

Code of Practice for Assessment and Academic-related Matters 2025-26

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Section 1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 The 'Code of Practice for Assessment and Academic-Related Matters' is designed to bring together all matters related to the process of assessment. This should be read alongside the York St John University [Regulations](#) and [programme specifications](#). Its purpose is to make explicit the University's expectations of conduct and procedures for assessment and other academic-related matters.
- 1.1.2 This code outlines the principles, processes, general rules and conventions relating to assessment and academic-related matters.
- 1.1.3 This code is updated on an annual basis.
- 1.1.4 The Quality and Standards Committee is responsible for approval of changes to this code.

1.2 Scope

- 1.2.1 This code applies to students enrolled on programmes for assessment delivered in whole by the University, or in whole or part by a franchise partner institution (franchise provision) or by a partner institution (validated provision) unless otherwise stated.
- 1.2.2 It applies to all taught modules:
 - Whether freestanding modules for credit or as part of a programme of study leading to an award.
 - Whether delivered in whole by the University (on campus, distance, and online provision), or in whole or part by a franchise partner institution (franchise provision), or in whole or part by a partner institution (validated provision).
 - Including taught components that sit within research degrees (Professional Doctorates and Research Masters programmes).
- 1.2.3 Where this code does not apply to franchise or validated provision it is expressly stated within the policy text.
- 1.2.4 This code does apply to Master of Research degrees, including the research components. It does not apply to research components of other research degrees which fall under the scope of the [Code of Practice for Research Degrees](#), except for the following sections which do apply to research components:
 - [Section 6](#) Student maternity, paternity, adoption and parental leave
 - [Section 50](#) Contingency plans for staff shortages that impact on assessment and examinations
 - [Section 48](#) Appeals: policy and procedure
- 1.2.5 Students are bound by the University policies and regulations that are in force for the current academic year. This edition of the Code of Practice for Assessment and Academic-Related Matters is the definitive guide to all assessment related policies and replaces all earlier versions.

1.3 Audience

- 1.3.1 This code is made available to all university staff, external examiners and students.

1.4 Update summary

- 1.4.1 A record of updates is stored in [Appendix C](#).