University of Suffolk

General Regulations for Students 2025-26

General Regulations for Students: 2025/26

The General Regulations for Students are approved by the Senate of the University of Suffolk and

shall take effect from 1 August 2025.

These Regulations apply to all students, new and continuing, on a course with the University of

Suffolk from September 2025. The Regulations present no material change to the previous

Regulations to which continuing students subscribed.

Any previous versions of the Regulations relate only to students who completed their studies

during or prior to 2024/25.

The regulations are governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with English Law.

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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

Scope

1. The purpose of the General Regulations (hereafter the 'Regulations') is to provide a

general framework of regulations for students during their period of study with the University of

Suffolk. The Regulations also highlight and signpost students to more specific policies, procedures

and regulations. These Regulations are approved by the University of Suffolk Senate.

2. The Regulations apply for the academic year 2025/26 to:

all students who are enrolled on courses offered by the University of Suffolk including

those studying at any of the University's partner institutions; and

any prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of

Suffolk.

3. The Regulations apply equally to full and part time students, those attending short courses,

and those enrolled on undergraduate, taught postgraduate and postgraduate research degree

programmes, including apprentices and international/sponsored visa students. Where there are

additional regulations relevant to a particular group of students (for example apprentices,

sponsored visa students, or postgraduate research students), this will be indicated.

4. University of Suffolk students studying at any of the University's partner institutions are

bound in full by these Regulations except where indicated that local campus rules and regulations

shall apply.

5. Questions arising on the interpretation of any statement within these Regulations shall be

resolved by the Academic Registrar. In the event of a conflict between the information provided

within the Regulations and other information given to students, the Regulations shall prevail.

However, nothing in the Regulations should be read as undermining or conflicting with the Free

Speech Code of Practice.

6. In the exceptional case of any major changes to the Regulations made after the start of

the academic year, such changes will be communicated to students formally in writing by the

Academic Registrar providing as much notice as possible.

7. Circumstances under which the University may make such changes to the Regulations

include those required by law, our regulatory bodies, sector-specific guidance, court decisions,

Office for Students (OfS) requirements, or in order to clarify specific terms. This is not an

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exhaustive list and there may be other circumstances which constitute a major change to the

Regulations.

The University's contract with a student

8. A contractual relationship between an applicant and the University is formed upon

acceptance of an offer to study at the University of Suffolk. These Regulations and the Relevant

Policies and Procedures (see Appendix 5: Relevant Policies and Procedures) set out the next

phase of the contract between a student and the University in relation to the provision of

'Educational Services'.

9. The Regulations form part of the terms of the contract between applicants, enrolled

students and the University of Suffolk. Upon accepting their offer, applicants agree to abide by the

Terms and Conditions of Offer. Upon completing their enrolment, they signify their consent to the

incorporation of these Regulations as part of the terms of that contract and as such agree to abide

by them.

10. In order to cancel an offer of a place at the University of Suffolk prior to enrolment:

Prospective students must inform the Admissions Department in writing by emailing

admissions@uos.ac.uk

In order to cancel the enrolment of a place at the University of Suffolk:

Enrolled students must inform the University by completing the withdrawal form found on

the Online Administration Services and Integrated Systems (OASIS) 14 working days.

Any student unable to access OASIS should inform their Academic Administrator, HE

Administrator or Partnerships Office in writing.

Prospective and enrolled students should be mindful of the implications of cancelling their offer or

enrolment and are advised to seek advice at the earliest opportunity. Prospective and enrolled

students who require a UKVI Student Route visa should be aware that cancellation of their offer

or enrolment will result in the withdrawal of their visa sponsorship, which may have consequences

for their immigration status. The International Student Support team, contactable via Minerva, are

available to provide advice and guidance if required.

Where students can find the General Regulations and relevant policies

11. Students are required to abide by all University of Suffolk relevant policies and procedures

including guidelines as required by their individual course of study. These Regulations provide an

overview of the main points of the relevant student policies and more detail is available within the

separate policies available on the University of Suffolk website.

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12. It is the responsibility of students to acquaint themselves with these Regulations. Students

are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the relevant sections at the start of their study and

consult with the Regulations at appropriate intervals throughout their study. For clarification on

any element of these Regulations, students should contact the Student Centre, or the local HE

Administration Office for those studying at one of the Partner Colleges, or the Partnerships Office

for those studying at any other partner institution.

13. All students are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with these Regulations and the

relevant documents prior to enrolment as they form part of a student's contract with the University

and all students will be bound by them when they enrol.

14. Applicants and students can review and print out a copy of these Regulations and the

relevant policies and procedures by visiting the University of Suffolk website.

15. Postgraduate Research students agree to abide by the regulations of their Awarding Body,

which can be found at:

https://www.brighton.ac.uk/brighton-students/your-learning/student-policies-and-

regulations/index.aspx (Brighton)

https://www.uea.ac.uk/web/about/university-information/statutory-and-legal/students

(UEA)

https://www.essex.ac.uk/governance-and-strategy/governance/regulations (Essex)

University of Suffolk Student Charter

The University of Suffolk is committed to being a student-centred higher education

institution that strives to provide its students with the highest standards in teaching and learning,

as well as high quality support and advice. The University of Suffolk Student Charter demonstrates

this commitment, outlining what students can expect from staff at the University of Suffolk, as well

as what is expected in return. The charter also sets out commitments from the University of Suffolk

Students' Union (UOSSU).

University of Suffolk Student Protection Plan

17. The University of Suffolk Student Protection Plan is designed to provide assurance to

current and future students that the University has appropriate arrangements in place to protect

the quality and continuation of study for students in the event of course, campus or institutional

closure. The plan is based on our own assessment of the risks to continuation of study, is subject

to regular review and is submitted to the Office for Students (OfS) annually.

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University of Suffolk Students' Union

18. All University of Suffolk students are entitled to become members of the University of Suffolk Students' Union at the point of enrolment. Students will need to be members of the Students' Union to be eligible to vote in elections and become members of clubs. A student may opt out of membership at any point by emailing su.democracy@uos.ac.uk.

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC/FINANCIAL MATTERS

Admissions/Enrolment

20. Students must comply with the standard University procedures for admission, enrolment

and registration as set out in the University of Suffolk Admissions Policy. Only enrolled students

may attend courses.

21. Applicants for admission to programmes of study must satisfy the appropriate admissions

requirements as stated on the University of Suffolk and UCAS websites and any specific course

entry requirements. In the case of Postgraduate Research students, the minimum admissions

requirements are those set out by their awarding body, namely the University of Essex Higher

Degree Regulations, the University of Brighton's Code of Practice for Research Degrees, or the

University of East Anglia's Code of Practice for Research Degrees.

22. All applicants must be able to provide evidence of having satisfied these requirements

when requested to do so and as outlined in the Terms and Conditions of Offer issued to all

applicants at the point of offer.

23. All students (full time, part time, undergraduate, taught postgraduate, postgraduate

research, and apprentices) are required to enrol with the University of Suffolk. All students must

also re-enrol once each academic year, usually in the same month as their start date. Research

students are also required to register with their Research Degree Awarding Body (Essex, Brighton,

or UEA). For international students with a sponsored student visa, failure to enrol or re-enrol will

result in withdrawal of their visa sponsorship, which may have consequences for their immigration

status.

Students shall disclose to the University full and accurate academic and personal

information as required for the admission and enrolment processes. Students are required to

promptly inform the University should there be any subsequent change in the academic or

personal information provided during the admission or enrolment process.

25. Each student is responsible for ensuring that all information which the University needs to

ensure their wellbeing and ability to attend relevant study activities organised by the University is

provided prior to enrolment. Students with a disability are requested to indicate any additional

needs they have so that reasonable facilities and support can be provided.

26. In providing information requested by the University or by a body acting on its behalf (for

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example UCAS or UKVI), both prospective and registered students are required to respond fully,

unambiguously and honestly. When inaccurate information has been dishonestly provided to the

University or where wilful misrepresentation or omission has occurred, a student may be precluded

from study at the University in accordance with the Admissions Policy.

Recognition of Prior Learning

27. As part of its mission to widen participation and promote equality and diversity the

University of Suffolk offers the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) (including Recognition of Prior

Certificated Learning (RPCL) and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL)) to award

credit for learning that has occurred at some time in the past either through qualifications gained

by attending formal courses (RPCL) or through paid or unpaid work, self-directed learning or other

life experiences (RPEL).

28. Applicants may be admitted with advanced standing to a programme of study provided it

is clear they have fulfilled the learning outcomes associated with specific modules or levels of the

programme by previous learning and experience.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and Declaration of Criminal Convictions

29. The University is committed to equality of opportunity, including the rehabilitation of

offenders who can demonstrate academic potential. Whilst promoting equality of opportunity, the

University has a duty of care to its students and staff and has a responsibility to reduce or manage

the risk of harm caused by criminal behaviour to individuals as well as the University community

as a whole. For this reason, students on certain courses¹ are required to inform the University of

any relevant unspent criminal convictions during the application process. A relevant criminal

conviction would usually include convictions, cautions, reprimands, bind-over orders or similar

involving one or more of the following:

any kind of violence including (but not limited to) threatening behaviour, offences

concerning the intention to harm or offences which resulted in actual bodily harm;

offences listed in the Sex Offences Act 2003;

the unlawful supply of controlled drugs or substances where the conviction concerns

commercial drug dealing or trafficking;

offences involving firearms;

offences involving arson;

¹ Students on any courses involving contact with children and/or vulnerable adults, all courses at one of the Partner Colleges (due to the presence on campus of FE students under the age of 18 years), and any students who require a UKVI Student Route visa to study in the UK or who require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) extension to continue their studies, will be required to declare any relevant unspent criminal convictions.

offences listed in the Terrorism Act 2006.

