



# Programme Regulations 2024–2025

## Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies

MA

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### About this document

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

The Programme Regulations are designed and developed by the School of Advanced Study which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at the School of Advanced Study. Programme Regulations, together with the [Programme handbook](#), will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study. Further information about how to use the Programme Regulations and Programme handbook can be found in the [Student guide](#).

In addition to Programme [Regulations](#), you will have to abide by the [General Regulations](#). These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the University of London and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

The relevant General Regulations and the Programme Regulations relating to your registration with us are for the current year and not in the year in which you initially registered.

On all matters where the regulations are to be interpreted, or are silent, our decision will be final.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the relevant Courses page of the website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

### Terminology

The following language is specific to the Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies programme:

Core module: a compulsory module that must be taken.

Elective module: a module that is chosen from a number of options.

Dissertation module: a compulsory module that forms the programme's dissertation component.

Terms: Term 1 runs from October to March. Term 2 runs from March to October. The core and elective modules run in either one term or the other and students can start in either term. The relevant term is included in the module title, i.e. 'October' if the module runs in Term 1 and 'March' if the module runs in Term 2. The dissertation study periods run from February to March and from July to October.

Delay: when you have registered for a module, but then decide to start it in a later term than the first one available.

Defer: when you have registered and started work on a module, but want to stop participating in that term and start afresh in a later term.

Throughout the Regulations, ‘we’ ‘us’ and ‘our’ mean the University of London; ‘you’ and ‘your’ mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided please contact us. You should use the ask a question tab in the [Student Portal](#).

## Changes made to the Programme Regulations in 2024 –2025

Amendment 28 May 2024

The 2024-2025 Programme Regulations were initially published with information about the two dissertation modules (RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation), each spanning over two sessions, being each divided into two parts, totalling four distinct modules. This change was for the purpose of delineating progress through the modules for registration processes. However, the change was not subsequently implemented, and the two dissertation modules remain as two modules rather than being split into four.

## 1 Structure of the programme

### The degree

#### 1.1

The MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies consists of:

- x two compulsory core modules (each worth 30 credits)
- x four elective modules (each worth 15 credits)
- x two compulsory dissertation modules (together worth 60 credits).

### Exit qualifications

See [Section 8](#) for exit qualification criteria.

#### 1.2

The Board of Examiners has discretion to grant a Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) or Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification to a student who does not successfully complete the MA degree but who does meet the criteria of the PGCert or PGDip.

## 2 Registration

### Effective date of registration

#### 2.1

You may commence the programme in October (Term 1) or March (Term 2). Your effective date of registration for the programme will be either:

- x 1 October, if you first registered at the October registration closing date

or

- x 1 March, if you first registered at the March registration closing date









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If you defer RPM500

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## 4 Assessment for the programme

module for core modules, and once per module for elective modules and RPM400

## Mitigating circumstances

Mitigating circumstances are any serious circumstances beyond a student's control which may have adversely affected their academic performance. For more information about mitigating circumstances, see [Section 12](#) of the General Regulations. See also [Section 5](#) of these Programme Regulations for what happens if you do not take an assessment.

### 4.10

You must bring any mitigating circumstances to our attention as soon as you become aware that your performance may be adversely affected by serious circumstances beyond your control.

You should do this before the deadline date for coursework, dissertations and E-tivities.

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## 5 Number of attempts permitted at assessment

### Maximum number of attempts

'Final assessment' refers to the final coursework item (70%) of the core and elective modules, 5 2 9 b 4

If you fail a module at the first attempt

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If you obtain an overall mark of 49% or less for a core or elective module at the first attempt this will

be classified as a 'fail' (i.e. 49% or less) and you will be required to pay a fee of £1000 (i.e. £500 per module) to re-sit the module in the following year.

If you obtain a 'fail' (i.e. 49% or less)

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- x For elective modules: you can register for further modules but must submit the final assessment within 56 days of receiving the result.

### Dissertation modules

The dissertation element of the programme consists of two linked modules: RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation.

If you believe there are mitigating circumstances that prevent you from keeping to the deadline, and require an extension to the deadline, we will consider your circumstances if you write to us immediately with evidence.

