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Chapter 8: Derogations and Variations
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UCL IOE Doctor in Educational Psychology (DEdPsy) Regulations 2015-16 (New Students)

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These regulations apply to new UCL IOE DEdPsy students enrolling from September 2015 onwards.

UCL IOE DEdPsy students are also subject to the *UCL IOE Code of Practice for Research Degrees* and to the *UCL Research Governance and Ethics Policies and Procedures*.

Regulations for the Degree of Doctor in Educational Psychology (Professional Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology) DEdPsy (PECAP)

1. Introduction

1.1 These regulations govern the conduct and award of the degree of Doctor in Educational Psychology (Professional Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology) (DEdPsy PECAP), the Master of Science (MSc) in Theoretical Educational Psychology and the Postgraduate Diploma in

Educational Psychology.

1.2 The regulations are made subject to the *UCL Academic Manual*, the *UCL IOE*

3.6 A qualifying examination may not serve in lieu of a satisfactory result in an approved English language test in cases where specified evidence of English language proficiency at a level deemed appropriate by UCL is required.

HCPC. The examination of the thesis shall be by oral examination conducted by at least two examiners, one of whom shall be external to UCL and one of whom must be appropriately qualified as an Educational Psychologist and registered as such with the HCPC: this examination will be designed to test the thesis against the criteria stated at 8.1 below.

7.3 The timing of the assessment of the taught element of the course, the professional development portfolio, and the thesis shall be in accordance with a schedule to be published by the Faculty Tutor.

7.4 A candidate who fails any assessment in the first or second year will be required to re-take and pass the assessment in August or September of the same year as a condition of continuation on the degree programme.

7.5 Professional competence shall be monitored throughout the placements, with a formal review being held each term, and shall be formally assessed in the third term of each year by the DEdPsy(PECAP) Board of Examiners who shall further examine the candidate's conceptual understanding of the integration of all elements of his/her studies.

7.6 If a candidate fails to satisfy the requirements of a professional placement, an oral examination shall be conducted by at least two examiners, one of whom will be external to UCL. The examination shall cover professional work undertaken in the placement and shall be designed to test the candidate's ability to integrate theory, research and practice at a level appropriate to their year of training. The possible outcomes of the oral examination are:

7.6.1 Placement passed;

7.6.2 Placement passed conditional on demonstration of specific competencies

DEdPsy(PECAP) Board of Examiners, such a candidate may instead undertake a special assessment in those elements missed and/or be permitted to submit any prescribed assignment at a date specified by the Board. The special assessment shall be undertaken in the same mode of assessment as the assessment that was missed.

7.11 A candidate who does not at his or her first entry satisfy the examiners in the formal assessment or part of the formal assessment for which he or she has entered may be re-assessed in that element of his or her programme of study on one further occasion only. Deadlines for the resubmission of work for formal assessment or of re-examination shall be specified by the Programme Leader.

7.11 A student who on two occasions fails or is absent from the assessment associated with a course required for the award for which he or she is registered may not continue with the programme of study.

7.12 A student wishing to request a reconsideration of a decision published by the

Psychologist and BPS accredited entry training to the Profession of Educational Psychology with eligibility for Chartered status.

9.9 Publications in joint names must be certified in accordance with paragraph 9.6 above.

9.10 The title of the candidate's thesis must be approved by the candidate's supervisor.

9.11 After the examination has been completed and before the degree is awarded, successful candidates are required to submit to the appropriate office, for lodging in the UCL IOE library, the required number of copies of the thesis in the format specified in the instructions issued by the Programme Leader, if the copies of the theses submitted for examination did not

11. Availability of DEdPsy(PECAP) thesis

11.1. It is a requirement for the award of the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree that one hard bound copy of a successful thesis is placed in the UCL IOE library and one electronic copy to be made available for public reference.

11.2. At the time of entry to the examination candidates for the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree will be required to sign a declaration confirming that the work presented is their own as specified in regulation 9.2, is fit for examination and that a copy may be made available for public reference.

11.3 A candidate may apply to the Research Degrees Examination Board for restriction of access to his or her thesis and/or the abstract for a period of up to two years on the grounds, for example, of commercial exploitation or patenting or in very exceptional circumstances. In all

12.8 Assessment shall be by submission of a thesis (as defined above) and an oral examination, which will be conducted in English.

12.9 Candidates must attend for examination at a place and time determined by UCL IOE (see also regulation 10.10).

12.10 The oral examination will be held in London. The Faculty Tutor may, however, agree to different arrangements if there are exceptional circumstances which make this expedient.

12.11 Unless the candidate indicates otherwise on the entry form, the supervisor (or where the candidate is jointly supervised, both supervisors) shall be invited to attend the oral examination as an observer. The supervisor does not have the right to take part in the examination but may contribute if invited to do so by the examiners with the agreement of the candidate. Otherwise the oral examination will be held in private.

