

Regulations for the Award of the Certificate of Advanced Study

1 General Regulations

- 1.1 The Certificate of Advanced Study is intended for award on the satisfactory completion, including formal examinations, of a prescribed programme of full-time study on an advanced course beyond the Bachelor's degree level over a period of not less than three months full-time study or its part-time equivalent, or as prescribed by the Senate.
- 1.2 Where a course of study has been specifically established as leading to the award of the Certificate of Advanced Study candidates must follow the designated course of study; individual programme requirements are published in the Academic Regulations.
- 1.3 Candidates for the Certificate of Advanced Study must be able to demonstrate that they have an educational background appropriate to the course they wish to follow: this will be through a minimum of a Second Class Honours degree or a taught Master's degree awarded by a UK institution or a degree of an equivalent standard awarded by a university institution overseas in a subject appropriate to that of the programme to be followed.
- 1.4 English language and other tests may be prescribed by the College.
- 1.5 To be eligible for the award of the Certificate of Advanced Study a candidate must be assessed to the satisfaction of the examiners. The scheme of assessment to be used must be approved by the appropriate Senate Committee.
- 1.6 No award shall be made to students registered for a DIC or for an Imperial College or University of London degree or to students following a course directly after having failed a qualifying examination required for DIC or higher degree registration at Imperial College.
- 1.7 Examiners shall have the discretion to award a result of merit or distinction to candidates who have fulfilled the requirements of these awards as specified in the Examination Regulations.
- 1.8 Candidates who do not at their first entry successfully complete the examination or part of the examination for which they have entered may, subject to the agreement of the Head of Department when such re-entry would involve further attendance at the College, re-enter that examination on one occasion. Such re-entry shall be at the next following examination.
- 1.9 After the examiners have reached a decision every candidate will be notified of the results of their examinations including marks obtained under the authority of the Academic Registrar.
- 1.10 A diploma under the Seal of the College shall be subsequently delivered to each candidate who has been awarded the Certificate of Advanced Study.

2 Progression Rules for Certificate to Master's Programmes, where a Certificate of Advanced Study is also a component of a Master's Course¹.

- 2.1 Students who successfully complete the CAS course and elect to continue to the Master's course will not be awarded the CAS qualification on completion, but will be awarded the Master's qualification on successful completion of the Master's course.
- 2.2 Students who successfully complete the CAS course and elect to continue to the Master's course but who are unsuccessful in the Master's course will not be awarded the CAS qualification retrospectively.
- 2.3 Students who successfully complete the CAS course and elect to continue to the Master's course but who withdraw without completing the Master's course, will be awarded the CAS qualification retrospectively.
- 2.4 Students who do not successfully complete the CAS examination on first entry will be eligible to re-enter the examinations on the next occasion but will not normally be eligible to continue to the Master's course.

¹ The Progression Rules for Certificate to Master's Programmes, where a Certificate of Advanced Study is also a component of a Master's Course, can be applied in respect of part-time programmes of study only.