30. All criminal convictions declarations, whether required as part of the application process or

once a student has enrolled and commenced their studies, will be considered by the Safeguarding,

Suitability and Criminal Convictions Panel in accordance with the Safeguarding Policy.

31. In addition to any relevant unspent convictions, students on professional courses and

courses involving contact with children and/or vulnerable adults will also be required to declare

spent convictions, cautions and bind-over orders which will not be filtered under DBS guidelines.

These students will also be required to undergo an Enhanced DBS check, including a check of

the child and/or adult barred list as appropriate, alongside an annual self-disclosure due to the

requirements of Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Bodies (PSRB).

32. Students on other programmes may also be required to obtain a Standard or Enhanced

DBS check, including a check of the child and/or adult barred list as appropriate, for placement or

other work related module(s) and research activities. Where a DBS check is required, students

will not be permitted to commence work on the module(s) until the DBS disclosure document has

been received and deemed satisfactory.

33. The cost of the DBS check may be required to be met by the student.

34. If a student is already employed in a post which gives direct access to children and/or

vulnerable adults and is being supported in undertaking the course by their employer, the

University requires to have sight of the student's original copy of the DBS disclosure document.

35. International students on courses where a DBS check is required will be expected to

undergo a criminal records check in their home country and to supply the University with a

Certificate of Good Conduct or equivalent. An Enhanced DBS check, including a check of the child

and/or adult barred list as appropriate, for any time spent in the UK will also be required.

36. If a DBS disclosure document reveals that a student has a criminal conviction or caution

that had not previously been declared to the University, the matter will be referred, as appropriate,

to the Safeguarding, Suitability and Criminal Convictions Panel for consideration. Students will be

required to complete a self-disclosure form to provide details of the conviction or caution for

consideration by the panel. For students on professional courses, a previously undeclared criminal

conviction may also, or instead, lead to consideration under the Fitness to Practise Procedure.

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37. All students on courses where a declaration of any relevant criminal convictions is not a

specific requirement are required to inform the University of any restrictions or probation orders

that may have a direct impact on their studies in order that relevant support can be put in place.

Where appropriate, the matter will be referred to the Safeguarding, Suitability and Criminal

Convictions Panel for consideration.

38. Students shall promptly inform the University if, after completing their application for

admission or when they are a student of the University, they are convicted of any relevant criminal

offence or if there are any circumstances which may affect their suitability for their chosen course

of study or their ability to participate in their studies. Such disclosures will be referred to the

Safeguarding, Suitability and Criminal Convictions Panel for consideration.

39. The University may amend or withdraw the offer of a place or terminate a student's

enrolment at any time if it determines that an applicant or student has made any misleading, false

or fraudulent application or statement to the University, or has produced falsified documents

regarding any relevant criminal convictions, whether as part of their application or whilst on their

course. Where the student is enrolled on a professional course, it may also be necessary for the

matter to be referred to the relevant PSRB.

40. A person who, after their acceptance for admission as a student has been convicted of a

criminal offence may be required to withdraw from, or be refused admission to, the University of

Suffolk.

41. Failure to engage with the University's criminal conviction declaration and DBS processes

when required to do so may result in action being taken under the Student Discipline Procedure.

Changes to / Cancellation of Courses

42. University of Suffolk reserves the right to make changes, including changes to course

content, structure, teaching and assessment, for one or more of the following reasons:

To comply with external PSRBs.

To ensure that the curriculum is relevant to the intended learning outcomes.

To implement external examiner and academic adviser feedback.

To implement student feedback, for the benefit of students.

To improve course quality.

43. Students will be notified of any such changes as soon as reasonably practicable. If, as a

result of a change made under this clause, a student wishes to withdraw their acceptance or

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terminate enrolment they must notify the University in writing within 14 days of receiving written

notification of the change.

44. If a student would like to be considered for another course as a result of changes

to/cancellation of a course under paragraph 42 the University will use its reasonable endeavours

to provide a suitable alternative course within the University of Suffolk (for which tuition fees may

be payable) or suggest a suitable alternative course with an alternative provider in accordance

with the arrangements outlined in the current Student Protection Plan. The University of Suffolk

will provide a full refund of any tuition fee paid for the year of study in which the change takes

place and may award compensation in accordance with the arrangements outlined in the <u>Tuition</u>

Fee Policy and Student Protection Plan. Further guidance on Late Course Changes and Course

Suspension can be found in Appendix 3.

Internal Transfer Process

45. The University recognises that occasionally students may begin their study on a

programme in good faith but come to realise that this is not the route for them. In such cases,

where students have appropriate qualifications and where suitable alternative programmes can

be identified and are available, there is the possibility of internal transfer (see also <u>Student Transfer</u>

Arrangements).

46. Before formally transferring we advise students to talk to their Personal Tutor/Personal

Academic Coach or Course Leader who can offer advice and guidance. International students

with a UKVI Student Route visa should also ensure that they understand any potential implications

of a transfer. For example, if a transfer would require a visa extension to enable them to complete

their programme of study, depending on the change, the student may be required to leave the UK

at the time the change is made and apply for a new visa outside the UK before being allowed to

continue their studies.

47. Transfers are not guaranteed and will be considered on an individual basis. Students may

be contacted by the new Course Leader before they are accepted onto their new programme.

48. Internal transfers to professional health courses are not permitted. A new application would

need to be submitted via UCAS. Individuals are advised to contact Admissions to check on specific

course application deadlines.

Mode of Study (Sponsored Visa Students)

49. Sponsored visa students are required to undertake a full-time programme of study

throughout their course. The only exception to this is where elements of the course must be

retaken in order to be able to progress to the next year of the course or to complete the course.

50. Sponsored visa students are not permitted to undertake remote study unless there are

exceptional circumstances (such as an occasion where remote study is delivered to all students

to avoid interruption of courses caused by unforeseen circumstances.)

Student Details

51. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all their details are accurate and that the

University is kept informed of any changes to their address, emergency contact details and other

information. Students are required to notify the University (using the online enrolment system) of

their current home address and local address at the time of commencing a course. Once enrolled,

all students are required to inform the University of any change of permanent or temporary contact

details without delay via the 'Update My Information' tab on the student portal OASIS. Students

who cannot access this facility must notify the Student Centre, HE Administration Office or

Partnerships Office in writing of any changes. Sponsored visa students are also required to notify

the UKVI of any changes to their UK contact details.

52. New students will be required to provide proof of their identity before being issued with

their student ID card. Acceptable forms of identity include a current driving licence, valid passport

or Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). International and sponsored visa students may be subject

to additional requirements before and on arrival in the UK and should refer to Admissions for more

information. The documentation provided will also be used to confirm that the student's full name

is recorded correctly in the University's records system.

53. Students who change their name, for whatever reason, and would like this change to be

recorded in the University's records system and documents including award certificates, must

notify the University as soon as possible by submitting the relevant information together with

supporting evidence of the change of name using the 'Update My Information' tab in OASIS.

Students who cannot access this facility must submit the relevant information and documentation

to the Student Centre, HE Administration Office or Partnerships Office. Degree certificates are

official documents therefore legal proof of a change of name is required in order to issue a degree

certificate in a name different to the name with which the student originally enrolled. Names will

not be changed after certificates have been issued.

Immigration Status (Sponsored Visa Students)

54. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that any developments in their immigration

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status/category are reported to the University without delay and no later than one week of their

occurrence. These include, but are not limited to, changes or updates in visa status/visa

conditions, collection of new Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs), progress of immigration

applications, refusals, appeals or any other changes or developments. Students must also inform

the University if they change nationality, which means they no longer require a visa for the UK.

Right to Study

55. All students who require immigration permission to study in the UK will need to complete

a right to study check. British and Irish nationals will need to evidence nationality to be exempt

from a full right to study check. Students who fail to provide the relevant right to study

documentation when requested by the University will be withdrawn.

56. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they have valid right to study for the duration

of their study. Students whose immigration permission does not cover the full duration of study

enrol at their own risk. The University will not be held accountable if the student is unable to renew

or obtain new immigration permission to complete their study.

57. Students who have immigration permission with limited leave (for example leave to remain)

have an obligation to inform the University of any status changes, including when permission is

extended, changed or withdrawn. Should the student's right to remain in the UK become invalid,

the student will be required to withdraw from the University.

