the apprenticeship programme.



5.1.2 Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)²

- 5.1.2 (a) Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) is the process by which the University awards credit against learning achieved by an individual before entry to a programme of study. There are two types of APL: Accreditation of Prior Certificated Learning (APCL); and Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL). Applications for APL must be made before entry to a programme of study.
- 5.1.2 (b) Applicants may be admitted onto taught programmes of study and research degree programmes with taught elements on the basis of credit achieved on another University of Birmingham programme, or at another institution, or through work experience which has been accredited. Credit achieved in this way may, where relevant, contribute towards the achievement of the credit requirements of the University of Birmingham programme concerned in accordance with procedures approved by the Senate or under delegated authority. Submission of an APL application does not guarantee that exemption credit will be granted.
- 5.1.2 (c) (i) In the case of taught programmes of study, the use of pre-awarded credit awarded by an institution other than University of Birmingham towards a University Award is subject to a maximum of two-thirds of the total credits required for the Award. Successful completion of the Award depends on achievement of the remaining credits at the same level as, or at a more advanced academic level than, the pre-awarded credits. These credits must include any compulsory dissertation or thesis element stated in the programme requirements (see also subsection 6.1.2).
- (ii) In the case of research degree programmes with taught elements, the use of pre-awarded credit towards a University Award is subject to a maximum of one-third of the total credits required for the Award and amounting to no more than 50% of the taught credits of the programme. Successful completion of the Award depends on achievement of the remaining credits (which must include any compulsory dissertation or thesis element stated in the programme requirements) at the same level as or at a more advanced academic level than the pre-awarded credits (see subsection 6.1.4).
- 5.1.2 (d) The marks awarded in assessment of pre-awarded credit obtained at an institution other than University of Birmingham do not count towards the final degree classification, weighted mean mark and grade point average, which is determined entirely upon modules taken within the University of Birmingham.

² Applicants for apprenticeship programmes do not need to claim for APL as this is covered in the additional information that they will be asked to provide as part of their application. As such, the maximum limit of pre-awarded credit detailed in 5.1.2 (c) does not apply to apprenticeship programmes.



- 5.1.2 (e) In the case of credit previously awarded by the University of Birmingham, the 'stacking' of credit towards an award, including the marks awarded, is possible³. An application for Accreditation of Prior (Certificated) Learning will need to be submitted before entry to the award bearing programme and will be considered as specified in 5.1.2 (b).
- 5.1.2 (f) Where a qualification was previously awarded by the University of Birmingham and an application and associated claim for Accreditation of Prior (Certificated) Learning is accepted for a higher award of the same course, should the student subsequently fulfil the requirements for that higher award to be conferred, the student should normally surrender the certificate / certification for the original lower award to the University prior to the new certificate / certification (for the higher award) being made available to them.
- 5.1.2 (g) Exemption from part of a module is not permissible.
- 5.1.2 (h) It is not possible to request exemption from University of Birmingham modules that the applicant has already begun to study.
- 5.1.2 (i) Requests for a review of an APL decision may only be made on the basis of additional evidence that was unavailable at the time of the application.

5.2. Registration

5.2.1 General

- 5.2.1 (a) On Registration every Registered Student shall declare obedience to the University Legislation.
- 5.2.1 (b) It is the responsibility of individual Registered Students to notify the University of any changes to their personal details, such as their home or University address, by means of amending personal data held within the Registration pages of the Registered Student Portal.
- 5.2.1 (c) Registered Students must inform the University in writing of any intention to withdraw from any programme, whether permanently or temporarily.
- 5.2.1 (d) A Registered Student on a full-time programme of the University may not simultaneously attend any other full-time programme of this or any other University or Higher Education Institution.
- 5.2.1 (e) All Registered Students, irrespective of their fee status, must provide documentary evidence of their right to study during the Online Registration process. The registration process is not complete until the University is satisfied that the documents provided demonstrate that the Registered Student has the right to study in the UK.

