

## Appendix 10: Exemptions from provisions of the NFAAR-UG - academic year 2022/23

### List of areas with exemptions

1. Exemptions proposed by the following areas have been granted:
  - a. Faculty of Engineering & Design
    - Department of Architecture & Civil Engineering (see Architecture & Civil Engineering, Department of, below)
    - Department of Chemical Engineering (see Chemical Engineering, Department of, below)
    - Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering (see Electronic & Electrical Engineering, Department of, below)
    - Department of Mechanical Engineering (see Mechanical Engineering, Department of, below)
  - b. Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
    - Department of Social & Policy Sciences (see Social & Policy Sciences, Department of, below)
  - c. Faculty of Science
    - Department of Chemistry (see Chemistry, Department of, below)
    - Department of Computer Science (see Computer Science, Department of, below)
    - Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology (see Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Department of, below)
    - Department of Physics (see Physics, Department of, below)
  - d. School of Management (see Management, School of, below)
  - e. Learning Partnerships (formerly Division for Lifelong Learning (see Learning Partnerships (formerly Division for Lifelong Learning, below)

### Brief descriptions of exemptions granted

#### Architecture & Civil Engineering, Department of

#### For all students on integrated first degree programmes leading to classified Master of Engineering awards with honours:

2. All integrated first degree programmes leading to classified Master of Engineering awards with honours will have a different set of part and stage weightings. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary the NFAAR-UG weightings of 0:16:34:50 are replaced with 0:20:40:40. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 February 2008 and Education, Quality & Standards Committee, 27 September 2022.)

**For students who started or restarted Year 1 prior to academic year 2022/23:**

3. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in Part 2 of the department's coexistent programmes leading to MEng awards a 55% overall stage average threshold for progression will be used in place of the 60% used in the NFAAR-UG. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 July 2008.)
4. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student on the BEng in Civil Engineering who has passed (P1 or P2) fewer than 48 credits in Part 3 will be transferred to the appropriate designated alternative programme (DAP) in accordance with the DAP regulations. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 16 July 2010.)
5. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student on the MEng in Civil Engineering, or MEng in Civil & Architectural Engineering, may only be awarded a maximum of 12 compensatory credits in the penultimate year of the programme so that the BEng accreditation requirements will be met before progressing into the final year of the MEng. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 8 July 2014.)
6. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary there is no requirement for a student on the BSc Architecture to obtain 15 credits at Part 3 at the first attempt in order to undertake supplementary assessment in a DEU. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 22 May 2018.)

**For students who start or restart Year 1 in academic year 2022/23:**

7. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student on the non-placement variants of MEng in Civil Engineering, or MEng in Structural & Architectural Engineering, may only be awarded a maximum of 12 compensatory credits in the penultimate year of the programme so that accreditation requirements will be met. (Exemption granted by the Education, Quality & Standards Committee, 27 September 2022.)

**For students who start or restart Year 1 from academic year 2022/23 onward:**

8. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary there is no requirement for a student on the BSc Architecture to obtain 15 credits at Part 3 at the first attempt in order to undertake supplementary assessment in a DEU. (Exemption granted by the Education, Quality & Standards Committee, 27 September 2022.)
9. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary there is no requirement for a student on the part-time and full-time MArch Architecture to obtain 15 credits at Part 3 at the first attempt in order to undertake supplementary assessment in a DEU. (Exemption granted by the Education, Quality & Standards Committee, 27 September 2022.)

**Chemical Engineering, Department of**

10. All integrated first degree programmes leading to classified Master of Engineering awards with honours will have a different set of part and stage weightings. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary the NFAAR-UG weightings of 0:16:34:50 are replaced with 0:20:40:40. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 February 2008.)
11. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary the Professional Portfolio units on the BEng Chemical Engineering, MEng Chemical Engineering and MEng Chemical Engineering with Environmental Engineering will be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis and will not contribute to the calculation of the stage average. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 16 July 2019.)

### **Chemistry, Department of**

12. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in Part 2 of the department's coexistent programmes leading to classified Master awards a 55% overall stage average threshold for progression will be used in place of the 60% used in the NFAAR-UG. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 20 May 2008.)

### **Computer Science, Department of**

13. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in Part 2 of the department's coexistent programmes leading to classified Master awards a 55% overall stage average threshold for progression will be used in place of the 60% used in the NFAAR-UG. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 20 May 2008.)

### **Electronic & Electrical Engineering, Department of**

14. All integrated first degree programmes leading to classified Master of Engineering awards with honours will have a different set of part and stage weightings. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary the NFAAR-UG weightings of 0:16:34:50 are replaced with 0:20:40:40. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 February 2008.)