Fees Payment (Sponsored Visa Students)

58. International Students requiring a sponsored student visa are required to pay a minimum

£5,000 deposit in order to secure a place on their chosen programme of study and to receive a

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for their visa application. There are a number of

circumstances where the University may be unable to sponsor a student by issuing a CAS. These

include (but are not limited to) the following:

Failure to provide the University with the necessary personal information to produce a CAS;

Failure to pay a CAS deposit for a course of study;

The proposed course of study does not satisfy UKVI Student Route Visa requirements;

The student does not have valid leave to be in the UK at the time the CAS is requested;

The University believes sponsorship will put the sponsor licence at risk, or has concerns

about the student's intention to study;

The University believes that a visa application will not be successful. Grounds for this may

include (but are not limited to) inadequate information, a history of visa refusals, insufficient

funds, overstaying or language ability.

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Fees Payment

The University charges tuition fees to all students for the educational services provided.

Payment of tuition fees provides students with access to the tuition and resources required to

successfully complete their degree. All fees and other charges incurred as a University of Suffolk

student are the responsibility of the student. Students who are sponsored by a third party are liable

for all fees and other charges in the event that their sponsor defaults. Fees may be paid in

instalments in accordance with such provisions as are notified to students within the Tuition Fee

Policy.

60. Students must pay promptly on demand any amounts due to the University. Amounts due

include academic fees and any other charges levied by the University in accordance with its

current regulations and procedures. Demand for payment will be made in accordance with the

University's practice at the time, and additional charges may be levied if payment is not made in

accordance with current University payment terms. If arrangements have been made whereby

periodic payments fall due on agreed dates, payment must be made on the dates specified without

further notification to the student.

Sanction for failure to pay tuition fees

61. Students are required to comply with the University of Suffolk Tuition Fee Policy. Defaults

on payment and overdue tuition fee debt is treated seriously and may lead to sanctions being

imposed on the student, including:

suspension of access to library facilities;

suspension of IT access;

suspension from academic activities, including prevention from taking assessments and

attending exams;

withholding of results, certification and the opportunity to attend Graduation ceremonies;

withholding of payments due from the University, such as bursary payments;

a bar on (re)enrolling in the following or any subsequent academic years on any University

of Suffolk programmes at any location;

in extreme cases, action leading to the withdrawal of the student from their course.

62. A student with tuition fee debt who is due to re-enrol on their next year of study must

contact the Finance and Planning Department to settle any outstanding tuition fees before

commencement of that year of study. Re-enrolment will be suspended until such time as the debt

is cleared in full. If the debt remains outstanding two weeks after the year of study has commenced,

the student will normally be intercalated for that year. If the debt remains outstanding two weeks

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after the start of the following year of study, the student will normally be withdrawn.

63. Students with a tuition fee debt at the end of their course of study will not be entitled to

receive a transcript or certificate confirming their qualification until such time as all outstanding

tuition fee debt has been paid in full. In addition, the student will not normally be allowed to attend

their graduation ceremony or be allowed to purchase any guest tickets until all outstanding tuition

fee debt has been paid in full.

64. The University reserves the right to employ a debt collection agency in the case of any

student who has unpaid tuition fees for any period still outstanding on completion of their course.

Contact with the University

65. All students are required to acquaint themselves with communications from academic and

professional services within the University. These may take the form of information published on

Brightspace (or the equivalent online learning environment (OLE) in partner institutions), or by

email, letter, phone or text.

Applicant Portal / Brightspace / Partner Student Hub

On receipt of an application, all undergraduate and taught postgraduate students are given 66.

access to an Applicant Portal account. The University will use this portal account to communicate

decisions/information to applicants as they progress through the application cycle.

Following enrolment, students will have access to Brightspace (or equivalent OLE at partner

institutions), which will be used to communicate important information which may affect all

students. Brightspace (or equivalent OLE) is used throughout the University to provide access to

course specific information, and the Student Hub within Brightspace (or Partner Student Hub for

students at partner institutions) provides general information for all students along with other

electronic resources and materials to support a student in their studies. Students can also access

OASIS and their University email account via Brightspace and can read and contribute to

discussion boards exploring current topics. Students will be introduced to Brightspace (or

equivalent OLE) at Induction. All students are expected to engage with Brightspace (or equivalent

OLE) and use it throughout their time at the University.

University Email Address

68. Students are expected to access and use their University email address whilst a student

at the University. Students should check their University email account(s) in a timely manner and

reply promptly and courteously to any messages with accurate information. It is the student's

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responsibility to check their email regularly (at least once a week), to manage their mailbox and

avoid storing large volumes of messages. Failure to do so may result in students missing, or being

unable to access, important messages.

69. All email correspondence from the University will be sent to the student's University email

address. Only where it is understood that a student cannot reasonably use their University address

will a personal address be used, for example where is it known University account access has

been suspended or withdrawn. Failure to check a University email account in a timely manner will

not constitute grounds for appeal or complaint.

Text Messaging Service

70. At the point of application all applicants are given the option to supply a mobile telephone

number. A text messaging service is operated at the University and is used throughout the

application period for all those who have provided the University with a mobile telephone number.

Once students are enrolled it is used to notify students of important messages such as class

cancellations or amendments, emergency updates and notifications of enrolment availability. All

students must inform the University if their mobile telephone number changes. Students can

update their mobile telephone number, and change their preference as to whether or not they want

to subscribe to text notifications, using the 'Update My Information' tab in OASIS. Students who

cannot access this facility must provide their updated number and subscription preference to the

Student Centre, HE Administration Office or Partnerships Office. Sponsored visa students are also

required to notify the UKVI of any changes to their UK contact details.

Personal Academic Coaching and Tutorials

71. All students studying undergraduate or postgraduate taught programmes at the University

are offered personal academic coaching as set out in the Personal Academic Coaching Policy

(Ipswich only) or personal tutorials as set out in the <u>Tutorial Policy</u> (for partner institutions). There

is an expectation of students to engage with these sessions. At least one of these sessions would

normally be face to face, although the University recognises the value of other modes of contact

such as group tutorials, email, blogs and other online facilities.

Apprentices

72. All apprentices are required to participate in progress review meetings, held every ten

weeks, or more frequently as required if the apprentice has an additional learning requirement and/or is at risk, for whatever reason, of not meeting their planned end date. The meetings will

involve a representative from the University (usually the Practice Educator, a personal

tutor/academic coach or a designated member of academic staff), the employer and the individual

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apprentice.

Postgraduate Research Degree Students

73. A student registered on a postgraduate research degree programme is allocated a

supervisory team whose role is to collectively provide academic and pastoral guidance. The

supervisory team will remain in contact during the student's period of study and registration. The

University is required to monitor the progress of the student regularly throughout their period of

study. This will occur informally at regular meetings with the supervisory team, and more formally

at 'formal progress' review meetings. There is an expectation that students engage with these

progress meetings.

Attendance and Absence

74. Students must attend all learning and teaching sessions unless they have valid reasons

for not doing so. Examples of learning and teaching sessions include, but are not limited to:

lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops, laboratory and practical sessions, compulsory

professional placements, compulsory field trips and industrial visits. Research students must also

attend regular scheduled meetings with supervisors.

75. Students are required to register their attendance at taught sessions using the systems in

place at their location of study, including any electronic systems or paper registers. Concerns

regarding registration should be raised immediately with the Module Leader to ensure that

accurate attendance records are maintained.

76. Students are required to be on time for classes and remain for the duration of the session

as set out in the Student Attendance and Engagement Monitoring Policy. Students are responsible

for ensuring that they engage appropriately with the method in place for registering their

attendance.

77. It is at a tutor's discretion that students who are late are admitted to sessions and it is the

student's individual responsibility to ensure that they retrieve any missed work.

78. Additional attendance requirements may apply for certain courses as specified in the

Student Course Handbook and students must attend all sessions to ensure they meet all

necessary attendance and regulatory requirements. It is a student's responsibility to ensure they

understand any attendance or engagement requirements associated with their course.

79. Unless otherwise defined by PSRB requirements, unsatisfactory attendance is deemed to

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be when a student does not attend any scheduled sessions for a period of 30 consecutive days,

at which point withdrawal from the programme of study will be triggered. Students will be advised

at regular intervals, usually every 7 days, where there are attendance-related concerns noted, and

the University will seek to intervene with the aim of supporting students to stay on track.

80. Students are required to confirm any planned absence to the relevant Module Leader and

Academic Administrator, giving as much notice as possible of the absence. Unexpected absence

should be notified to the Academic Administrator/HE Administrator as soon as possible after the

absence has occurred.

81. Any attempt to defraud attendance monitoring systems, including the sharing of

registration codes, scanning in as another student, or signing a register on another's behalf, will

be treated as a student discipline concern. Spot checks will be undertaken to ensure the integrity

of attendance monitoring systems.

82. Where a student fails to maintain satisfactory attendance levels the University reserves the

right to withdraw the student from the programme.

Attendance and Authorised Absence (Sponsored Visa Students)

83. International students who have a UKVI Student Route visa are required to meet the

conditions of their visa sponsorship where the University is acting as their sponsor in addition to

the above requirements. As such, the University has an obligation to monitor the attendance and

engagement of international students and take relevant action in line with Home Office guidance

against those whose attendance and/or engagement is deemed unsatisfactory.

