

**ORDINANCE 45: Degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours (for the Diagnostic Radiography, Occupational Therapy, Orthoptics, Physiotherapy and Therapeutic Radiography and Oncology programmes)**

1. The University may award the degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours to students who have pursued an approved programme of studies, as set out in the relevant programme specification, to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners. Each programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure and the assessment and re-assessment requirements of the programme. Details of the curricula shall be provided in module specifications. Each programme of study may commence with a Year 0, the requirements for which shall be set out in the relevant programme specification.
2. Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University.
3. The University may recognise the programmes of study and examinations for the degree of Bachelor in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences and other Faculties of the University, or programmes of study and examinations of other approved universities and institutions as, in part, qualifying for the award of the degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours. In these circumstances, the maximum period of registration provided for in clause 4 below may be adjusted accordingly.
4. The programmes shall be full-time and shall normally extend over three years, or four years when a student commences a programme with a Year 0. The maximum period that a student may be registered for a programme governed by this Ordinance shall be six years from first registration in Year 1, including any repeat year and periods of interruption<sup>1</sup>.
5. Students who have satisfied the Examiners in all requirements of the relevant approved programme of study may be recommended for the award of Bachelor of Science with Honours, in one of the following subjects:

Diagnostic Radiography  
Occupational Therapy  
Orthoptics  
Physiotherapy

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<sup>1</sup> The maximum period of registration is not applicable to students who entered the programme prior to 2015-16.

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6. Students shall be required to attend the compulsory components of the programme as specified in the relevant programme specification and the programme handbooks. The Board of Examiners, or a Progress Panel acting on behalf of the Board of Examiners and the University, shall be empowered to exclude from an examination any student who has not attended, to the satisfaction of the Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and Nursing, the approved programme of study or who has not properly completed written or other work.
7. Students shall be assessed in all modules for which they are registered by the end of the year of study. Assessment results shall be determined formally at the end of the second semester in each year of study. All assessments shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the relevant programme and module specifications.
8. Students must satisfy the Examiners for each year of study in order to proceed to the next year of study, except as provided for in clause 12 of this Ordinance.
9. Students who fail to complete a year of study satisfactorily at the end of the second semester will normally be allowed to present themselves in August/September for assessments in modules failed or not examined unless excluded from the August/September assessments by the Board of Examiners.
10. Students who fail in re-sit assessments in August/September may, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners:
  - a) be required to terminate their studies; or
  - b) be permitted to repeat the failed modules with or without attendance and present themselves for re-assessment at the next available opportunity in the examination cycle; or
  - c) in the case of failure following the re-assessment of Year 3 modules, be considered for the exit award of Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, with or without Honours, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance governing that degree and the rules set out in the programme specification for the Bachelor of Science with Honours degree, or for a Diploma in Higher Education, in accordance with clause 13 of this Ordinance.
11. No student may repeat more than one year of the programme.
12. Where a student has failed 15 credits in Year 1/level 4 at the re-assessment opportunity, they have extenuating circumstances accepted in relation to the reassessment and their overall average mark is at least 50%, the Board of Examiners may permit the student to progress to Year 2/level 5 of their programme carrying the failed 15 credits. A student will only be allowed to carry such failure into Year 2/level 5

in modules specified in the relevant programme specification and programme handbook, which will not be specific to the profession.

13. Where a student's studies are terminated or they otherwise fail or withdraw from the programme, they may be entitled to an exit award of either a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, in accordance with the provisions of clause 10 (iii) above, or a Certificate in Higher Education, or a Diploma in Higher Education. A Certificate in Higher Education shall be awarded to students who have passed modules amounting to at least 120 credits at FHEQ level 4; a Diploma in Higher Education shall be awarded to students who have passed modules amounting to at least 240 credits, of which at least 120 shall be at FHEQ level 5.
14. Students who fail in a specified minimum number of modules, as detailed in the relevant programme specification and programme handbook, in any year of study may, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, be withdrawn from a practice placement with immediate effect following the publication of the results. In this situation, and subject to the provisions of clause 11 of this Ordinance, students will normally be required to repeat the year of study.
15. Students must have completed and passed all the practice-based elements of the programme and must have completed the minimum statutory requirements for practice placements set by the statutory/professional body to be awarded a degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours.
16. The Bachelor of Science with Honours degree shall be classified in accordance with the rules set out in the relevant programme specifications.
17. Subject to any overriding considerations of patient safety in relation to clinical assessments, the Board of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of extenuating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-assessments and their final degree results, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Extenuating Circumstances Policy.
18. The Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, in consultation with the Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions and Nursing, has the right to require any student to withdraw from a clinical placement with immediate effect if the Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor considers that the student's presence is against the interests of the patient or the establishment concerned. The student will be suspended for a specified period of time pending full consideration of the circumstances by the Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor under the University's Fitness to Practise procedures. The Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor has the right to extend the period of interruption if they consider that action to be justified.

The Code of Practice on Assessment (including the Extenuating Circumstances Policy) can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-ofpracticeon-assessment/>

The Fitness to Practise Policy can be found at:  
<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/studentadministration/policies-procedures/fitness-to-practise/>

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO ORDINANCE 45**

1. Original amended Ordinance approved on behalf of Senate and Council September 2015.
2. Amendments made October 2021 to include reference to the new name of the former Radiotherapy programme, Therapeutic Radiography and Oncology.
3. Amendments approved via Chair's action on behalf of Senate and Council August/September 2022 to bring the Ordinance up to date with the current Faculty structure and to reflect revised terminology.
4. Minor amendment approved by the Vice-Chancellor in February 2023 to remove reference to the Radiotherapy programme as all students have now completed this programme.
5. April 2025 - minor amendments approved via Chair's action to reflect revisions in nomenclature (replace 'suspension' with 'interruption'), plus to reflect the current Faculty structure.