³ Stacking of credit means that credit previously achieved in multiple, smaller courses (e.g. Postgraduate Microcredentials), including the marks awarded, can be added together to contribute to a larger award.



- 5.2.1 (f) Registered Students who do not comply with the requirement to upload copies of their documents during the Online Registration process or whose documents do not demonstrate that they have the right to study in the UK will not be permitted to begin or continue their programme of study. Where appropriate, the Academic Registrar may withdraw the Registered Student from their programme of study and/or the University.

5.2.2 Visa Requirements

- 5.2.2 (a) A Registered Student whose programme requires the Registered Student to study in the UK (on either a full-time or part-time basis or for a period or periods of time) must have the appropriate visa to enter the UK and study in the UK, which must at all times reflect the Registered Student's circumstances, programme and mode of study. Registered Students must at all times comply with the law and any conditions and requirements relating to their right to enter and remain in the UK for the purposes of their studies.
- 5.2.2 (b) Registered Students must inform the University immediately of any change to their right to enter, remain or study in the UK.
- 5.2.2 (c) The sponsorship of a Registered Student by the University under its Student Sponsor Licence (previously Tier 4) may be withdrawn by the University if the Registered Student:
- does not hold or cannot evidence that they hold a current valid visa which permits entry into the UK and is appropriate for their programme and mode of study;
 - has failed to comply with or provide evidence of compliance with one or more of the conditions or requirements of their visa;
 - has failed to comply with the law insofar as it relates to their visa and/or right to enter and remain in the UK for the purpose of studying at the University.
 - is no longer studying, and is withdrawn as a Registered Student.
- 5.2.2 (d) Where such sponsorship is withdrawn, the Academic Registrar may withdraw the Registered Student from their programme of study and/or the University.
- 5.2.2 (e) The Academic Registrar may withdraw a Registered Student from their programme and/or the University if the Registered Student does not hold or cannot evidence that they hold a current valid visa which permits entry into the UK and is appropriate for their programme and mode of study.
- 5.2.2 (f) Visa requirements for Students registered at an Overseas Campus of the University shall be set out in the Code of Practice on Compliance with Student Immigration Visa Permissions for Students Studying at Overseas Campuses.

5.2.3 Registered Students Following Taught Programmes of Study

- 5.2.3 (a) Registration must be completed prior to commencing the programme.



- 5.2.3 (b) Registered Students normally register for a University Session on either a full-time or part-time basis.
- 5.2.3 (c) A Registered Student and an Externally Registered Student is required to register annually until they have completed their programme of study.
- 5.2.3 (d) The standard University Session⁴ (which is particularly applicable to Undergraduate Students) consists of normally 31 weeks of learning, teaching and assessment, as specified by the council. The standard University Session consists of three (3) terms (Autumn, Spring and Summer)⁵.
- 5.2.3 (e) Unless otherwise stated in programme requirements, a Registered Student's Registration on a programme shall begin at the start of a University session.
- 5.2.3 (f) A Registered Student may be required to attend outside the weeks of a University Session as specified below in 5.2.3 (h) (i).
- 5.2.3 (g) A Registered Student must not allow paid employment or other activities to conflict with the study required by the modules and programme for which the Registered Student is registered.
- 5.2.3 (h) (i) Full-time Registered Students must attend as required by their programme during University Session and also during such additional periods as may be prescribed for their programme.
- (ii) Part-time Registered Students are required to keep the pattern of attendance⁶ specified by the programme on which they are registered.
- (iii) Any Registered Student who wishes to be absent from the University for any part of any University Session or other period of required attendance must first obtain permission of the Head of Principal Academic Unit (or nominee)
- (iv) Externally Registered Students are only required to attend examinations or submit work for assessment.
- 5.2.3 (i) Patterns of Attendance
- (i) For **undergraduate programmes of study**, the standard pattern of attendance, for a full-time Registered Student, is based on a credit load of 120 credits per University Session. Other patterns of attendance, for Registered Students registered on either a full-time or part-time basis, within the overall time limits for the Award concerned (see Regulation 6.2.1), may be

⁴ Please note that "University Session" is interchangeable with "Academic Session" (i.e., both terms mean the same thing). The definition of University Session, and thus Academic Session, can be seen in Regulation 1.