84. Failure to enrol, attend seminars, lectures, tutorials, professional placements or any other

activity defined as compulsory without providing a valid reason for absence will be recognised as

an 'Unauthorised Absence' under UK Law and the University is required to report such absences

to the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

85. Students intending to study at the University's Ipswich campus or London Centre will be

required to live within a 70-mile radius of the campus to support good attendance at classes as

stipulated by student visa requirements.

Students who miss any lectures are required to inform their Academic Administrator of the 86.

reasons for their absence. Five or more unexplained absences will result in a request to meet the

student to discuss their attendance.

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87. Students studying at RQF level 5 and below are required to attend a minimum of 15 hours

of daytime (08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday) classroom-based study per week. Where a student

has not reached 85% attendance of their classroom-based study in any given month, the student

must engage with University staff to review the reason for non-attendance.

88. Students who fail to engage in supportive interventions, do not improve their attendance, or

have attendance that falls below UKVI thresholds, will be subject to withdrawal of sponsorship due

to lack of academic engagement. A report will also be made to the UKVI, which may have

consequences for the student's immigration status.

89. Sponsored visa students should be aware that the University will report to the UKVI any

student who is issued with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), but does not enrol,

misses more than ten scheduled interactions in a single academic year, stops attending, or defers

their place. A report to the UKVI may have consequences for the student's immigration status.

90. For authorised absences of up to 60 days, the University will maintain the visa sponsorship

and the student will not be required to leave the UK during the period of absence. The student will

be expected to return to their studies after this short absence and must remain in contact with their

school at regular points throughout the agreed period of absence. If the student wishes to extend

the authorised period of absence beyond 60 days, a report will be made to the Home Office and

sponsorship will be withdrawn.

91. Sponsored visa students taking authorised absence of over 60 days (regardless of the

reason for the absence) will be advised to leave the UK, and will be reported to the Home Office.

Sponsorship will be withdrawn, and the student would then be required to re-apply for a new

Student Route visa, or appropriate visa category which allows them to return to the University. If

a student is unable to leave the UK during the period of absence, sponsorship will still be

withdrawn and the student advised to seek advice from a qualified Immigration Solicitor.

92. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the UKVI requirements for those with

a Student Route visa and these Regulations, the University's Student Attendance and

Engagement Monitoring Policy and the Admissions Policy, the UKVI requirements shall take

precedence.

Assessment and Extenuating Circumstances

93. Students have a responsibility for managing their learning, revision and assessment

activities throughout the academic year. The University expects that students will plan such

activities carefully and that the preparation of assessed work or revision for examination is not left

until the last moment. It is recognised that during a period of study a student may encounter

significant personal difficulties that impact on their ability to study for or complete summative

assessment including examinations. The University refers to these personal difficulties as

'extenuating circumstances'. If a student encounters illness or other significant personal difficulties

that affect their ability to study and complete assessment tasks, they have the opportunity to

submit a request for additional time due to extenuating circumstances.

94. Requests for additional time due to extenuating circumstances should only be made in

exceptional situations, and should be submitted as soon as possible and normally in advance of

the submission deadline or examination date. Once submitted, the request will be given full

consideration in accordance with the Additional Time due to Extenuating Circumstances Policy.

Guidelines on how to make a request for additional time due to extenuating circumstances can be

obtained from the Student Centre, HE Administration Office or through the Student Hub in

Brightspace or the Partner Student Hub.

95. Where information disclosed by a student in a request for additional time due to

extenuating circumstances raises concerns about the student's fitness to study, fitness to practise

(for professional courses) and/or potential safeguarding issues, the Extenuating Circumstances

Panel will refer the concern to the appropriate person for further consideration under the relevant

policy.

Fitness to Study and Intercalation

96. Under the Additional Time due to Extenuating Circumstances Policy, students may apply

for intercalation where they are not fit or able to study for a prolonged period. Intercalation is

defined as an authorised break in studies during a course, but after the course has commenced.

The granting of intercalation assumes that the student has been judged to have the potential to

continue with their studies after a break, but does not guarantee that there is an automatic right to

return or that the course will be available in its present form or at all on return.

97. Students on courses subject to the requirements of PRSBs, Student Route Visa students,

and students on apprenticeships should be mindful of the implications of intercalation and seek

advice from relevant tutors or Student Life before applying. In accordance with the Higher and

Degree Apprenticeship Framework, apprentices will also need the written support of their

employer before an application for intercalation can be approved. If a student with a Student Route

visa intercalates for more than 60 days, this will be reported to the Home Office within 10 working

days of the intercalation period starting. If the intercalation period is 60 days or less, arrangements

must be made to ensure that the student can continue to be monitored in order to maintain their

visa sponsorship. If monitoring arrangements are unable to be made, then the visa sponsorship

will be withdrawn.

98. The University also operates a Support to Study Procedure that may be used where the

University believes that a student requires support or intervention beyond the remit of standard

processes (such as Reasonable Adjustments and Extenuating Circumstances). The purpose of

the procedure is to support the student through to successful completion of their studies where

possible. However, under this procedure, the University has the right to:

require a student to undergo a medical examination and for this to be submitted to the

University;

ii) enforce a period of intercalation, with return subject to conditions; or

terminate a studentship on medical grounds, notwithstanding the provision of the Equality iii)

Act and other relevant legislation.

Managing Infectious and Communicable Diseases

99. The Framework for the Management of Notifiable Communicable Diseases and Other

Widespread Infections sets out the University's approach to handling issues relating to notifiable

communicable diseases. The Director of Life must receive notification in writing or via Minerva

within 24 hours of diagnosis of any student (at the point of enrolment and at any time during their

studies with the University, including holidays) suffering from or in contact with a notifiable

infectious disease. A medical practitioner's certificate of clearance should be presented where

necessary indicating that the student is no longer infectious and is fit to return to campus.

Examinations and Assessment

100. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they know the date, time and venue of

all examinations they are due to sit and deadlines for the submission of all coursework.

101. All written assignments must be word processed and submitted electronically, unless

instructed otherwise in the assignment brief. All work that is submitted electronically will be passed

through plagiarism detection software.

102. A policy outlining students' responsibilities in relation to written examinations can be found

in the Regulations for the Preparation and Conduct of Invigilated Examinations.

103. The assessment regulations for each course are set out in the relevant Framework and

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Regulations for the award (see Appendix 5).

Academic Misconduct

104. The University of Suffolk has a duty to maintain academic standards by protecting the

integrity of all aspects of the assessment process and ensuring that the regulations and policies

governing the assessment of courses and programmes at the University of Suffolk are fully and

fairly implemented. To this end, the University of Suffolk will take action against any student who

contravenes these regulations and policies, whether inadvertently or through negligence or

deliberate intent, and who by so doing could gain unfair advantage over other students. Any such

contravention constitutes academic misconduct.

105. The University expects that all work submitted for assessment by students is the student's

own work, without falsification of any kind. Students are expected to offer their own analysis and

presentation of information gleaned from research, even when group exercises are carried out.

Insofar as students rely on sources, they should reference these in accordance with the

appropriate convention in their discipline. It is the responsibility of the student to familiarise

themselves with the rules governing assessment, including conduct in examinations and the

correct academic conventions for referencing and acknowledging the work of others.

106. The Academic Misconduct Policy applies to all students enrolled on undergraduate and

taught postgraduate courses at the University of Suffolk and covers academic misconduct in any

form of assessment including written examinations, coursework and oral/practical assessments.

107. Allegations of research misconduct against students enrolled on undergraduate and taught

postgraduate courses will be considered under the Research Misconduct Policy.

108. All allegations of academic or research misconduct against students on a postgraduate

research programme will be considered under the relevant misconduct policy:

• Essex registered students should refer to the University of Suffolk Postgraduate Research

Misconduct Policy

• Brighton registered students should refer to the University of Brighton Research Misconduct

Procedure

UEA registered students should refer to the UEA procedures for dealing with allegations of

misconduct in research

Academic Appeals

109. The University's Academic Appeals Procedure is intended to allow students enrolled on

undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses to appeal their ratified academic results as

published by Assessment Boards, or circumstances relating to them.

110. Students on undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses are bound in full by the

assessment regulations of their programme, as found on the University of Suffolk website, which

also includes the Academic Misconduct Policy and Academic Appeals Procedure.

111. Students on a postgraduate research programme who wish to appeal an academic

decision should use the appeals process relevant to them:

Essex registered students should refer to the University of Suffolk Academic Appeals

Procedure for Research Degree Students.

Brighton registered students should refer to the University of Brighton regulations on

academic appeals

UEA registered students should refer to the UEA Academic Appeals and Complaints

Procedure

Withdrawal

Student-led withdrawal

If a student decides to withdraw from their course they should contact their personal

tutor/personal academic coach or Student Life in the first instance and complete a notification of

withdrawal form in OASIS, in accordance with the procedure and regulations relating to

withdrawal. Any liability for fees, or entitlement to refund of fees, will be as stated in the University

of Suffolk Tuition Fee Policy.

