

UNIVERSITY NOTICE – 17 December 2025

On 11 December 2025, the University Court approved amendments to the following Ordinances:

Recent modifications approved by the Court:	Date of approval
The Court approved modifications to the following Ordinances: - Ordinance F4: <i>Emeritus Titles</i> - Ordinance F6: <i>Honorary Titles</i> - Ordinance F7: <i>Visiting Titles</i> - Ordinance B9: <i>Joint Committees of the Court and the Senate</i> - Ordinance P4: <i>Primary Academic Unit (School) Committees</i> - Ordinance P5: <i>Approved Service Units</i> - Ordinance P8: <i>Primary Academic Units and Academic Units</i>	<i>All on 11 December 2025</i>

On 27 October 2025, the Senate approved an amendment to the following Regulation:

Recent modifications approved by the Senate:	Date of approval
Regulation A7: <i>Awards</i>	<i>27 October 2025</i>

The changes to the Ordinances and Regulation can be summarised as:

Ordinance F4: *Emeritus Titles*

The amendments update, clarify and simplify the Ordinance. As a result, detail from the Ordinance would be moved to Policy and Procedures so that this could be more easily amended as circumstances changed.

Ordinance F6: *Honorary Titles* and Ordinance F7: *Visiting Titles*

The amendments included combining Ordinance F6 with Ordinance F7: *Visiting Titles*, given the similarity between both types of titles. Ordinance F6 was being updated for clarity and simplicity, with detail to be contained within the Policy and Procedures. Ordinance F7 would be removed because its content would be included in Ordinance F6.

Ordinance B9: *Joint Committees of the Court and the Senate*

updated and clarified the composition of Joint Committees and the quoracy requirements. Five members would now be required for quoracy, with at least two being members appointed by the Court and at least two being members appointed by the Senate. There was now also a requirement for gender balance in the membership where possible.

Ordinance P4: *Primary Academic Unit (School) Committees*

The Primary Academic Unit (PAU) committee structures would now be aligned with the Senate committee structure, with each committee operating under a Terms of Reference that linked its business directly to the relevant Senate committee. Additionally, proceedings from PAU committee meetings would be reported directly to the appropriate Senate committee to ensure streamlined governance and oversight.

Ordinance P5: *Approved Service Units*

The Ordinance would now include a requirement for any programme of study within an ASU to abide by all academic regulations, policies, processes and procedures.

Ordinance P8: *Primary Academic Units and Academic Units*

The amendments moved the list of PAUs to an appendix that would be maintained separately. This would allow for greater flexibility and ease of future updates without requiring formal ordinance revisions.

Regulation A7: *Awards*

The amendment would include provision for the Master of Research (MRes) degree under Section 8: Higher Degree of Master, correcting an omission identified during development of a joint MRes programme with an international partner.

The full set of Ordinances and Regulations can be viewed at:

<https://www.hw.ac.uk/about/profile/governance/university-constitutional-framework/ordinances-and-regulations>

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