

LU GHANA SUPPORTING DOCUMENT – VARIATIONS TO MARP **APPLICABLE FROM OCTOBER 2026**

AIM OF THIS DOCUMENT

Lancaster University Ghana (LUG) is a branch campus of Lancaster University (LU) in Ghana, delivering undergraduate and postgraduate degrees based on existing LU awards, in partnership with the Transnational Academic Group (an international Higher Education provider).

LU's [Manual of Academic Regulations and Procedures \(MARP\)](#) are to be followed except as approved for the local variations below.

For the purposes of MARP, any references to 'the Department' may refer to LUG departments. Any references to 'academic staff' or 'our staff' include LUG staff.

The numbering used below aligns with that in MARP, with the prefix LG noting the paragraph is a Ghana variant to the corresponding section of MARP.

UGAR [MARP CHAPTER: UNDERGRADUATE ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS](#)

For the 2026-27 Academic Year, any references to 'compensation' should be replaced by condonation for LUG, and the following rules shall apply for students at LUG:

LG PROGRESSION IN PART I/LEVEL 4

LG UG 4.2.4

After taking resits as required, a student who passes all subjects with the required aggregation scores qualifies to progress to Level 5. Otherwise, with permission from the major department, failures of up to 40 credits may be condoned where the aggregation score is at least 7.0 in each module failed. Failures below 7.0 cannot normally be condoned.

LG 7 CONDONATION

LG UG 7.1 General

LG UG 7.1.1

Where a student, after all opportunities for reassessment, has failed, the examination board should, subject to the learning outcomes for the programme being met, normally condone credit whereby said credit will be available as an element of either progression or final classification requirements of the award.

LG UG 7.1.2

Where a programme separately assesses modules with a credit value of 15 or less, for specified undergraduate programmes these may be combined to a maximum size of 30 credits for the consideration of condonation. Approved combinations must:

- (a) ensure learning outcomes for the programme can continue to be met irrespective of the condonation of combined modules;

- (b) be approved by the relevant faculty committees and notified to Academic Standards and Quality Committee; and
- (c) be published prior to students' enrolment on to any modules which have been combined for the purposes of condonation.

LG UG 7.3 LEVEL 5 AND 6 NON-FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

Three-year and four-year Bachelors programmes

LG UG 7.3.1

When the results of all reassessments relating to the second year of a three-year Bachelors Hons degree or to the second or third year of a four-year Bachelors Hons degree are available, the overall profile will be reviewed by the relevant examining bodies and up to 30 credits should normally be condoned where the aggregation score is between 7 and 9. No module may be condoned with an aggregation score of less than 7, nor may any module be condoned if a student has not attempted reassessment.

LG UG 7.4 FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

Three-year Bachelors programmes

LG UG 7.4.1

When the results of all assessments and reassessments relating to the **final year of a three-year Bachelors Hons degree** are available the overall profile will be reviewed by the relevant examining bodies and a maximum of 30 credits in total (for the whole of Levels 5 and 6 combined) should normally be condoned where the aggregation score is between 7 and 9. No module may be condoned with an aggregation score of less than 7. The condonable maximum of 30 credits applies to all three-year programmes regardless of the total classified credit.

Four-year Bachelors programmes

LG UG 7.4.2

When the results of all assessments and reassessments relating to the **final year of a four-year Bachelors Hons degree** are available the overall profile will be reviewed by the relevant examining bodies and a maximum of 45 credits in total (for the whole of Levels 5 and 6 combined) should normally be condoned where the aggregation score is between 7 and 9. No module may be condoned with an aggregation score of less than 7. The condonable maximum of 45 credits applies to all four-year programmes regardless of the total classified credit.

LG UG 7.5 AWARD OF PASS DEGREE

LG UG 7.5.1

For a pass degree, an examination board should normally condone an additional 30 credits to total of 60 credits maximum (for the whole of Levels 5 and 6 combined) where the aggregation score is between 7 and 9. No module may be condoned with an aggregation score of less than 7.

LG UG 7.6 EXCEPTIONS

LG UG 7.6.1

The phrase "should normally" in this section (LG 7) means that condonation, where allowable and

subject to the learning outcomes for the programme being met, must be granted unless the examiners believe that there is good reason not to do so. Any such reason must be described and justified in the examination board minutes. The final decision will be taken by Senate.

LG UG 7.6.2

Where, for whatever reason, reassessment is not available before the end of the academic year, the examination board may condone credit even where the aggregation score is below the condonable threshold. For students not in their final year, where a student has failed more than 30 but not more than 45 credits, 15 credits may be set aside – normally this will be for the module with the lowest fail mark. The student may progress to the next year of study, and will undertake an additional 15 credits (uncapped) in that year.

LG UG 7.6.3

Where a mark of zero has been applied to the whole module as a penalty for academic malpractice with no opportunity for reassessment, the exam board shall ordinarily exceptionally condone this mark provided that this does not lead to the student having more than the permitted number of condoned credits as specified in these regulations. Where such condonation would lead to the maximum number of condoned credits being exceeded, the mark shall remain uncondoned, and the board of examiners shall deal with the student accordingly.

PGT POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

For the 2026-27 Academic Year, any references to 'compensation' should be replaced by condonation for LUG, and the following rules shall apply for students at LUG:

PT 7 CONDONATION

LG PT 7.1

Where a student, after all opportunities for reassessment, has failed a module, the exam board should, subject to the learning outcomes for the programme being met, normally condone credit whereby said credit will be available as an element of either progression or final classification requirements of the award, subject to the maximum number of condonable credits as laid down in PT 7.2. Condonation may take place whether or not the student has taken advantage of the opportunity for reassessment. For the purposes of averaging, the mark obtained in any condoned module stands.

LG PT 7.2

When all the results of all reassessments relating to postgraduate taught modules of 15 credits or more in size are available the overall profile will be reviewed by the relevant exam board. For Masters programmes, up to a maximum of 45 credits should normally be condoned where the mark after all opportunities for reassessment is at least 40% (30 credits for Postgraduate Diplomas and 20 credits for Postgraduate Certificates). Where a module has a credit value of less than 15, these can be combined with other smaller values to create an assessment unit to a maximum value of 20 credits and therefore combined for condonation. However, such assessment units must be agreed and published in advance and not simply created for the purpose of condonation.

LG PT 7.3

The number of credits available for condonation within a Masters degree programme may be reduced to 30 if this is approved by the relevant faculty committee. It is also permissible to declare any individual module uncondonable if this is properly approved. All such decisions must be clearly communicated to all students on the programme.

LG PT 7.4

The phrase “should normally” in PT 7.1 and PT 7.2 above means that condonation, where allowable and subject to the learning outcomes for the programme being met, must be granted unless the examiners believe that there is good reason not to do so. Any such reason must be described and justified in the examination board minutes. The final decision will be taken by the University Academic Dean acting on behalf of Senate.

LG PT 7.5

Where a mark of zero has been applied to the whole module as a penalty for academic malpractice with no opportunity for reassessment, the exam board shall ordinarily exceptionally condone this mark provided that this does not lead to the student having more than the permitted number of condoned credits under PT 7.1 to PT 7.4 above. Where such condonation would lead to the maximum number of condoned credits being exceeded, the mark shall remain uncondoned, and the board of examiners shall deal with the student accordingly.

APPENDIX: DETAIL OF IN-YEAR CHANGE MADE TO CHAPTER

Version	Date of change	Detail of change & section(s) altered	Approval of change
1.0	28/08/2026	N/A- first version	University Academic Dean