While students are encouraged to carefully consider their options before withdrawing, they 113.

should remain aware of tuition fee liability points and other factors which should inform timely

decision making.

University of Suffolk-led withdrawal

University of Suffolk may withdraw a student's enrolment on either a temporary or

permanent basis under any of the following circumstances:

On academic grounds, under the provisions of the Assessment Board Policy and/or the

relevant assessment regulations for the programme of study

On grounds of unsatisfactory attendance or engagement under the provision of the Student

Attendance and Engagement Monitoring Policy

On disciplinary grounds, under the provisions of the Student Discipline Procedure

On grounds of professional misconduct or professional unsuitability, under the provisions

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of the Fitness to Practise Procedure

On health/medical grounds, under the provisions of the Support to Study Procedure

In cases of non-disclosure and/or the provision of inaccurate information relating to

academic information, personal details, criminal convictions and/or immigration

permission/right to study under the provisions of the Admissions Policy or General

Regulations

In cases of non-payment of accrued tuition fees, under the provisions of the Tuition Fee

Policy

In cases where a sponsored visa student breaches UKVI rules and/or has their visa

sponsorship withdrawn.

115. Where a student is permanently withdrawn from the University under any of the above

circumstances, the contract will terminate. Any outstanding fees which may have accrued at the

date of termination will remain payable in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Withdrawal (Sponsored Visa students)

International students on a UKVI Student Route visa who withdraw from their programme

of study, be that a student-led or University-led withdrawal as outlined above, will be reported to

the Home Office within 10 working days of the withdrawal being applied.

117. Where a sponsored visa student has been required to withdraw from their studies but has

submitted an appeal against this decision in accordance with the Academic Appeals Procedure,

the student will still be reported to the Home Office as they are not actively studying at that time.

The student will be advised to return home to await the outcome of the appeal and the University

will not be responsible for any costs incurred to fulfil this requirement. If an appeal is found justified

and the student is permitted to return to study in the UK, the University will not be liable for any

costs incurred to obtain a new visa and travel back to the UK.

Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual Property (IP) is the novel or previously undescribed tangible output of any

intellectual activity. A student undertaking undergraduate or taught postgraduate programmes of

study at the University of Suffolk will be the owner of any IP created by that student in the course

of such academic activity unless otherwise agreed in writing. There are exceptions to this principle

as outlined in the University of Suffolk Intellectual Property Policy.

Intellectual property rights (IPR) generated by a student arising from student work are 119.

governed by the provisions of the University of Suffolk Intellectual Property Policy. Students are

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required to abide by the Intellectual Property Policy (Commercial Exploitation) and the Intellectual

Property (Research and Scholarly Outputs and Learning and Teaching Materials).

Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)

All students enrolled on a programme of study at the University of Suffolk or one of the 120.

University's partner institutions leading to one of the following awards will be issued with a Higher

Education Achievement Report (HEAR):

Certificate of Higher Education

Diploma of Higher Education

Foundation Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Certificate in Education

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

Postgraduate Certificate

Postgraduate Diploma

Master's Degree (including Integrated Master's Degrees)

121. The HEAR, which is a formal transcript detailing the student's academic achievements as

well as extra-curricular activities, awards and prizes, will be available electronically through

Gradintelligence. The University will register students with Gradintelligence at the start of their

course and issue a student status certification letter. An email will be sent to their University email

address with details of how to activate their Gradintelligence account in order to view and share

their documents. It is the responsibility of the student to activate their account. The HEAR will be

uploaded to the student's account during the first year of study on an eligible course, following the

release of ratified pass results. Students will be notified by email when new documents have been

uploaded and released.

122. The student details (such as full name and date of birth) shown on the HEAR will be as

recorded in the University's record systems. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that

these details are correct. No changes can be made to the HEAR once the final version has been

issued on conferral of the award.

123. The HEAR will be available as a formative document from the first year of study on an

eligible course, with the final version being issued when the award is conferred. The HEAR will

only be issued as an electronic document, and only HEARs viewed online through

Gradintelligence can be considered valid and verified. Students will not be provided with a printed

copy of the HEAR.

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SECTION 3 – CODE OF CONDUCT

General Statement

The University is a learning and working community for students, staff and visitors. The

University has a duty of care to students and staff which includes the maintenance of a standard

of conduct which is not harmful to the work, good order or good name of the University. Students

are required to conduct themselves within the law with good sense, to use the University's facilities

and equipment for their proper purpose and to act with due consideration for students, staff and

others.

125. Any student whose behaviour interferes with the satisfactory conduct of learning, teaching

or assessment including anyone suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs

may be required by a member of staff to withdraw from a lecture, class, laboratory or other learning

environment, and/or leave the campus.

126. Students are required to abide by the general disciplinary regulations, particularly with

regard to respect for other students and staff in line with our Student Charter and to ensure that

items such as mobile phones and other electronic devices are not used for purposes other than

for teaching and learning activities during relevant timetabled sessions.

127. Students are required to attend any meeting called to discuss their attendance, conduct or

progress when requested to do so. Students may be accompanied at such meetings by a

supporter. A supporter is defined as a member of staff of the University of Suffolk or partner

institution, or a registered student of the University, or a member of staff or sabbatical officer of

the Students' Union. The role of the supporter is to act as an observer, give moral support and to

assist the student to make their case. In addition, where reasonable adjustments are required, a

student may be accompanied by a suitably qualified third party, e.g. a sign language communicator

or a note-taker, and a student with difficulty in understanding English may be accompanied by an

interpreter.

Student Discipline

Under the Student Discipline Procedure, the University has the power to discipline students 128.

who fail to meet acceptable standards of conduct and to suspend, exclude or expel any student

for good cause.

The purpose of the Student Discipline Procedure is to ensure fair and consistent treatment

of students by defining the rights and duties of all those concerned. It applies to all students

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enrolled on courses offered by the University. The procedures are built on the principle that

decision-making in relation to allegations of misconduct will be handled in a way that is free from

bias or conflict of interest.

130. There is a separate procedure for dealing with allegations of professional misconduct

and/or professional unsuitability (the Fitness to Practise Procedure) which applies to students

enrolled on courses which lead to professional registration. There is also a separate procedure for

dealing with cases of <u>academic misconduct</u> including plagiarism and/or collusion, contract

cheating (which includes the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to generate some or all of a

submission subsequently presented as the student's own work), and use of unfair means in

examinations.

131. The University seeks to ensure that all enrolled students are aware of their obligations with

regard to conduct, including acceptable standards of behaviour and performance, and of the likely

consequences of failure to meet these obligations.

132. Disciplinary procedures may be invoked if it is alleged that a student has committed

misconduct, examples of which may include the following:

(i) physical or sexual assault

(ii) serious injury to people or property

(iii) acting with intention to cause serious harm

(iv) repeated offensive behaviour or language

(v) deliberate damage to property

(vi) behaviour which endangers others

(vii) theft from other students, members of staff or the public

(viii) sexual and/or racial misconduct

(ix) bullying, harassment

(x) verbal abuse or making threats against people or property

(xi) inflicting injury on others or acting in a way which endangers others

(xii) misuse or deliberate interference with computerised information

(xiii) accessing or making available to others pornographic or other offensive material on

computers or by any means

(xiv) fraud or attempted fraud

(xv) not adhering to information, instruction, training and supervision provided for their

own or others' health, safety and wellbeing

(xvi) drug related offences or misuse of drugs, alcohol or substances

(xvii) conduct, either on or off campus, which brings the University into disrepute

(xviii) promoting unlawful acts

accessing security sensitive materials without gaining appropriate permissions or (xix)

conducting security sensitive research

This list constitutes guidelines only. It is neither exclusive nor exhaustive, and there may be other

offences which will constitute misconduct.

Students on Professional Placements or Study Abroad

A student on a programme of study where practical professional placement is a required

part of the course or on a Study Abroad programme shall abide by the requirements of the

Placement/Study Abroad Handbook and shall not act or behave in a manner which:

a) jeopardises the welfare of the subject (whether patient, pupil or client); and/or

b) contravenes the relevant professional code of conduct; and/or

c) is incompatible with behaviour required by the profession;

and may at any time be suspended or precluded from further study or elements of further study or

placement by the Vice-Chancellor (for students studying at Ipswich) or the relevant Principal (for

students studying at one of the Partner Colleges) or the equivalent (for students at other partner

institutions) if in breach of the above.

134. Any allegations of professional misconduct and/or unsuitability shall be dealt with in

accordance with the Fitness to Practise Procedure.

Disciplinary Powers of the University

The Vice-Chancellor or the relevant Principal (for the Partner College) or equivalent (at 135.

other partner institutions), or a person acting on their behalf shall, as a precautionary measure,

have the power to suspend students pending the results of an investigation under the Student

Discipline Procedure, Fitness to Practise Procedure or Support to Study Procedure.

