UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Amendments to UPR AS11 (Schedule of Awards) for 2022/23

This paper summarises the proposed amendments to UPR AS11 for the 2022/23 academic year.

1. Temporary regulations in response to the Covid-19 pandemic

The University introduced a Safety Net policy in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, some of which continued to apply for the lifespan of the pandemic. The following (temporary) amendment has been withdrawn for the 2022/23 academic session:

2.4 Award titles acknowledging employment experience

2.4.1 Sandwich awards

A sandwich award requires the successful completion of at least **30** weeks full-time equivalent placement activity from a maximum of two separate approved placements, neither of which will be normally less than **12** weeks in duration, in order for the award to be made. The sandwich award title should be:

<Award title (Sandwich)>

In exceptional circumstances, the Director of Academic Quality Assurance is able to approve a Sandwich award for the successful completion of at least **24** weeks full-time equivalent placement activity.

NB. This withdrawal applies to students undertaking their placement from the 2022/23 academic year onwards. The exception still applies to those students who undertook a placement in 2021/22 and are considered for a final award in 2022/23 onwards.

2. Withdrawal of the award of Doctor of Pyschotherapy

The award of Doctor of Psychotherapy has been withdrawn from the Schedule, due to lack of recruitment for a number of years. UPR AS11, section 3.4, A has been amended accordingly.

3. Two-year taught Master's degrees

A number of full-time, two-year Master's degrees have been approved in the past three years. These awards have been distinguished from standard one-year Master's degrees through the use of adjuncts such as:

- Award (Sandwich)
- Award 'with Advanced Research'
- Award 'with Research'
- Award 'with Further Study'
- Award 'with Experiential Learning'

A decision has been taken to bring the credit requirements for all two-year awards into alignment, to 240 credits. This is achieved through the successful completion of an additional

60 credits of level 7 taught or project/dissertation modules, or placement. The following amendments to UPR AS11, section 4.3 have been approved:

4.3 Master's degrees (taught)

Total credit at specified Level(s) normally required for an award (credit at a specified Level can be replaced by credit at a higher	Typical duration of study required	Minimum University of Hertfordshire credit and Level	Maximum combined APCL/ APEL, and Level					
Level)	full-time		Total	0	4	5	6	7
Taught Master's Degree (other than awards specified below): 180 credits, to include at least 150 credits @ Level 7 (with no more than 15 credits below Level 6)	3 Semesters	45 @ 7	135		15		15	105
Extended Two-year taught Master's Degree 'with Advanced Research', 'with Research' or 'with Further Study': 240 credits, to include at least 210 credits @ Level 7 (with no more than 15 credits below Level 6)	4 or 5 Semesters	60 @ 7	180		15		15	150
Master of Architecture: 240 credits @Levels 6/7, to include at least 180 credits @ Level 7	4 Semesters	60 @ 7	180				60	120