SECTION B ADMISSIONS REGULATIONS

B.1 Introduction

B.1.1 The Strategic Plan and Mission of The University of Wolverhampton http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=11707 positions the Institution to be an agent for social inclusion and social change and one that welcomes students from all backgrounds, including those not traditionally well represented in higher education.

B.1.2 The University will endeavour to facilitate the entry into Higher Education of a broad spectrum of participants who, by virtue of either their possession of a recognised qualification (or other record of achievement) or their maturity and experience are deemed likely to fulfill their specific learning objectives, have the ability to benefit from the learning experience and to achieve the standard of the award. Where students are not deemed ready to access Higher Education, the University will seek to provide, whether itself or with collaborative partner institutions, courses which will support students in achieving readiness for Higher Education.

B.1.3 These regulations detail the admissions requirements by which all taught courses are governed. They should be read in conjunction with Section A.2 and paragraph 2 of the relevant specific qualification regulations in Sections F - Z.

B.2 General Principles

B.2.1 The University will ensure that procedures in place for the recruitment and admission of students are readily accessible, fair, clear and implemented consistently and that decisions regarding admissions are made by those equipped to make the required judgment and who are competent to undertake their roles and responsibilities.

B.2.2 The University will ensure the speedy conversion of appropriate applications into offers to suitable prospective students by having transparent academic and non-academic entry requirements which lead to the enrolment of new entrants at appropriate levels in the University.

B.2.3 Applicants will be provided with timely information and advice needed for them to make informed choices both about courses best suited to their individual needs and circumstances and financial support and costs, together with the obligations placed upon them at the point at which an offer of a place is made and for the start of the course.

B.2.4 The University will inform prospective students as soon as possible of any significant changes to a course which may occur from the time of the offer being made and enrolment, and will inform successful applicants of the arrangements for enrolment, registration and induction. The University will ensure that effective and appropriate arrangements are in place for providing feedback to applicants who have not been offered a place.

B.2.5 The University will ensure that procedures are in place for responding to applicants' complaints about the operation of the admissions process, and appeals about the outcome of a selection decision, and will ensure that all staff involved with admissions is familiar with the procedures.

B.2.6 Whilst recognising relevant statutory and professional requirements, this regulation and associated procedures are framed within the Institution's published Equal Opportunities Policy and operate to ensure equality of opportunity for all applicants to the University and its partner colleges irrespective of colour, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, age, disability, religion or socio-economic background.

B.3 Application to the University

B.3.1 All applicants to the University will be required to complete the appropriate application form for the course.

B.3.2 The University will not admit or allow the continuation of study for any person found to have made a fraudulent application.

B.3.3 In considering a request from a student to recommence study following a leave of absence or if their registration was terminated, regulation in Section C.3.6 will take precedence over any regulation in section B.

B.3.4 Students who have previously been excluded from any course in the University for reasons of discipline, academic misconduct or fitness to practice will have no right to study at the University again.

B4 English Language Requirements

B.4.1 Applicants who are non-native speakers of English shall be required to demonstrate proficiency in English. The accepted IELTS score will vary depending on the level of the qualification to be studied as follows:

For entry at level:	ILETS or equivalent
3	4.5
4[1]	6.0
5[1]	6.0
6[1]	6.0
7	6.0 or 6.5
8	7.0

[1] For entry to BA(Hons) English Language and BA (Hons) Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages a score of 6.5 is required

B.5 Entry with Advanced Standing

B.5.1 Students may be admitted to the University with advanced standing where they have previously successfully completed relevant study at higher education level, in the UK or abroad. Students may also be admitted with advanced standing on the basis of relevant prior learning which has occurred outside a formal course of study, which may include in-company training or relevant work experience.

B.5.2 The procedures for the assessment of prior learning will be determined by the University Quality Enhancement Committee on behalf of Academic Board and set out in the guidelines for the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). The minimum requirements for credits awarded by the University of Wolverhampton are contained in the relevant specific qualification regulations in Sections F–Z.

B.5.3 The total credit and level value of awarded RPL will be recorded on the student record. Any grades associated with the previous study and/or RPL will not be individually recorded and are excluded from the final classification calculations.

B.5.4 Students currently registered on a University of Wolverhampton course governed by sections F, G, or S of the regulations, will be permitted to progress onto a course governed by sections H, K or M of the regulations prior to completing their first award, providing a maximum of 20 credits at either level 4 or level 5 are outstanding and the student has not exhausted their reassessment opportunity for the outstanding credits.

B.5.5 The University's Academic Registrar must approve any exceptions to these arrangements.

B.6 Commencement of Study

B.6.1 Applicants to University courses must be in attendance, enrolled and registered at the beginning of the course in accordance with section C.3.2. Exceptionally, students may be admitted later, but will only be permitted to commence late with the prior written agreement of both the Dean of Faculty and Academic Registrar.

B.6.2 Courses will contain an induction period, which students must attend.

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