UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

CODE OF PRACTICE ON ADJUSTED REGULATIONS AND UNDERGRADUATE MASTERS DEGREES

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1.1 This Code of Practice sets out the procedures for the application of Adjusted Regulations to Undergraduate Masters Degrees:

1.1 .1 All registered students on Undergraduate Masters programmes should normally be assessed under the standard University Academic Regulations. Adjusted Regulations should be applied if, and only if:

a. the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations; AND

b. (i) the registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits, but less than 440 credits overall; OR

(ii) the registered student has less than 200 Stage 3 credits.

2. Adjusted Regulations Methodology

2.1 This methodology is applied if a registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits, but less than 440 credits overall:

.1 The overall weighted average is calculated, with profiling applied if applicable, and the degree classification calculated.

.2 Under Adjusted Regulations, the ‘usual’ minimum total credit requirement for the award of an Honours Degree at Class I or Class II (i) is 200 credits at Stage 3 and 420 credits overall.

.3 The table given below is not used in this scenario.

2.2 This methodology is applied if a registered student has 140 or more Stage 3 credits but fewer than 200 Stage 3 credits. In addition, the student should have obtained at least 70 credits (Level H or Level M) in Part 1 of Stage 3 (Year 3) and at least 70 credits (Level M) in Part 2 of Stage 3 (Year 4).

.1 The weighted average is calculated, and

.2 The maximum available degree classification to be awarded is determined from the table below. (N.B. profiling does not apply.)

Weighted average	*Total Stage 3 credits*		
	180 -190	160 - 170	140 - 150
70 or above	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
60 - 69	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
50 - 59	*Class II (ii)*	*Class III*	*Pass*
40 - 49	*Class III*	*Class III*	*Pass*
35 - 39	*Pass*	*Pass*	*Pass*

.3 For registered students on 5 year Undergraduate Masters Degrees (e.g. MSci programmes with a year abroad), the credits accrued from the year abroad (120 credits) are not counted. However, the average mark from the year abroad will contribute to the calculation of the overall weighted average.