136. For students found to be in breach of the Regulations, the University, in accordance with

the relevant policy, for example Student Discipline, Academic Misconduct and/or Fitness to

Practise, shall have the powers:

(i) of formal reprimand;

(ii) of suspension of a student on academic or disciplinary grounds where a student does

not conform to regulations;

(iii) of exclusion from any or all University of Suffolk activities and premises on academic or

disciplinary grounds for a specified period of time where a student does not conform to

regulations or whose conduct would make continued studentship undesirable;

(iv) of expulsion from all University of Suffolk activities and premises on disciplinary grounds

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where a student's conduct would make continued studentship undesirable;

(v) to require repayment of any costs incurred by the University as a result of the breach.

Withdrawal of Visa Sponsorship

137. The University retains the right to withdraw visa sponsorship of international students with

a student route visa in the following circumstances:

Student's non enrolment on the programme by the published date

Student's failure to re-enrol when required

If it is found that the student has submitted non genuine documents, statements, or

representations to the University

Student withdraws from the programme

Student suspends their studies (intercalates) for more than 60 days

Student is excluded or expelled/registration is terminated by the University

Student successfully completes their programme earlier than stated on the CAS

Student fails to engage with and attend their programme to a point which means they can

no longer continue with the same cohort, or has 10 missed contacts

Student fails to pay tuition fees when due, or accrues financial debt which they fail to clear

when required

Student moves to a different immigration category that does not require sponsorship

Applicant/student is asked to provide evidence to show they can make a successful

Student Route visa application and have either refused or are unable to do so.

138. Other circumstances may lead to withdrawal of sponsorship and will be considered on their

own merit, taking into account the risk the student has or poses to the University's Sponsor Licence

or Sponsor Status.

If the student is permitted to return academically after a period when sponsorship has

previously been withdrawn, the University reserves the right to refuse to issue a further CAS if the

student has previously failed to adhere to the visa compliance regulations or has previously shown

that they pose a risk to the University's Sponsor Licence or Sponsor Status.

Guidelines for the Use of IT Facilities

As a member of the University community, a student is permitted to use its IT facilities for

the purposes of their studies. Students may make limited reasonable use of these facilities for

personal use in their own time.

Students are prohibited from making any use of University IT facilities, which in the 141.

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judgement of the University may adversely impact on the business or reputation of the University

or which may interfere with, or adversely affect, other staff/students.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Everyone at the University has a duty to uphold and promote the values and principles set 142.

out in the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy. All members of the University community (staff,

students, visitors including visiting staff and associates) are expected to adhere to the standards,

principles and duties of this policy.

Free Speech

The University is committed to the principle and promotion of freedom of speech and

academic freedom. The Free Speech Code of Practice outlines the University's commitment to

ensuring that free speech duties under the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 are

secured for all members of the University community, including students, staff, and visitors.

144. The University upholds the right to promote freedom of speech as protected within law to

impart ideas, opinions or information by means of speech, writing or images (including in electronic

form). This includes the right to express and debate controversial or unpopular views, provided

they do not breach the law. The University expects that the challenge, critical debate and

exploration of such ideas will be conducted within a spirit of dignity and respect.

145. Speech that amounts to unlawful harassment, discrimination, intimidation or incitement to

threats of hatred or violence on the grounds of race, sex, age, religion or philosophical belief,

sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, or pregnancy

or maternity is protected under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)

1986 and as such does not constitute free speech within the law.

The University has a duty under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 146.

to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism' and takes all

reasonable steps to ensure that events or speakers that do not comply with legislative duties will

be denied. This includes, but is not limited to, offences under the Terrorism Act if speech

encourages terrorism or amounts to the incitement of religious or racial hatred or hatred on the

grounds of sexual orientation.

The University expects staff, students and visitors to be inclusive and tolerant of different 147.

views and to engage in discussion in a constructive, questioning and peaceable way. This includes

the right of staff and students to freedom of assembly, and to protest certain viewpoints, in a

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manner which will not obstruct the ability of others to exercise their lawful freedom of speech.

These rights extend to visitors and attendees to the University community taking part in affiliated

events and activities.

148. Staff, students and visitors found to have breached the Free Speech Code of Practice may

face action, such as sanction, disciplinary procedures or referral to an appropriate agency e.g. the

Police.

Safeguarding and Prevent Duty

The University aims to take all reasonable steps in relation to the safety and welfare of

anyone who studies, works at, or visits the University. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of

children and adults at risk is everyone's responsibility.

150. The Safeguarding Policy applies to all University of Suffolk students, staff employed by the

University, staff employed by the partner institutions who teach on University of Suffolk

programmes, and volunteers, who may be working with the following groups which the University

encounters through its teaching and research activities as well as through its outreach

programmes:

children and young people aged under 18 years

adults at risk (as defined by section 42 of the Care Act 2014)

any persons who may be at risk of being radicalised by any extremist group or ideology

under the terms of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Section 26(1)) and as

defined in the Prevent Duty guidance, December 2015.

All suspicions and allegations of abuse or inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously by the

University and responded to appropriately as set out in the Safeguarding Policy.

Addressing Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

The University is clear in its intentions and duties that staff, students and visitors should

have the right to study and work in an environment that is free from harassment and sexual

misconduct, and sets out these duties with an institutional statement held on the University's

website.

152. Students are able to report behaviour that may amount to harassment and/or sexual

misconduct to the Designated Safeguarding Officers at their respective campus of study. Contact

details are published on the University's website. Pastoral support will be identified and allocated

to reporting, responding or witness students, and may include advice on institutional policies, the

allocation of a single point of contact, identification of adjustments or other supportive

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arrangements. External support may be signposted, or relevant referrals made.

153. The University prohibits the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or other forms of

written contracts to prevent a student from disclosing information about harassment or sexual

misconduct.

Identity Cards

Students must carry a valid University of Suffolk identity card at all times when on the 154.

University's premises, including at partner institutions, and when engaged in activities associated

with the University, and must produce it on request. Students studying at one of the partner

institutions must wear a valid partner institution identity card alongside their University card.

Students on placements on health-related courses must wear a valid placement identity card

alongside their University card.

Failure to produce a University of Suffolk identity card, when asked to do so by an

authorised member of the University or partner institution, may result in the refusal of access to

facilities and the inability to record attendance.

156. Students may not pass their card to any other person, nor use their card to provide any

other person, whether a student or not, access to any area or entrance they would not normally

be permitted to be in. Use of a card by a person other than that indicated on the front of the identity

card could lead to disciplinary action.

Health and Safety

General Statement

157. University of Suffolk is aware of its health and safety responsibilities towards members of

staff, students and others. Students are expected to co-operate with the University and/or partner

institution so that the University and/or partner institution is in turn able to fulfil their legal duties.

158. Any breach of this guidance is deemed to be a serious offence and thus subject to

disciplinary action in accordance with the University's student discipline procedures.

Students' Duty

It is the duty of all students: 159.

To take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and of other persons who

may be affected by their acts or omissions;

• To co-operate with the University and/or its partner institutions to enable compliance with

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health and safety requirements and the Health and Safety Policy;

Not to interfere with, or misuse, anything provided in the interests of health, safety or

welfare; and

To report any faults or defects relating to health and safety matters.

160. An induction covering the welfare facilities on site and emergency arrangements is made

available to all students, and students are expected to complete this/attend an induction session

at the appropriate time when joining the University of Suffolk. Additionally, Health and Safety

training will be provided to students relevant to the location, activities and statutory requirements

for the course they are attending. Students are expected to co-operate, attend, complete, and

where required repeat, such training.

Accidents and Near Misses

Students are responsible for taking reasonable care of themselves and others who might

be affected by what they do and do not do. All accidents, incidents, dangerous occurrences or

near misses by or involving students on campus or on University trips/placements must be

promptly reported to their tutor or member of Estates within the University or the Students' Union

promptly. Students can also use the reporting mechanisms in the Student Hub on Brightspace or

equivalent at partner institutions.

Fire Safety

When a fire alarm sounds in any part of the University or at one of the partner institutions,

all students, staff and visitors are required to leave that part of the building immediately, to follow

any written or oral instructions and not to return until told it is safe to do so by a member of the

Fire and Rescue Service, fire clearance officer/fire warden or authorised member of staff such as

Security or Estates staff.

Smoking on Campus

The University aims to provide a workplace which is free from risk and is safe so far as is

reasonably practicable. This includes keeping our campus buildings clear from smoke and e-

cigarette vapours. No smoking, vaping/e-cigarette use is permitted inside any University buildings

and should only take place in designated areas where these are established. Students should

comply with the University's no smoking policy.

Safety and Wellbeing

To keep students, staff and visitors safe and able to study to the best of each individual's

abilities, the following are not permitted on the premises of the University or on the premises of

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the partner institutions:

• illegal possession, use or supply of drugs or abuse of substances including alcohol;

• the playing of personal entertainment and communication systems (including the use of

headphones or earpieces) or the playing of musical instruments in safety critical areas

such as workshops or laboratories or in safety critical roles;

• the use of mobile phones including visual and sound recording (unless when authorised)

in class/teaching/performance and when engaging in sports/leisure activities on campus

or during the course of study. These must be switched off or on silent in these locations;

gambling, save the use of machines duly and properly licensed through the Students'

Union;

offensive weapons including guns, blades and replica weapons, pepper spray / CS gas;

the use of skate boards, hover boards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, or other

similar means of self-powered equipment. Bike shelters or designated parking areas in

University/partner institution car parks are provided;

verbal or physical, violent, abusive or discriminatory behaviour, bullying or harassment,

as outlined in the Student Discipline Procedure / Dignity at Study Policy;

access to any restricted area which they do not have explicit permission from the Course

Leader / Estates Directorate to enter, and only when they have received appropriate

induction and/or training from a competent person;

• with the exception of disability assistance dogs, bringing into or keeping animals in any

of the University's buildings.