#### RPM400 Dissertation research proposal

##### 5.12

You must submit the research proposal for RPM400 by the deadline given in the module Study Guide on the VLE.

##### 5.13

If you do not submit the research proposal for RPM400 by the deadline without prior agreement of an extension, you must submit it by the next deadline in the following term. Late submission will be noted on your record and may be taken into consideration by the Board of Examiners at the final award.

##### 5.14

If you do not submit the research proposal for RPM400 by the second deadline without prior agreement for an extension, you will receive a mark of zero for it, but must still submit it to progress onto RPM500.

#### RPM500 Research dissertation

##### 5.15

If you fail the dissertation through non-submission without prior agreement, or with a mark of 49% or less for either RPM500 or for the dissertation component (the combined marks for RPM400 and RPM500), you will be required to resubmit the dissertation (RPM500) by the next deadline in the following term. If passed at the second attempt, your result for the combined modules will be capped at 50%.

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## 6 Assessment offences and penalties

Section 6 of the [General Regulations](#) provides the Rules for coursework, projects and dissertations while information on assessment offences and penalties can be found in Section 7 and 8.

### 6.1

You must not submit a significant part of the same piece of work more than once.

### 6.2

If you draw on work from E-tivities or coursework that you have undertaken as part of this programme for your dissertation, then you must have this approved by your dissertation supervisor and this must amount to no more than 3,000 words in total.

Please refer to the dissertation section of the

### 8.3

The overall mark for each core module is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for E-tivity 1, E-tivity 2, E-tivity 3, E-tivity 4, E-tivity 5, and the coursework in a ratio of 0: 2: 5: 15: 8: 70.

### 8.4

The overall mark for each of the elective modules is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for E-tivity 1, E-tivity 2, E-tivity 3 and the coursework in a ratio of 0: 20: 10: 70.

### 8.5

The overall mark for the dissertation is calculated by weighting the marks achieved for RPM400 Dissertation research proposal and RPM500 Research dissertation in a ratio of 15:85.

### 8.6

To pass a core or elective module, you must achieve an overall mark for the module of at least 50%.

### 8.7

To pass the dissertation component, you must achieve

- x a mark of at least 50% for RPM500;
- and
- x a combined mark of at least 50% for RPM400 and RPM500 where the modules are weighted in a ratio of 15:85.

### 8.8

The overall module mark for core and elective modules will be capped at 50% if the module was passed at the second attempt. The overall mark for the dissertation component will be capped at 50% if RPM500 was passed at the second attempt.

### 8.9

To calculate the final grade for the award, the marks for the modules are weighted according to their credit values.

### 8.10

The following mark scheme is used for the MA:

Mark range	Classification
70% – 100%	Distinction
60% – 69%	Merit
50% – 59%	



## Exit qualifications

### 8.12

The Board of Examiners may grant the PGCert Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification if you pass modules to the value of 60 credits or more.

### 8.13

The Board of Examiners may grant the PGDip Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies as an exit qualification if you pass modules to the value of 120 credits or more.

### 8.14

If we award you the PGCert Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, you may not subsequently be awarded the PGDip or MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.

### 8.15

If we award you the PGDip Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, you may not subsequently be awarded the MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.





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E-tivities – Assessment criteria

Mark	Criteria
Core modules 5/5 13-15/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Thorough critical analysis of a range of arguments from a wide literature e.g., considers criticisms and defences of positions discussed and provides a clear and convincing position of own view derived from this discussion.</li> </ul>
Elective Modules 17-20/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Concise and well-structured.</li> <li>x Provides original arguments e.g., makes original connection to wider academic debates, formulates an innovative criticism/defence.</li> <li>x Very clear expression.</li> </ul>
Core modules 4/5 10-12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Broad understanding of topic.</li> </ul>
Elective Modules 13-16/20	

Participation- based E -tivity – Assessment criteria

Mark	Criteria
Core modules 8/8	x Student actively participated in at least 8 of the 12 discussion forums

Dissertation research proposal – Assessment criteria

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