

ORDINANCE 68: Degree of Master of Pharmacy

1. The University may award the degree of Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) to students who have pursued the approved programme of studies, as set out in the programme specification for the degree, to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners. The programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure, subjects of study and the assessment and re-assessment requirements of the programme. The subjects of study for the MPharm programme shall be as required by the appropriate regulatory/validating bodies. The Programme may commence with a Year 0, the requirements for which shall be set out in the relevant Year 0 programme specification.
2. Candidates for the degree of MPharm shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University.
3. The programme shall be full-time and normally extend over four academic years. The maximum period for which a student may be registered for the degree of MPharm, including periods of interruption of study and repeated years of study, shall normally be seven years. Where a student enters directly into Year 2 of the programme, the maximum period of registration shall be adjusted accordingly.
4. 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 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 Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the approved programme of study or who has not properly completed written or other work, including experiential learning.
5. All assessments shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the programme specification for the degree.
6. 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 components 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 4 components, be considered for the exit award of Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical 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 in case of failure following the re-assessment of Year 3 components, for a Diploma in Higher Education, or in case of failure following the re-assessment of Year 2 components, for a Certificate in Higher Education in accordance with clause 9 of this Ordinance.

7. Students must complete each year of study to the satisfaction of the Examiners before progressing to the next year of study and all assessments must be passed to progress to the next year of the programme.
8. Students must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of the required experiential learning before they are permitted to progress to the next year of the programme.
9. The rules governing the award of the degree of MPharm, shall be as set out in the relevant programme specification.
10. 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 the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences, or a Diploma in Higher Education, or a Certificate in Higher Education. The BSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences, with or without Honours, will be awarded when students have successfully completed the first three years of their programme, in accordance with the Ordinance governing the degree of BSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The criteria for the award of the degree with and without Honours shall be specified in the relevant MPharm programme specification. A Diploma in Higher Education shall be awarded to students who have passed the first two years of their programme. A Certificate in Higher Education shall be awarded to students who have passed the first year of their programme.
11. Subject to any overriding considerations of patient safety in relation to 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, in the case of the exit award of BSc in Pharmaceutical Sciences, in determining their final results) in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Extenuating Circumstances Policy.
12. The Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, in consultation with the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 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 interest of patients or of 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-of-practice-on-assessment/>

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