Personal Property

165. It is a student's responsibility to ensure that their property is kept safe and secure at all

times (for example a laptop, tablet, mobile phone). Loss of, or damage to, a student's work prior

to its submission is normally not regarded as an acceptable explanation for the submission of late

or partial work for the purpose of formal assessment at the University. It is a student's responsibility

to protect their work by taking appropriate precautionary counter-measures.

Visitors

166. Students and staff wishing to invite guests to the University or one of the partner institutions

shall do so only in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of the University, or

partner institution. No student (or member of staff) shall knowingly invite to any site of the

University or partner institution a person who has been excluded by the Vice-Chancellor or the

relevant Principal (for Partner Colleges) or equivalent (for other partner institutions).

167. For reasons of safety and to protect the University's estate, students, staff and visitors, the

Vice-Chancellor (for the University) and the relevant Principal (for the Partner Colleges) or

equivalent (for other partner institutions) may at any time exclude non-students from the

premises/grounds.

Children and Young Persons on campus

168. The University recognises its legal responsibilities for all persons whilst on University

property. While not wishing to be restrictive, it is necessary to take into account the fact that

children may be at greater risk of accident or injury than adults. It is therefore necessary for the

University to introduce procedures and policies to ensure the health and safety, as far as

reasonably practicable, of all children on University property.

169. There will be occasions when a student or visitor may wish to bring a child or young person

into University property for a short period of time, for example while they collect work or meet a

colleague. During this time the child or young person must be under the immediate supervision of

the adult concerned. On such occasions it will not be necessary or practicable to obtain permission

provided access is restricted to low risk areas such as offices/open-access areas. In such cases,

the student or visitor accompanying the child shall be responsible for the safety of the child or

young person whilst on University property.

170. Other than for approved events such as Student Recruitment and Outreach events, where

a child or young person may be present for more than a short period of time, taken to a higher risk

area or left unattended, the student or visitor accompanying the child or young person must obtain

express written permission from the Designated Safeguarding Officer or relevant Head of Service

or Executive Dean of School or their nominee before the child enters University property. Students

are not permitted to bring a child or young person into any University timetabled, learning and

teaching sessions.

Vehicles

171. University car parks are private property and all vehicles are parked at the owners' risk.

The University cannot accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to vehicles and/or their

contents whilst parked on University property. Any student who wishes to bring a vehicle on to

University grounds must comply with the rules which are in force governing the driving and parking

of vehicles. It is the responsibility of such students to acquaint themselves with these rules which

can be found in the Student Hub on Brightspace. Students studying/located at partner institutions

should refer to their induction pre-arrival information and/or Student Handbook for details of local

arrangements.

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172. For students studying at the University a permit is required. Eligible students can obtain a

valid parking permit following completion of the online enrolment process. The issue of a permit

does not guarantee a parking place within the designated parking areas. Students

studying/located at partner institutions should refer to their induction pre-arrival information, and/or

Student Handbook for details on local arrangements. Students can also contact the HE

Administration Office at their Partner College for further clarification.

173. The University reserves the right to make charges for parking motorised vehicles in its

grounds.

The University encourages the use of bicycles in support of its own and the local

community's green travel policies. Facilities are provided for the parking of bicycles; the use is at

the owners' risk.

Retention and disposal of student records

All records kept by the University are held in accordance with the University's Data

Management Policy. Most records with regard to students are retained for a minimum of six years

after graduation or withdrawal from the University. However, the individual student's academic

record and the course/programme Assessment Board minutes will be retained in perpetuity to

enable the University to verify a student's achievements.

176. Where a course is recognised by a PSRB, retention periods will be in accordance with

PSRB specifications.

Disclosure of information about students

177. The disclosure of any personal information about students is subject to the requirements

of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

178. In accordance with the GDPR, students wishing to see the information held about them by

the University should submit a Subject Access Request in writing to dataprotection@uos.ac.uk,

as set out in the <u>Data Management Policy</u>.

Requests for non-personal information made in accordance with the Freedom of 179.

Information Act (FOIA) must be addressed to the Data Governance and Legal Services team

(foi@uos.ac.uk).

180. The University will disclose certain information, including details of attendance and

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academic progress, to the employer of an apprentice in accordance with the Apprenticeship

Agreement and Commitment Statement, or to the sponsor(s) of a student where such disclosure

is a specific condition of the sponsorship.

181. The University will disclose information, upon verification of identity, to a representative

who has been named by a student in writing to act on their behalf.

182. The University will disclose information, including details of an award gained at the

University and dates of study, to a potential employer or employment agency submitting an

education verification request upon signed authorisation by the student.

Data Sharing and Data Privacy

183. All enrolled students will be registered by the University for an account with

<u>Gradintelligence</u> for the purposes of providing the Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR),

a record of achievement (for courses not eligible for a HEAR) and student status certification

letters. Data required to register students for an account includes student ID, name, date of birth

and address. Students will be sent an email requesting activation of their Gradintelligence account

in order to access and securely share the relevant documentation. It is the responsibility of the

student to ensure that they activate their account. These documents will not be provided in paper

format, and only documents shared and viewed via Gradintelligence will be considered valid and

verified.

184. Information about how student data is collected and used can be found in the privacy

notices on the University's website.

Complaints Procedure

185. If a student has a complaint about the University, they should use the <u>Student Complaints</u>

<u>Procedure</u> which is intended to help resolve any complaints by students or applicants as promptly,

fairly and amicably as possible. A copy of the policy and form can be found on the University

website (www.uos.ac.uk).

186. If, having followed the Student Complaints Procedure, the student remains dissatisfied;

they may have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher

Education (OIA). Complaints made by applicants are not eligible for review by the OIA.

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SECTION 4 – APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Legislation and Guidance

These regulations have been informed by:

- The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) '<u>Undergraduate students: your rights under</u> consumer law.'
- The Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act (2024)
- Prevent Duty (The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act) (2015)
- Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)
- Freedom of Information Act (FOI) (2000)
- The Equality Act (2010)
- The Health and Safety at Work Act (1999)

Appendix 2: Useful Contacts

The majority of student facing services at the University are now contactable via a dedicated helpdesk platform, Minerva. More services will be migrated to Minerva during the 2025/26 academic year. Minerva can be accessed via the Student Hub or Partnerships Hub.

Students with any questions regarding how to contact teams or requiring advice on how to use Minerva should contact the Student Centre:

- In person in the Waterfront Building of the Ipswich campus
- By telephone on 01473 338833
- By email via studentlife@uos.ac.uk

Other useful contacts are listed below.

Admissions	admissions@uos.ac.uk	01473 338348
Data Governance	datagovernance@uos.ac.uk	
HE Administration Office: University of Suffolk at East Coast College (Great Yarmouth campus) University of Suffolk at East Coast College (Lowestoft campus) University of Suffolk at Suffolk New College	HE@eastcoast.ac.uk HE@eastcoast.ac.uk snchighereducation@suffolk.ac.uk	01493 419294 01502 525102 01473 382818
Library and Learning Services: University of Suffolk University of Suffolk at East Coast College (Great Yarmouth)	learningservices@uos.ac.uk	01473 338700 01493 419220
University of Suffolk at East Coast College (Lowestoft) University of Suffolk at Suffolk New College	learningcurve@suffolk.ac.uk	01502 525169 01473 382818
Students' Union Office	su@uos.ac.uk	

Appendix 3: Course Changes

Late Course Changes

University of Suffolk reserves the right to make course changes, including changes to course

content, structure, teaching and assessment, at any time later than the 28 day period specified in

section 42, including after enrolment and/or the course start date, for the reasons set out in section

42. Where students have already enrolled on a course, they will be fully consulted on any proposed

material changes to a course.

Students will be notified of any course changes as soon as reasonably practicable. Any student

who has concerns about the course change must notify the University in writing within 14 days of

receiving written notification of the change. If a student would like to be considered for another

course, the University will use its reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative course

within the University (for which tuition fees may be payable) or suggest a suitable alternative

course with an alternative provider. The University will provide you with a full refund of any tuition

fee paid.

Any change made to a course under this clause which falls outwith the reasons set out in section

42 would be considered by the University to be a variation of the contract between the student

and the University, to which a student's consent is required. In these circumstances students will

be asked to contact the University in writing, normally within 14 days, if they are not willing to

consent to the changes. Students will be consulted in advance about course changes made under

this clause.

If a student does not give consent to a change made within the circumstances set out in section

42, the following will apply:

• Upon receiving any written concerns, the University will invite the student to meet with

relevant staff to discuss the issue with the aim of seeking a mutually acceptable

resolution.

