

**ORDINANCE 55: General Ordinance for the Degree of Master of Research
(applicable to students who commenced their studies prior to 2014-15)**

1. This Ordinance shall apply to all Master of Research (MRes) degrees. The degree of Master of Research may be conferred upon a graduate of this or any other approved institution, or a candidate who holds a qualification deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to an Honours degree of this University.
2. The attendance requirements, subjects of study, assessment requirements and rules for classification of the degree of Master of Research shall be as set out in this Ordinance and detailed in the relevant programme specification and programme handbook.
3. Students who attend for a minimum period of 12 months of full-time study, or for an equivalent period of part-time study, will be eligible for the award of a Master of Research degree.
4. No candidate shall be eligible for an award later than three years following the date of the initial registration.
5. At least 50% of the programme of study leading to the award of a Master of Research degree should comprise research activity, assessed by the dissertation and written reports, and the remainder of the programme must comprise advanced skills and advanced knowledge.
6. The assessment of research activity must include an oral examination involving an internal and an External Examiner.
7. The pass mark for all components of the programme of study is 50%.
8. Students who fail in any assessment shall normally be allowed, on recommendation of the Examiners, to present themselves for re-assessment on one further occasion only.
9. Assessments for full-time students must be completed by 30th September in the year following first registration and for part-time students the final date for completion of assessments will be 30th September in the year in which the final assessment is taken.
10. The Board of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of mitigating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-assessments in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Mitigating Circumstances Policy.

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