⁵ Learning, teaching and assessment for some programmes may fall outside the standard University Session dates. Where this applies, information regarding the expectations for these programmes can be found on the appropriate programme specification or programme requirements.

⁶ Part-time students undertaking online programmes will be expected to demonstrate ongoing engagement rather than attendance.



exceptionally agreed by the Senate or under delegated authority and subject to a maximum registration for 140 credits in any one University Session.

- (ii) The University may require that some taught and clinical elements of programmes be undertaken outside the University Session. Where this is the case, it shall be specified in the programme requirements.
- (iii) For **taught postgraduate and graduate taught programmes**, the standard pattern of attendance, for a full-time Registered Student, is based on a credit load of up to 180 credits per University Session. This equates to attendance of up to forty hours per week over 45 weeks⁷. Therefore, a Registered Student may be required to attend outside the University session (as specified in 5.2.3 (d) above).
- (iv) Other patterns of attendance, for full-time or part-time Registered Students, within the overall time limits for the Award concerned (see subsection 6.2.2), may be exceptionally agreed by the Senate or under delegated authority.

- 5.2.3 (j) Where programmes are available in both full-time and part-time modes, Registered Students may be permitted to transfer between modes at an appropriate point in the programme as specified by the College(s) concerned. At the time of transfer the Registered Student shall be informed in writing of the number of credits still required for successful completion of the programme and the time by which these must be attempted.

5.2.4 Registered Students Following Research Degree Programmes

- 5.2.4 (a) Registration must be completed prior to commencing the programme. Retrospective Registration may be permitted but only in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Senate or under delegated authority.
- 5.2.4 (b) A Registered Student on a research degree programme will normally carry out their research and be supervised on University premises, throughout the whole academic year. Other types of registration for postgraduate research study are as specified Regulation 5.2.5 and 5.2.6.
- 5.2.4 (c) A Registered Students is entitled to supervision and research training, and access to computing, laboratory or other University facilities. Registered Students in Thesis Awaited Status shall be entitled to access only such academic and other resources as specified in Regulation 5.2.4 (g) below.
- 5.2.4 (d) A Registered Student is required to register annually until they have completed the primary area of research and the Senate or delegated authority has approved a recommendation from their Head of Principal Academic Unit that they need no longer remain normally registered.

⁷ Learning, teaching and assessment for some programmes may not conform to the patterns of attendance noted in Regulation 5.2.3 (i)(iii). Where this applies, information regarding the expectations for these programmes can be found on the appropriate programme specification or programme requirements.



- 5.2.4 (e) A Registered Student who has completed the minimum period of study (see subsection 6.2.3) and who has completed their primary research activity may be transferred to Thesis Awaited status on the recommendation of the relevant Head of Principal Academic Unit. A Registered Student in Thesis Awaited Status must register annually until the conclusion of their research degree studies.
- 5.2.4 (f) A Registered Student on a research degree programme who makes significant use of University facilities or resources including supervision during any period after the end of the minimum period required by the Regulations for their degree is required to be normally registered and, as a consequence, to pay the full tuition fees appropriate to the period of normal Registration.
- 5.2.4 (g) A Registered Student who is transferred to Thesis Awaited status as per 5.2.4 (e) above shall pay a Continuation Fee each year up to and including the academic year that the thesis is submitted. Payment of the Continuation Fee enables a Registered Student in Thesis Awaited status to continue to use the library and access their computer account and such other academic and/or other resources and facilities as the University may determine from time to time
- 5.2.4 (h) Continued registration as a Registered Student will be subject to satisfactory conduct and progress and to satisfactory performance in examinations or other assessments.
- 5.2.4 (i) On the recommendation of the Head of Principal Academic Unit, the Senate or delegated authority may require the termination of a Registered Student's registration as per clause 7.4.9.

