

UNIVERSITY NOTICE – Approved Ordinances and Regulations (Summary of Changes)

This Notice summarises recent changes to the University’s Ordinances (approved by the Court in March 2026) and Regulations (approved by the Senate by correspondence in February 2026).

Recent modifications approved by the Court

| Ordinance | Summary of changes | Date of approval |
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| Ordinance E2: Student Union | Updated to clarify how Student Representative Bodies are governed. Changes modernise terminology, clarify governing documents and executive roles, confirm online publication of key documents, and introduce location-specific eligibility requirements for sabbatical officers in the UK, Dubai and Malaysia. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance F1: Staff Congress | Removed the requirement to hold an annual Staff Congress and introduced more flexible arrangements for calling meetings. Meetings may now be convened by the Chair, the Principal, or following a written request from at least fifty members, with a minimum notice period of 24 hours. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance F2: Appointment of Academic Staff | Clarified that appointments to roles such as Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant and Research Associate must follow agreed recruitment policies and procedures. The changes also clarify how Academic Deans may delegate responsibilities within appointment committees. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance F2A: Appointment of Professional Services Staff | Withdrawn because the relevant requirements are fully covered within associated policies and procedures. The change removes duplication without altering existing processes. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance F3: Duties of Academic Staff | Minor amendments removed duplicated provisions and updated terminology, including replacing references to Schools with Primary Academic Units to reflect current structures. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance F5: Disciplinary, Removal and Grievance Procedures for Members of Staff | Updated statutory references and committee titles to reflect current governance arrangements. A new provision allows urgent amendments required by changes in employment law to be approved through interim governance routes, with subsequent reporting. | 26 March 2026 |

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| Ordinance F8: Head of Primary Academic Unit | Clarified that a Head of Primary Academic Unit may be reappointed for one further term of up to five years, reflecting existing practice, and updated role titles for consistency. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance J2 and J3: Provost and Vice-Principal (Dubai and Malaysia) | Updated the titles of these roles to Provost and Vice-Principal to align with institutional terminology and avoid confusion with the Vice-Principal of the University role. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance L1: Academic Deans of the University and Associate Academic Deans | Modernised role definitions and responsibilities, strengthened eligibility requirements, clarified election processes, and increased the number of Associate Academic Deans that may be appointed to reflect the University's global structure. | 26 March 2026 |
| Ordinance M1: Academic Freedom | Extended academic freedom protections to additional groups covered by legislation and confirmed that emeritus, honorary and visiting title holders are protected for the duration of their association with the University. | 26 March 2026 |

Recent modifications approved by the Senate

| Regulation | Summary of changes | Date of approval |
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| Regulation A4: Courses, Programmes and Assessment (this change comes into effect in 2026/27) | Updated to reflect revised degree classification arrangements. Changes include requiring graded assessment for all qualifying courses, updating classification tables, and clarifying how classification applies to students entering directly into later stages of programmes. | February 2026 (by correspondence) |
| Regulation A7: Awards | Updated to provide a clear, high-level explanation of how awards are calculated, explicitly linking award decisions to the classification methods set out in Regulation A4. | February 2026 (by correspondence) |

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