

Regulations – Graduate Diploma in Computing

ULSTER UNIVERSITY

1 TITLE CODE

Graduate Diploma in Computing (Data Analytics / Software Engineering)
7768

EXIT AWARD: Graduate Certificate in Computing

2 MODE OF ATTENDANCE

Part-time

3 DURATION

2 years

4 LOCATION

Microsoft (Dublin)

5 FACULTY

Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment

6 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have gained:

- (a) an Honours or non-Honours degree from a University of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, or from a recognised national awarding body, or from an institution of another country which is recognised as being of an equivalent standard or an equivalent standard in an approved alternative qualification; and

the content of the qualification presented may have a maximum of 50% computing content.

and

- (b) provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English and in Mathematics (GCSE grade C or equivalent);

or, as an alternative to (a) and/or (b):

- (c) provide evidence of their ability to undertake the programme through the accreditation of prior experiential learning.

7 EXEMPTIONS

- 7.1 Studies pursued and examinations passed in respect of other qualifications awarded by the University or by another university or other educational institution, or evidence from the accreditation of prior experiential learning, may be accepted as exempting candidates from part of the programme provided that they shall register as students of the University for modules amounting to at least the final 50% of the credit value of the award at the highest level.

8 ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Students are expected to attend all classes associated with the programme and be punctual and regular in attendance.
- 8.2 A student who has not been in attendance for more than three days through illness or other cause must notify immediately the Course Director. The student shall state the reasons for the absence and whether it is likely to be prolonged. Where the absence is for a period of more than five working days, and is caused by illness which may affect their studies, the student shall provide appropriate medical certification in accordance with the General Regulations for Students.
- 8.3 Students who are absent without good cause for a substantial proportion of classes may be required to discontinue studies, in accordance with the General Regulations for Students.

9 RULES GOVERNING STUDENT CHOICE

- 9.1 Modules are offered as indicated in the table at section 17. Revisions may be made in accordance with the University's quality assurance procedures. Module availability may vary.

10 EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 The performance of candidates shall be assessed by the Board of Examiners in accordance with the Regulations Governing Examinations in Programmes of Study.
- 10.2 Candidates shall be assessed in the modules for which they have enrolled in each year of study.

10.3 Within each module candidates shall be assessed by coursework in accordance with the attached table.

10.4 The pass mark for the module shall be 40%.

11 SUBMISSION OF COURSEWORK

11.1 Coursework shall be submitted by the dates specified by the Course Committee.

11.2 Students may seek prior consent from the Course Committee to submit coursework after the official deadline; such requests must be accompanied by a satisfactory explanation, and in the case of illness by a medical certificate. This application shall be made to the Course Director.

11.3 Coursework submitted without consent after the deadline shall not normally be accepted.

12 PROGRESS

12.1 Progress from semester 1 to semester 2 is automatic.

12.2 Subject to 13 below, candidates are required to pass all modules in each year of study in order to proceed to the next.

13 CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE

13.1 Candidates who fail to satisfy the Board of Examiners in assessment may be permitted at the discretion of the Board to re-present themselves as specified in 13.2 for one or more supplementary examinations and repeat such coursework or other assessment requirements as shall be prescribed by the Board. Such candidates may be exempted at the discretion of the Board from the normal attendance requirements. Where candidates are required to repeat coursework or to take a supplementary examination the original mark in the failed coursework component or examination shall be replaced by a mark of 40% or the repeat mark whichever is the lower for the purpose of calculating the module result.

13.2 In each year, the consequences of failure shall normally be as follows:

Failure in module(s) with an overall value up to and including 60 credit points

Repeat *once only* of specified examination(s) and/or coursework in the failed module(s) (examinations August).

Failure in modules with an overall value of more than 60 and up to and including 80 credit points

Repeat *once only* of specified examination(s) and/or coursework in the failed module(s) in the next academic year (examinations January/May) with or without attendance.

Failure in modules with an overall value of more than 80 credit points

Withdraw from the programme.

14 CLASSIFICATION OF FINAL RESULT

14.1 The results of candidates who have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma shall be graded by order of merit as Pass with Distinction, Pass with Commendation and Pass.

14.2 The assessment results for all modules shall determine the overall grading. The weighting of each module's contribution to the final result shall be determined by the module's credit value. (See table at section 17).

14.3 The following shall be the minimum overall percentages used to determine the final gradings of candidates:

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| Pass with Distinction | 70% |
| Pass with Commendation | 60% |
| Pass | 40% |

14.4 Candidates admitted with advanced standing shall be assessed in accordance with these programme regulations using the evidence from the accredited prior learning.

Classification of Final Result (exit award)

14.5 Provided that they have not been exempted for modules amounting to more than 30 credit points, candidates who do not satisfy the requirements for the award of the Graduate Diploma and have passed the requisite modules for the Graduate Certificate shall be assessed for the award of a Graduate Certificate.

14.6 The assessment results for all modules shall determine the overall grading. The weighting of each module's contribution to the final result shall be determined by the module's credit value

The following shall be the minimum overall percentages used to determine the final gradings of candidates.

Graduate Certificate

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| Pass with Distinction | 70% |
| Pass with Commendation | 60% |
| Pass | 40% |

15 ILLNESS AND OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

15.1 The Board of Examiners may in the case of candidates who are prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from taking or completing the whole or part of the assessment or whose results are substantially affected by illness or other sufficient cause:

- (a) permit the candidate to complete, take, or repeat the examination or course work or both at an approved subsequent date **or**
- (b) deem the candidate to have passed and recommend the award of an Aegrotat Graduate Diploma

15.2 Before an Aegrotat award is recommended a candidate must have indicated that he or she is willing to accept the award.

16 REVISIONS TO REGULATIONS

These regulations may be revised during the student's period of registration in accordance with the procedures approved by Senate.