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| **University Teaching and Learning Committee** |
| **6 August 2020** |

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| **Revisions to the Handbook of Regulations for Awards – TO CONSIDER** | |
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**Proposed Resolution**

To consider the request from Huddersfield Business School (HBS) to add an award title to the next edition of the Handbook of Regulations for Awards.

1. **Executive Summary** 
   1. The Handbook of Regulations for Awards makes provision for the award of a taught integrated master’s degrees under a range of titles.
   2. HBS wishes to add an additional title with effect from August 2020
   3. An event will be held to consider the relevant new course, however this is conditional on the UTLC approving the new award title.
2. **Proposal**
   1. The School is requesting approval for a new award title for a new taught integrated master’s award in Law.

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| **Award structure:** | Integrated Masters  360 undergraduate credits  120 postgraduate credits |

* 1. Approval will require the following additional text in the Handbook of Regulations for Awards from August 2020:

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| C4 (Titles of awards: Integrated Masters)  *Master of Laws (MLaw) – which is reserved for courses of specialised study in Law* |

* 1. With impending changes to legal education nationally, the existing title is reflective of a particular regulated pathway that is being phased out from 2021.
  2. The QAA Characteristics Statement, Master’s Degree, 2015 indicates that the most commonly used award title for the new integrated Law Master’s degree is MLaw.
  3. The new title is a better reflection of the content of the new course than the existing integrated Master’s award and will serve students in highlighting that this is a specific qualification in law.
  4. The new title is consistent with both national practice across a wide variety of disciplines including Law and that also features in Huddersfield for disciplines such as Chemistry: MChem, Engineering: Meng, Mathematics: MMath and Music: MMus.
  5. Moreover, the new title is in line with awards offered by other institutions (see foot of this paper) offering integrated Master of Law courses and is felt that this new award is both clear and understandable for students in the marketplace.

1. **Implementation**
   1. The School proposes that only new students will be enrolled on the MLaw, as the programme to which this title applies is not currently validated.
   2. Award Calculation to be used:
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Confirmed by email:

Data Returns  Date:

Course Publications  Date:

ASIS Support  Date:

* 1. Other institutions offering MLaw award title in integrated masters programmes through UCAS:

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| **Programme** | **University** |
| MLaw | University of Central Lancashire |
| MLaw | University of Essex |
| MLaw | Northumbria University |
| MLaw | Pearson College |
| MLaw | Queen’s University Belfast |
| MLaw | University of Westminster |