If no resolution is reached, students will have the right to withdraw from their course.

If a student decides to withdraw from their course in these circumstances:

They must notify the University in writing, within 14 days of receiving written notification

of the change;

If requested by the student, the University will use its reasonable endeavours to provide

a suitable alternative course (for which tuition fees may be payable) or suggest a suitable

alternative course at another provider;

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The University will provide the student with a full refund of tuition fees paid in the year in

which the course change takes effect and may award compensation, in accordance with

the arrangements outlined in the Tuition Fee Policy and Student Protection Plan.

Course Suspension

The University reserves the right to suspend a course before it has started, for the following

reasons:

Due to an insufficient number or quality of student applications received;

The University is unable to guarantee the student experience and/or is unable to meet

course number requirements;

Accreditation/support from relevant professional or regulatory bodies is withdrawn;

The course is not financially viable.

In order to minimise disruption caused by course suspensions, the University will:

Use its best endeavours to recruit sufficient numbers of students in order to run the

course;

• Warn students if a course is at risk of suspension due to failure to achieve sufficient

numbers and quality of student applications;

Give students no less than 28 days' notice of suspension prior to the start of the course;

If, due to circumstances beyond the University's reasonable control, it is not possible to

notify students in advance, the University will endeavour to do so as soon as reasonably

practicable.

If the University has to suspend a course after a student has accepted an offer:

The University will use reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative course

at the University (for which tuition fees will be payable) or suggest a suitable alternative

course at another provider.

The University will provide the student with a full refund of any deposit or tuition fee paid

towards the course which has been suspended, in accordance with the arrangements

outlined in the Tuition Fee Policy and Student Protection Plan.

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Appendix 4: Definitions and Interpretation

In this policy (except where the context otherwise requires) the following words shall have the

meanings respectively ascribed to them:

Academic Appeal

a written request by a student querying a decision on their academic result(s), progression or

award.

Academic Misconduct

an unfair advantage gained by a student in their studies/examinations.

Academic Year

normally means the twelve (12) month period from 1 August to 31 July for students starting their

studies in September and the twelve (12) month period from 1 February to 31 January for those

students starting in the Spring.

Award

the qualification achieved by a student having successfully completed a University of Suffolk

programme.

Brightspace

the University of Suffolk's Online Learning Environment (OLE).

BRP

a Biometric Residence Permit which a student receives as part of a visa or immigration application.

CAS

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies, which is a unique reference number that a student

requires when making a Student Route visa application. The CAS is confirmation that the

University wishes to sponsor a student using its Sponsor Licence.

Clearing

a service offered by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) and individual

universities, available between the months of July and September. The service can help people

without a university or college place to find suitable vacancies left on higher education courses.

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CMA

Competition and Markets Authority.

CMA Guidance

guidance issued by the CMA in respect of consumer protection of students in higher education in

England and Wales.

CTSA

the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act

from time to time.

DBS

the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Enrolment

the process whereby a student is admitted to a University of Suffolk programme and a record is

maintained by the University of the student's course of study.

Equality Act

the Equality Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time

together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant Government department

concerning the legislation.

FOIA

the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from

time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Information

Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation.

GDPR

the General Data Protection Regulation and any subordinate legislation made under that

Regulation from time to time together with any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the

Information Commissioner or relevant Government department in relation to such legislation.

Gradintelligence

the company that provides the online platform through which students can access and securely

share their Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR), record of achievement, and student

status certification letter.

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HEAR

the Higher Education Achievement Report; the student's academic transcript issued as an

electronic document via Gradintelligence that details the student's academic results as well as any

approved additional activities, awards and prizes achieved by the student during their programme

of study at the University.

OASIS

the Online Administration Services and Integrated Systems (the University of Suffolk student

portal).

OfS

the Office for Students. The OfS is the independent regulator for higher education in England.

OIA

the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education. The OIA provides an independent

scheme for the review of complaints by students against higher education institutions at the stage

where the internal complaints procedures have been exhausted. The OIA's definition of

'complaints' includes complaints about the final decision of a higher education institution's

disciplinary or appeal body.

OLE

an Online Learning Environment, such as Brightspace or Moodle.

Partner College

an FE institutional founding member of the University of Suffolk. The Partner Colleges are East

Coast College and Suffolk New College (together the "Partner Colleges" and individually the

"Partner College").

Partner Institution

an institution that the University has entered into a Collaboration Agreement with in order to

facilitate the delivery of programmes by the partner institution that lead to a University of Suffolk

award. This includes Partner Colleges.

Personal Tutor/Personal Academic Coach

a tutor allocated to a student to support their studies at the University of Suffolk. Personal

tutors/personal academic coaches are there to speak to on a number of topics.

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Relevant Policies and Procedures

the Relevant Policies and Procedures are defined in Appendix 5. The General Regulations and

the Relevant Policies and Procedures include the University's Admissions Policy and Terms and

Conditions of Offer. The terms of these two documents form part of the student contract, together

with any pre-contract information (oral or written), including information contained in the University

prospectus and any student-specific terms contained in each offer (but not included in these

documents).

RPL (including RPCL and RPEL)

the Recognition of Prior Learning; a process that allows applicants to gain recognition for skills or

qualifications gained at work or elsewhere. This can be prior certificated learning (RPCL) or prior

experiential learning (RPEL).

Registration

the process whereby an individual registers as a student of the University of Suffolk, or as a

student of a partner institution and the University for a programme of study validated by the

University.

Senate

the supreme academic authority of the University.

Student Centre

the main point of contact for many of the services and activities that students may need during

their time at the University.

Student Hub

an area on Brightspace that contains general student information and acts as the student intranet.

Student Protection Plan

a plan setting out what students can expect to happen should a course, campus or institution

close. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that students can continue and complete their studies,

or can be compensated if this is not possible.

Student Sponsor Licence

a licence issued by the UKVI under the points-based immigration system or any equivalent licence

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arrangement(s) introduced by the Government in place of Tier 4/Student Sponsor Licences.

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UCAS

the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, a central organisation through which

applications are processed for entry into Higher Education (HE).

UKVI

UK Visas and Immigration, the Government body responsible for securing the UK border and

immigration control and/or any successor body which carries out substantially the same function.

University of Suffolk Policies, Procedures

all or any of the policies, procedures and regulations (including academic and quality assurance

procedures) approved by the University from to time to time and which apply directly or indirectly

to any University of Suffolk programme.

Appendix 5: Relevant Policies and Procedures

In accepting an offer of a place and enrolling at the University of Suffolk, students agree to be

bound by the following University-wide policies and documents, as amended and approved from

time to time. Policies marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that there are separate policies in

operation for specific partner institutions, as listed in the Partner Institution Specific Policies

section.

Academic/Financial:

Academic Appeals Procedure

Academic Appeals Procedure for Research Degree Students

Academic Misconduct Policy

Additional Time due to Extenuating Circumstances Policy

Apprenticeship End Point Assessment Procedure

Admissions Policy

Admissions – General Terms and Conditions of Offer for Applicants

Assessment Board Policy

Assessment Moderation Policy *

Copyright Policy

Framework and Regulations for Higher National Awards

Framework and Regulations for SQA Advanced Awards in Nautical Science

Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards *

Framework and Regulations for Initial Teacher Training (Lifelong Learning Sector) Awards

Framework and Regulations for School Centred Initial Teacher Training Awards

Framework and Regulations for Integrated Master's Awards

Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards *

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Group Work Assessment Policy

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Framework

Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) – Additional Information Protocol

Intellectual Property Policy (Commercial Exploitation)

Intellectual Property Policy (Research and Scholarly Outputs and Learning and Teaching Materials)

Intercalation Procedure for Research Degree Students

Learning Session Recording (Lecture Capture) Policy

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Framework

Personal Academic Coaching Policy *

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Recognition of Prior Learning Policy

Regulations for the Preparation and Conduct of Invigilated Examinations

Research Ethics Framework

Research Misconduct Policy

Research Misconduct Policy for Postgraduate Research Students

Student Attendance and Engagement Monitoring Policy *

Student Transfer Arrangements

Tuition Fee Policy

Work-based and Placement Learning Framework

Conduct, Behaviour and Wellbeing:

Dignity at Study Policy

Disability Statement

Domestic Abuse Policy

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Policy

Fitness to Practise Procedure

Free Speech Code of Practice

Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Statement of Intent

Reasonable Adjustments Code of Practice

Safeguarding Policy

Smoking Policy

Student Charter

Student Discipline Procedure

Student Representation and Student Voice Policy

Support to Study Procedure

Trans Equality Policy

Complaints:

Student Complaints Procedure

Data and Information/Facilities:

Data Management Policy

Data Security Policy

* Partner Institution Specific Policies

Assessment Moderation Policy for Unicaf Programmes

Framework and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards delivered in partnership with Unicaf

Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards delivered in partnership with Unicaf Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards delivered in partnership with Unitas LSC Attendance Policy for students enrolled on University of Suffolk programmes GBS Attendance Policy for students enrolled on University of Suffolk programmes Personal Tutorial Policy for partner institutions