### **Learning Partnerships (formerly Division for Lifelong Learning)**

15. The BSc Social Work programme offered at Wiltshire College is exempted from all provisions of the NFAAR-UG in 2010/11 and 2011/12. Students undertaking the first stage of the programme with effect from 2012/13 will be assessed within the NFAAR-UG provisions. (Exemptions granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 8 February 2011 and 24 May 2011.)
16. The Board of Examiners for Programmes is permitted to recommend that a student who has passed the Stage 2 70-day Social Work Practice Learning Placement unit within the BSc (Hons) Social Work programme offered at Wiltshire College is not required to repeat the unit if they are required to repeat all other elements of the stage. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 26 January 2016.)
17. The BSc (Hons) Social Work programme offered at Wiltshire College is exempted from the maximum period for completion of study and assessment as set out in Regulation 15.7 should a student fail a Stage 2 or Stage 3 practice learning placement unit and be eligible to undertake supplementary assessment. Such reassessment is permitted to be undertaken outside the normal timeframe in order to fully complete the required number of placement days for a second time. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 26 January 2016.)

### **Management, School of**

18. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student at the end of stage 1 of the BSc in Business Administration, who because of valid and accepted individual mitigating circumstances (IMCs) has not had a second assessment opportunity, will be permitted to complete the assessment requirements for up to 12 credits of affected non-Designated Essential Units (DEUs) by the end of stage 3. Such a student who fails the stage 2 placement unit will be required to suspend in order to retrieve the placement and will be required to complete the trailed assessment in the end of year 2 supplementary period, prior to retrieving the placement. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 22 May 2018.)

19. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student at the end of stage 3 of the BSc in Business Administration, who because of valid and accepted individual mitigating circumstances (IMCs) has not had a second assessment opportunity, will be permitted to complete the assessment requirements for up to 12 credits of affected non-Designated Essential Units (DEUs) by the end of stage 5. Such a student who fails the stage 5 placement unit will be required to suspend in order to retrieve the placement and will be required to complete the trailed assessment in the end of year 3 supplementary period, prior to retrieving the placement. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 22 May 2018.)
20. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary a student at the end of stage 5 of the BSc in Business Administration, who because of valid and accepted individual mitigating circumstances (IMCs) has not had a second assessment opportunity in respect of failed stage 4 units, will be permitted to complete the assessment requirements for up to 12 credits of affected non-Designated Essential Units (DEUs) by the end of stage 6. Such a student who fails the stage 5 placement unit will be required to suspend in order to retrieve the placement and will be required to complete the trailed assessment in the end of year supplementary period following the placement retrieval. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 22 May 2018.)

#### **Mechanical Engineering, Department of**

21. All integrated first degree programmes leading to classified Master of Engineering awards with honours will have a different set of part and stage weightings. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary the NFAAR-UG weightings of 0:16:34:50 are replaced with 0:20:40:40. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 February 2008.)

#### **Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Department of**

22. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary Part 3 of the MPharm programme will have different unit weightings from those which under the NFAAR-UG would be commensurate with the units' credit weightings. One unit will count for more than the NFAAR-UG proportions, with the other Part 3 units counting for less than the NFAAR-UG proportions. (Exemption granted by Quality Assurance Committee, 1 February 2008.)
23. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary two units (Practice Placement 2 and Practice Placement 3, PA20301 and PA30302 respectively) will be assessed separately in the MPharm programme on a pass/fail basis without contributing to the overall stage average or the overall programme average. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 5 December 2012.)
24. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary, rolling out in cohorts from year 1 of the Master of Pharmacy programme in 2015/16, specified professional assessments will be treated as programme progression requirements and assessed outside and in addition to the NFAAR-UG. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 6 July 2015.)

#### **Physics, Department of**

25. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in programme variations containing a research placement leading to the award of MPhys (Hons) Physics students required to undertake  $\leq 40\%$  (24 credits) of the stage load supplementary/deferred assessment from the penultimate stage are permitted to progress to the final stage. Students must complete the supplementary/deferred assessment prior to Semester 2 of the final stage. Students who subsequently fail the supplementary assessment will be required to transfer to the Designated Alternative Programme. (Exemption granted by the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 22 May 2018.)

**Social & Policy Sciences, Department of**

26. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in 2011/12 the Programme Board of Examiners is permitted to recommend that a student who has passed a placement but has failed other elements in Stage 2 or 3 will not be required to repeat the placement element of unit SP20021 (Stage 2) or of unit SP30035 (Stage 3). (Exemption granted by University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 10 July 2012.)
27. Departmental documentation will contain fuller details, but in summary in 2012/13 and subsequently the Programme Board of Examiners is permitted to recommend that a student who has passed a Stage 2 or Stage 3 Social Work Practice Learning Placement unit would not be required to repeat the unit if they are required to repeat all other elements of the Stage. (Exemption granted by University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee, 10 July 2012.)
28. The BSc (Hons) Social Work & Applied Social Studies is exempted from the maximum period for completion of study and assessment as set out in Regulation 15.7 should a student fail a Stage 2 or Stage 3 practice learning placement unit and be eligible to undertake supplementary assessment. Such reassessment is permitted to be undertaken outside the normal timeframe in order to fully complete the required number of placement days for a second time. (Exemption granted on behalf of the University Learning, Teaching & Quality Committee by chair's action on 26 January 2016.)