

## SECTION 1

### FOREWORD

#### (A) Introduction

- 1.1 These Academic Regulations were introduced in September 2006 and apply to all taught courses at all levels<sup>1</sup> leading to an Anglia Ruskin award, including courses offered in collaboration with an approved Associate College and BTEC awards conferred under Anglia Ruskin University's Licence Agreement with Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel). They also apply, where appropriate, to students registered for taught modules for which credit is awarded on successful completion but which by themselves do not lead to an Anglia Ruskin award. Such students are known as Associate Students or Visiting Students (see Regulation 2.29 for a definition of these terms).
- 1.2 Separate Regulations apply to Anglia Ruskin University's research degrees including professional doctorates, higher doctorates and honorary degrees. The *Research Degrees Regulations* are available at [www.anglia.ac.uk/researchregs](http://www.anglia.ac.uk/researchregs).
- 1.3 Anglia Ruskin University's Academic Regulations are the definitive statement over all other Anglia Ruskin University documents of the regulatory framework for courses leading to an Anglia Ruskin taught award at all levels. They are legally binding. In the unlikely event of any discrepancy between the Academic Regulations and any other Anglia Ruskin publication, the Academic Regulations take precedence and are applied in all cases. They have been approved by the Senate<sup>2</sup> and are reviewed annually by the Senate. This tenth edition of the Academic Regulations was approved by the Senate on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- 1.4 All taught courses leading to an Anglia Ruskin award are required to adhere to these Academic Regulations, unless the Senate has agreed otherwise.
- 1.5 Under the provisions of Anglia Ruskin University's Articles of Government, the Senate is responsible for Anglia Ruskin University's academic standards. Throughout these Academic Regulations all references to "Anglia Ruskin University" in the context of setting or maintaining academic standards should be understood to signify the Senate in the exercise of its responsibility for these matters.
- 1.6 The Senate has established an Academic Regulations Subcommittee which, through the Senate's Quality, Enhancement & Standards Committee (QESC), is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Academic Regulations and rules on issues of interpretation and/or ambiguity that may arise from time to time and between meetings of the Senate. The Subcommittee is responsible for proposing any amendments to the Academic Regulations to the Senate in June of each year.
- 1.7 Anglia Ruskin University's Academic Regulations take full account of the UK Quality Code developed by the QAA to define and maintain academic standards in UK higher education.

---

<sup>1</sup> Anglia Ruskin University's awards are conferred at levels 3-7, mapping to levels 3-7 in *Chapter A1: The National Level (section 1)* of the QAA's *UK Quality Code for Higher Education* (December 2011). See Regulations 2.46 - 2.72 for details

<sup>2</sup> 12 October 2005, 8 February 2006, 26 April 2006, 14 June 2006, 11 July 2006, 29 November 2006, 7 February 2007, 13 June 2007, 25 June 2008, 25 June 2009, 24 June 2010, 22 June 2011, 25 April 2012, 20 June 2012, 19 June 2013, 26 February 2014, 18 June 2014, 25 February 2015, 22 April 2015, 17 June 2015, 15 June 2016, 5 April 2017 and 14 June 2017

## **(B) Senate Codes of Practice**

- 1.8 These Academic Regulations provide the regulatory framework for setting and maintaining Anglia Ruskin University's academic standards. They are complemented by a series of Senate Codes of Practice through which, in conjunction with other mechanisms, Anglia Ruskin University's academic standards and quality of education are maintained, assured and enhanced.
- 1.9 Each Code of Practice is approved by the Senate for use throughout Anglia Ruskin University and its UK and international Associate Colleges. Throughout these Academic Regulations reference is made to the Senate Codes of Practice, where appropriate.
- 1.10 As at August 2017 the Senate Codes of Practice cover the following quality assurance policies:
- Admissions;
  - Assessment of Students;
  - Collaborative Provision;
  - Curriculum Approval and Review;
  - External Examiners for Taught Courses;
  - Research Degrees.

## **(C) Website**

- 1.11 These Academic Regulations and Senate Codes of Practice are available electronically on the following websites:

Academic Regulations: ***[www.anglia.ac.uk/academicregs](http://www.anglia.ac.uk/academicregs)***

Senate Codes of Practice: ***[www.anglia.ac.uk/codes](http://www.anglia.ac.uk/codes)***

Anglia Ruskin University's key quality assurance policy documents are all available electronically. Details are set out in **Appendix 1** to these Academic Regulations.