5.2.5 Provision for Split Location Postgraduate Research Study

- 5.2.5 (a) The requirements for split location research degree registration are specified in the Code of Practice on Supervision and Monitoring Progress of Postgraduate Researchers.

5.2.6 Provision for Distance Learning Research Study

- 5.2.6 (a) The requirements for distance learning research degrees are specified in the Code of Practice on Supervision and Monitoring Progress of Postgraduate Researchers

5.2.7 PhD by Published Work

- 5.2.7 (a) The requirements for registering as an applicant for the degree of PhD by published work shall be specified in the Code of Practice on Assessment and Award of PhD by Published Work.
- 5.2.7 (b) A Registered Student registered on postgraduate research degree programmes shall not be eligible to register as candidates for the degree of PhD.
- 5.2.7 (c) A Registered Student registered on postgraduate research degree programmes who is a member of University Staff may transfer from their existing mode of Registration to

become candidates for the degree of PhD by published work, provided that they fulfil all of the required criteria.

5.2.8 Higher Doctorates

5.2.8 (a) The criteria and procedures for applying for candidature of the following higher doctorates of the University:

- Doctor of Divinity (DD)
- Doctor of Engineering (DEng)
- Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
- Doctor of Music (DMus)
- Doctor of Science (DSc)
- Doctor of Laws (LLD)
- Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

shall be specified in the Code of Practice on Assessment and Award of Higher Doctorates.

5.2.9 Module Registration

5.2.9 (a) Registered Students on taught programmes and Registered Students on research degree programmes with taught elements shall register for modules in accordance with the relevant programme requirements. Registration may be subject to other factors such as the Registered Student's prior subject knowledge, timetabling or resource constraints.

5.2.9 (b) It is the responsibility of each individual Registered Student to ensure that they are correctly registered for the modules specified in the-programme requirements of their programme.

5.2.9 (c) Registered Students undertaking modules in overseas institutions whilst undertaking study abroad are responsible for ensuring that their module choices have been approved in their PAU of the University of Birmingham.

5.2.9 (d) Registered Students are responsible for notifying their PAUs of any changes to their module registrations. PAUs must update a Registered Student's record to accurately reflect their module registrations. Registered Students may not normally change their module registrations after the first two weeks of the relevant term.

5.2.10 Registered Student identity cards

5.2.10 (a) A Registered Student is issued with a University Identity Card on registration at the commencement of their studies.

5.2.10 (b) The card remains the property of the University, may be withdrawn at any time for good reason, and shall be surrendered if the holder ceases to be a Registered Student of the University.



- 5.2.10 (c) The use of the card is personal to the individual to whom it is issued and no Registered Student shall permit the use of their card by another person, whether a member of the University or not.
- 5.2.10 (d) If a Registered Student's likeness on the University Identity Card becomes unrecognisable through changes to the Registered Student's appearance then the Registered Student must request a new card.
- 5.2.10 (e) A Registered Student found to be using an identity card belonging to another person may be subject to disciplinary procedures, as per Regulation 8.
- 5.2.10 (f) No Registered Student may use or tamper with a University identity card in such a way as to use or gain benefit from or access to buildings, services or other facilities of the University to which they are not entitled.
- 5.2.10 (g) A Registered Student is required to produce the card to confirm their identity when asked to do so.

5.2.11 Registration Arrangements for Sabbatical Officers of the Guild of Students

- 5.2.11 (a) A Sabbatical Officer who has not completed their academic programme shall, as soon as possible after their election and not later than the 1st June following, consult the Director of Academic Services about the arrangements for taking sabbatical leave.
- 5.2.11 (b) During their term of office a Sabbatical Officer shall normally be deemed to be a Registered Student of the University and shall for example be entitled to full library usage rights and full access to such IT resources as are available to all Registered Students and shall be subject to compliance with University Legislation. This is within the discretion of the University acting through the Vice Chancellor and this privilege may be revoked.
- 5.2.11 (c) Any Registered Student may serve two terms of office as a Sabbatical Officer. However, leave of absence from a programme for the purpose of taking office as a Sabbatical Officer of the Guild of Students will not normally be granted for more than one year in all to any individual Registered Student before completion of their programme, unless leave of absence has been approved in accordance with the Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedures and, in the case of Registered Students following a research degree programme, Regulation 6.2.3(g).