12.12 An independent chair shall be appointed for all oral examinations. The chair shall play no role in the academic content of the examination of the thesis or the candidate. The role of the independent chair is to be present at the oral examination as a neutral observer and a guarantor of fair play, and generally to ensure that the examination is conducted appropriately. Where appropriate, the chair shall offer advice to the examiners on the regulations.

12.13 The chair shall be appointed in accordance with the *UCL IOE Guidelines for the Conduct of Oral Examinations*.

12.14 The examiners shall prepare independent preliminary written reports on the thesis to assist

against the criteria stated in paragraph 9 above. The possible outcomes of the oral examination are:

Pass

Fail – may not re-present

13.1.6 The Examiners may determine that the candidate has not satisfied them in the examination and that the candidate may not be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form. The Examiners shall not, however, save in very exceptional circumstances; make such a decision without submitting the candidate to an oral examination.

13.2 If the examiners are unable to reach agreement, their reports shall be referred to the Research Degrees Examination Board which shall determine the action to be taken.

13.3 A candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners will not be permitted to re-enter for the examination.

14. Notification of Result of DEdPsy(PECAP) Examinations

14.1 After the report of the examiners for the thesis has been considered by the Research Degrees Examination Board the candidate shall be notified by Student and Registry Services of the result of his/her examination. The degree shall not be awarded until copies of the thesis have been lodged with UCL IOE in accordance with regulation 9.11) and all other requirements for the award of the degree have been met.

14.2 A diploma under the seal of the UCL shall be subsequently delivered to each candidate who has been awarded a degree.

14.3 The diploma for the degree will bear the names of the candidate in the form in which they appear in the records of UCL at the date of issue.

14.4 No person will be awarded any qualification who has not settled any account outstanding with UCL or made acceptable arrangements to settle any such account, and neither will any information on such a person's examination performance be communicated to that person or to any third party except as required by law.

14.5 Student and Registry Services may withhold the result of any examination for a student who is under investigation under the disciplinary procedures of UCL, unless required to disclose information by law.

14.6 The procedures governing student complaints, including appeals against the decision of a Board of Examiners, are defined in the *UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 1, Section 12: Student Complaints Procedures*.

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Master of Science (MSc) in Theoretical Educational Psychology

Appendix to Doctor in Educational Psychology (Professional Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology) Regulations:

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc) IN THEORETICAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Students who register initially for the Doctor in Educational Psychology (Professional

3. Notification of result

3.1 After the DEdPsy(PECAP) Board of Examiners have reached a decision, every candidate shall be notified by Student and Registry Services of the result of his/her examination.

3.2 A diploma under the seal of UCL shall be subsequently delivered to each candidate who has been awarded the degree. The date of the award of the diploma will be no longer than one month after the Board of Examiners has recommended that a student be passed.

3.3 The diploma for the degree shall bear the names of the candidate in the form in which they appear in the records of UCL at the date of issue.

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1.1 Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology

REGULATIONS FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Students who register initially for the degree of Doctor in Educational Psychology (Professional Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology) may be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology in accordance with the provisions below.

1. Conditions of Award

1.1 Students who successfully complete the taught element of the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree by achieving a pass grade in each of the required academic courses through studies at UCL as specified in 8.6 of the DEdPsy(PECAP) regulations are eligible to be considered for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology, provided they have not applied for any other award on the basis of results in the taught courses.

1.2 Pass grades on the basis of which the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology is awarded must have been achieved through assessments relating to the taught academic elements of the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree programme and specified academic elements of the professional development portfolio as published by the Programme Leader.

1.3 The regulations and examination provisions which govern the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree for which the student registers shall apply to those courses which count towards the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology.

1.4 A student who opts for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology may not subsequently receive credit for the passes in courses which led to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology towards the award of the DEdPsy(PECAP) degree or any other award offered at UCL.

2. Examination

2.1 A candidate shall be examined in accordance with the instructions governing formal assessment in force at the time he or she is considered for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

2.2 In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology a candidate must satisfy the DEdPsy(PECAP) Board of Examiners that he/she has attained a satisfactory standard in courses which comprise the academic taught components of the degree programme and specified academic elements of the professional development portfolio as published by the Programme Leader.

3. Notification of result

3.1 After the DEdPsy(PECAP) Board of Examiners have reached a decision, every candidate shall be notified Student and Registry Services of the result of his/her examination.

3.2 A diploma under the seal of University College London shall be subsequently delivered to each candidate who has been awarded a Postgraduate Diploma. The date of the award of the

diploma will be no longer than one month after the Board of Examiners has recommended that a student be passed.

3.3 The diploma will bear the names of th