COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Review of Academic Criteria for the award of Ordinary Degree

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework define the Scottish Bachelors degree (level 9 Ordinary degree) as:

- at least 360 SCQF Credit Points of which a minimum of 60 credits at SCQF Level 9.

The academic criteria for the current Ordinary degree from the College of Science and Engineering is defined below:

**Bachelor of Science Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline or Combined Disciplines**

107. To qualify for the award of the BSc Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline or Combined Disciplines students must have obtained 360 credit points (or recognition of prior learning, acceptable under General Undergraduate Regulations). The overall curriculum (including any concessions) must have met the requirement for entry to Senior Honours in that Discipline or Combined Disciplines as indicated in years 3 and 4 of the Honours Degree Programme Table, subject to further restrictions and recommendations that may appear in the appropriate School Programme Guide (excluding the requirement for the Honours courses to have been passed at the first sitting, and excluding any elevated hurdles or prerequisites for Honours.) For those programmes where there is a Schedule of level 9 courses specifically for Ordinary Degrees then the level 9 course may be substituted for the related level 10 course in the DPT for the purpose of eligibility for the Ordinary Degree in a Designated Discipline.

108. The BSc Ordinary Degree is awarded in designated disciplines corresponding to every BSc, BEng, MA, or Integrated Masters (e.g. MPhys, MInf) Honours degree and with the same titles, with the exception that the titles of the following Ordinary degrees in the designated disciplines are changed as indicated:

   a. subject specialisations for the BSc Biological Sciences, where the Designated Discipline will be Biological Sciences, i.e. without the subject specialisation;
   b. subject specialisations within the School of Chemistry, where the Designated Discipline will be either Chemical Sciences or Chemical Sciences with Industrial Experience. The latter may be awarded to students who successfully complete the industrial experience component of the corresponding MChem programme;
   c. subject specialisations within the discipline of Ecological Science, where the Designated Discipline will be Ecological Science, i.e. without the subject specialisation.

109. In the case of Combined Degree programmes, the Examiners will recommend the award of the BSc Ordinary Degree in single (see requirement 4 above) or combined disciplines in order to best reflect the achievements of the individual student.

The proposal to develop updated criteria to reflect the academic requirements for the award of an Ordinary degree with Designated Discipline or Combined Discipline. The degree would remain as an exit award.
The overall curriculum must include at least:

- 360 credit points, of which at least 60 credit points should be at SCQF 9 or 10.
- 360 credit points in a major subject of study comprising related and consecutive courses in this subject over three years with 100 credit points at SCQF level 7 or 8, and 60 at SCQF level 9 or 10.
- 200 credit points in a cognate discipline to the subject area of the designated degree.