5.3. Registration Status

Fees

- 5.3.1 (a) The Director of Finance shall collect all student fees (including tuition, accommodation and other fees).



- 5.3.1 (b) All fees are payable upon registration or re-registration unless the Registered Student has elected to pay instalments by Direct Debit⁸.
- 5.3.1 (c) With effect from the beginning of the 2026-27 academic year, and in each academic year thereafter:
- A non-refundable interest charge will apply to tuition fee instalment plans for students:
- Who had not elected to pay their tuition fee by an instalment plan before the 2026-27 academic year; and
 - Whose tuition fee is greater than £50 above the maximum undergraduate 'Home' tuition fee approved by Parliament for the academic year to which the tuition fee instalment plan relates.
- (i) That interest charge will:
- Be subject to any statutory limitations imposed on tuition fees, and will be equal to the Bank of England base rate as at 1st August of the academic year preceding the academic year to which the tuition fee instalment plan relates; and
 - Apply for the whole of the academic year to which the tuition fee instalment plan relates notwithstanding any change of the Bank of England base rate during that academic year.
- 5.3.1 (d) If a student's tuition fee instalment plan is cancelled or terminated, the outstanding balance of the tuition fee and any accrued interest charge (if applicable) will be due and payable in full immediately.

Tuition Fees

- 5.3.1 (e) Tuition fees on registration shall be payable as quoted in the offer of admission. In accepting the offer of admission, the Registered Student accepts a contractual liability to pay the assessed fee for each year of the duration of their registration in accordance with these Regulations⁹.
- 5.3.1 (f) In cases of Registered Students repeating part of a programme, the fees will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- 5.3.1 (g) Each Registered Student is responsible for the payment of their fees, charges and debts. This responsibility is not affected by the University agreeing to a request from the Registered Student to invoice a third party for any fee or charge, except those Registered Students who are under the age of 18 years and for whom a Parental Agreement Letter has been issued and signed, in which case the responsibilities shall be as set out in that letter.
- 5.3.1 (h) For the purposes of tuition fees Registered Students are classified as Home or Overseas in accordance with UK Government guidance on such classifications. If a

⁸ For some online programmes, paying fees by Direct Debit is not available.

⁹ For some online programmes, fees must be paid in advance of each consecutive module. Please refer to the [Tuition Fee Liability webpage](#) for further information.



Registered Student, having accepted the offer of admission, subsequently appeals against their tuition fee classification, the tuition fee shall remain payable as specified in 5.3.1 (d) above, while the appeal is being considered. Where an appeal is upheld in full or in part, the Director of Finance shall confirm the new rate of fee and any overpayment will be refunded.

- 5.3.1 (i) A Registered Student who withdraws or takes Leave of Absence from the University before the end of an academic session (or any other period of study for which a single tuition fee is charged) may be entitled to a refund or a reduction in any tuition fee in accordance with the University's Tuition Fee Liability Policy in force at the relevant time.

Non-payment of tuition fees

- 5.3.1 (j) A Registered Student who fails to pay tuition fees or any other fee directly related to the delivery of that Registered Student's programme of study or research in accordance with 5.3.1(b) above of who does not comply with the rules of instalment plan shall be liable to pay default interest of £50 or 1.5%, whichever is greater.
- 5.3.1 (k) Following the issue of appropriate reminder letters a Registered Student whose payment of tuition fees or any other fee directly related to the delivery of that Registered Student's programme of study remains in arrears shall be excluded from the University.

A Registered Student with an exclusion, or 'hold', on their record will no longer be entitled to:

- (ii) have their coursework, examinations, dissertation, thesis or any other form of assessment marked;
- (iii) receive confirmation of any marks or any feedback on assessment;
- (iv) progress to the next stage of their programme of study;
- (v) have a degree awarded / conferred or otherwise receive an award from the University; or
- (vi) take part in a degree congregation.

