

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

RULES OF ASSESSMENT FOR TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES 2015/2016

CENTRE FOR PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES

MA PSYCHODYNAMIC COUNSELLING

1 PREAMBLE

- a) In addition to the standard Rules of Assessment for students on Taught Masters Degrees, the following rules are applicable in relation to the MA Psychodynamic Counselling (24 months). These rules should be read in conjunction with the relevant Programme Structure, Programme Specification and Module Directory entries. The Module Directory will give detail of assessment arrangements. The Programme Structure will identify which modules are core for the Course.
 - b) A taught module is any assessed component excluding the dissertation. A core module must be taken as part of the programme structure and passed, with no condonement of marks below a pass allowed.
 - c) It is for the Board of Examiners to determine whether the criteria for an award have been satisfied.
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2 PASS MARK

- a) The pass mark for all modules of the Masters degree is 50. Credits are only awarded if the module is passed. In cases where failure with a mark of 40 is condoned, the credits are not awarded.
 - b) For the purposes of these rules taught module averages, the overall weighted average for the taught modules and the mark for the dissertation will be rounded to the nearest whole number - i.e. 49.5 will count as 50, 49.4 as 49.
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3 PROGRESSION FROM YEAR ONE TO YEAR TWO

- 3.1** In addition to the standard Rules of Assessment, to progress from year one to year two, students should:
- a) Complete a minimum of 40 clinical hours; and
 - b) Complete a minimum of 40 therapy sessions.
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4 ELIGIBILITY FOR AN AWARD

4.1 THE MASTERS DEGREE

4.1.1 Pass

To be awarded a pass in the Masters a student should:

- a) Subject to (f), obtain 195 credits;
- b) Pass all the taught core modules and the dissertation;

- c) Pass at least 60 taught module credits at the first attempt unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners;
 - d) Complete 150 clinical hours over the course of the degree;
 - e) Complete a minimum of 40 therapy sessions in each year of the degree;
 - f) Failure with a mark of 40 or more for up to 40 credits in non-core taught modules will be condoned provided the overall weighted average for all the taught modules is 50.
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5 SECOND ATTEMPTS

5.1 In addition to the standard Rules of Assessment, students will be subject to the following:

5.1.1 Clinical Hours Requirements

- a) In order to receive accreditation, students must complete 150 clinical hours across the course of the degree.
 - b) If a student has not completed the required clinical hours by the time modules have been completed, they will not be eligible to graduate. When determining eligibility for an award, the Board of Examiners may allow students to complete the required clinical hours within a specified period of months in order to complete the degree.
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