

## Overview

- 0.1 York St John University ('the University') is responsible for the academic standards and quality of its programmes and awards. The Academic Regulations ('the Regulations') determine the way in which the University fulfils its responsibilities in relation to the granting of awards, the management of the quality of learning and teaching, and the maintenance of academic standards.
- 0.2 The Board of Governors is responsible for exercising the powers of the University as defined in the [Articles of Association](#) as subject to the Education Reform Act 1988 and other relevant legislation.
- 0.3 The Academic Board ('the Board') is responsible for safeguarding the academic integrity of the University and is the custodian of its degree awarding powers.
- 0.4 In exercising its responsibilities, the Board acts as the principal academic authority of the University, determining and regulating learning and teaching, scholarship, research, and the programmes of study for which the University is responsible through the Regulations, and such codes of practice, policies, and procedures as it may approve.
- 0.5 To help carry out its duties, the Board delegates responsibilities for some matters relating to quality management to its committees.
- 0.6 The Regulations reflect national and international higher education expectations and legislation and constitute our policy for quality assurance as required by the Office for Students and the European Education Area's Standards and Guidelines.
- 0.7 The Regulations and related policies and procedures are reviewed annually and in response to external sector policy or regulatory expectations.

## Purpose

- 0.8 The purpose of the Regulations is to provide:
  - a) the framework within which programmes of study leading to awards of the University are designed, validated and approved; and
  - b) the means through which the academic standards of university awards are assured, and the quality of learning, teaching and assessment is enhanced.

## Scope

- 0.9 The Regulations are supported, where appropriate, by specific regulations for a programme of study as set out in the relevant [programme specification](#). Programme-specific regulations provide detailed regulations for a programme of study within the terms of the University's regulatory framework.
- 0.10 The Regulations sit alongside:
  - a) The [Credit Framework for Awards](#) which explains the volume of credits required for each type of award;
  - b) The Academic Framework, which provides a set of principles for the design and delivery of programmes awarded by York St John University;
  - c) The relevant [programme specification](#) which provides a description of the intended aims and learning outcomes of a programme of study, details of how these outcomes can be achieved and demonstrated, and further information including the mode and duration of study, programme-specific regulations and the structure of the programme;

- d) The [Code of Practice for Assessment and Academic-Related Matters](#) which outlines the principles, processes, general rules and conventions relating to assessment for taught academic programmes; and
- e) The [Code of Practice for Research Degrees](#) which sets out a framework of shared responsibilities between the University and its postgraduate research students with the aim of delivering successful research degree programmes according to national and institutional expectations.

## Academic Regulations

0.11 The following comprise the University's Academic Regulations:

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| Section 0  | Introduction to the Academic Regulations 2025-26         |
| Section 1  | General Regulations for Awards 2025-26                   |
| Section 2  | Regulations for Undergraduate Awards 2025-26             |
| Section 3  | Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards 2025-26       |
| Section 4  | Regulations for Professional Doctorate Awards 2025-26    |
| Section 5  | Regulations for Master of Research Degree Awards 2025-26 |
| Section 6  | Regulations for Research Degree Awards 2025-26           |
| Section 7  | Regulations for Honorary Degrees 2025-26                 |
| Section 8  | Programme Engagement Regulations 2025-26                 |
| Section 9  | Immigration Compliance Regulations 2025-26               |
| Section 10 | Emergency Regulations for Progression and Award 2025-26  |
| Section 11 | Credit Framework for York St John University Awards      |
| Section 12 | Academic Framework for York St John University Awards    |

Associated links: <https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/governance/>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/programme-specifications/>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/regulations/>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/code-of-practice-for-assessment/>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/research/research-degrees/>

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