An "Imposed Leave of Absence" may be applied to the records of Registered Students with an exclusion, or 'hold', on their record in accordance with the Code of Practice on Leave of Absence Procedures, at which point all academic engagement will cease until the Leave of Absence is lifted (which will happen when the exclusion, or 'hold', is removed from the record).

- 5.3.1 (l) Where monies have been received and there are tuition fees, accommodation fees and/or other outstanding debts to the University, the University reserves the right to allocate the funds in the following order:
- (i) All associated legal costs incurred during the recovery of the debt;
 - (ii) Accommodation fees;



(iii) Any other outstanding debt to the University;

(iv) Tuition fees.

- 5.3.1 (m) Any sum owing to the University may be pursued by the University through the courts in addition to any of the penalties listed above.
- 5.3.1 (n) Following exclusion from the University for non-payment of fees in accordance with 5.3.1(j) above, a Registered Student may make arrangements for deferred payment, either direct with the Finance Office, or via the University solicitors. However, the Registered Student remains excluded and subject to the associated penalties set out in 5.3.1(j) above until those fees have been paid in full. A Registered Student who has been excluded for a continuous period of 12 months will be automatically withdrawn from the University and, having paid the outstanding fees, will only be readmitted at the discretion of the University.

Accommodation Fees

- 5.3.1 (o) All accommodation fees are payable without deduction or set-of at the times and in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.
- 5.3.1 (p) Registered Students who are granted leave of absence or withdraw from their studies otherwise cease to be a Registered Student and will be required to vacate University accommodation.
- 5.3.1 (q) A Registered Student who vacates the accommodation before the end of the accommodation period will normally remain responsible for the accommodation fees for the entire contracted period unless the University agrees otherwise.

Non-payment of accommodation fees

- 5.3.1 (r) The University is entitled to take enforcement action and/or issue a notice to vacate against a Registered Student who fails to pay accommodation fees.

5.3.2 Health

- 5.3.2 (a) The University reserves the right to require those accepted for admission to programmes of study to undergo medical examinations.
- 5.3.2 (b) The University requires its Registered Students to register with a General Practitioner in the United Kingdom¹⁰.
- 5.3.2 (c) Any Registered Student who is suffering from any medical illness or condition, or in whose residence there is or has been an infectious illness which renders that Registered Student a possible danger to themselves or to Staff and Students and/or to other persons with whom they will come into contact as a requirement of the programme, may be required to cease attending that programme. Such a decision and any conditions applied would be taken by the Academic Registrar in accordance with

¹⁰ This requirement does not apply to students studying on online programmes.



the Code of Practice on Health, Wellbeing and Fitness to Study and in the most serious cases may require permanent withdrawal from the University. For students subject to Fitness to Practise procedures, such a decision will be made in accordance with Regulation 8: Student Conduct, and where relevant, the Code of Practice on Misconduct and Fitness to Practise Committee.

5.4 Intellectual Property

All Registered Students must comply with the University's procedures for notifying any invention, device, discovery, material, product or process, computer software or other potentially valuable result, or innovation which it is considered might have commercial significance, whether patentable or not, developed or invented during the course of the Registered Students' research or study at the University. Registered Students who, in the course of their study or research, develop intellectual property including an invention, device, discovery, material, product, process, computer software or any other potentially valuable result or innovation with material input from the University's academic staff or as part of a collective project, programme or research activity, must make assignment of all rights in such intellectual property to the University; the procedures and arrangements for notification and exploitation will be the same as those for Staff in the University set out in Regulation 3.16, Patents and the Exploitation of Inventions. The University will not make any claim to any intellectual property developed by Registered Students in circumstances other than those set out above. Details of the University's procedures and guidance involving sharing of revenue from exploitation are available from the Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer within each of the Colleges, Alta Innovations Ltd or the Registrar and Secretary.