

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

PROGRAMME REGULATIONS 2015-2016

Programme Title: MSc in Guidance Counselling

Programme Code: MSGC

Offering Type: Part-time (02)

1. Programme-specific rules and requirements

1.1 Calculation of Precision Mark

The precision mark is normally defined as the overall weighted average for the first full presentation of marks (Marks and Standards, Item 7.1.3). Modules are normally weighted proportionately according to their credit value. This will be the case for all incoming, Year 1 students in 2015-2016 for their Year 1 modules.

However, for students who registered in Year 1 in 2014-2015, listed below is the percentage contribution of each module on the programme in the calculation of the overall precision mark at the end of Year 2.

Year 1, 2014-2015		Year 2, 2015-2016	
Module	% Contribution to Overall Precision Mark	Module	% Contribution to Overall Precision Mark
ES520	7.4%	ES5280	25.9%
ES521	3.7%	ES5240	13.0%
ES526	11.1%	ES583	9.3%
ES522	3.7%	ES529	25.9%
Total Year 1	25.9%	Total Year 2	74.1%

1.2 Attendance

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module [Ref.: DCU M&S, Item 3.1.2; Teaching Council].

The following skill modules have a 100% attendance requirement: [Ref.: DCU M&S, Item 3.1.2; Teaching Council]:

- ES520 Foundational Skills in Guidance Counselling
- ES526 eLearning Applications in Guidance Counselling
- ES5240 Career Development - Theory, Practice, Research and Policy
- ES5280 Guidance Counselling Placement Practice
- ES583 Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour

1.3 Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of Code of Behaviour [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]

1.4 Requirements pertaining to Guidance Counselling Placement Practice:

1.4.1 Student must maintain a placement in order to remain on the programme [Ref.: Teaching Council]

1.4.2 All students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of placement practice in a centre(s) approved by the Programme Board under the mentorship of a qualified guidance counsellor [Ref.: Teaching Council]

2. Derogations from Marks & Standards

None specified.

3. Progression

3.1 Students must successfully complete all modules in Year 1 in order to progress to Year 2. Under exceptional circumstances, and subject to the approval of the Progression and Award Board, students may be permitted to progress to the next year of study carrying deferred or failed modules [Ref.: DCU M&S, Item 7.2.1].

3.2 Having successfully completed 60 ECTS credits of taught elements, students may choose to exit from the programme with a Graduate Diploma in Guidance Counselling [Ref.: DCU M&S, Item 1.1.4, Item 8.1.5].

4. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted for taught postgraduate programmes. [Ref.: DCU M&S, Item 7.2.7].

5. Resit Categories

Resit Category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module

All modules expect those specified below if appropriate.

Resit Category 2: No resit is available for 100% continuous assessment module

- ES529 Research Dissertation

Resit Category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component

None specified.