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#### GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE BA PRIMARY EDUCATION

- 1. Candidates who wish to be admitted to read for the degree of BA with Honours in Primary Education, must satisfy the following requirements:
  - (i) Before admission to the programme, candidates must have obtained a GCSE pass at Grade C or above in English Language, Mathematics and Science. A pass in the Certificate of Secondary Education at Grade 1 in each of these subjects, or such other qualifications as Senate may approve as demonstrating an equivalent level of attainment in the use and understanding of English Language, Mathematics and Science will also be acceptable.
  - (ii) Candidates for admission to the programme must be able to satisfy the Chair of the Board of Studies in Education that they are suitable to undertake a course of initial training for the teaching profession. Students must continue to demonstrate medical fitness and their suitability for working with children under prevailing Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) guidelines for the Protection of Children throughout the course.
  - (iii) Candidates will be required to meet any other special requirements for admission to a course of initial teacher training imposed from time to time by the DCSF and must be provisionally registered with the General Teaching Council (GTC) at commencement of the course.
- 2. This programme is offered with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) which is obtained through a separate and concurrent study programme. By registering for the BA (Hons) in Primary Education candidates are expected to undertake both the degree and the QTS programmes in all three years of the degree.
- 3. Candidates who qualify for the award of the degree under the regulations will in addition be recommended to the GTC for the award of Qualified Teacher Status provided that they satisfy the examiners that they have met the prevailing government requirements for QTS through successful completion of Core Issues and Skills and Curriculum Studies, assessed school practice and any externally administered tests required by the DCSF. Students who have satisfied the examiners in all parts of the Final Honours Examination may still be awarded the degree having failed to successfully complete the programme required to gain QTS. Candidates ineligible for the award of an Ordinary degree are ineligible for the award of QTS.
- 4. Candidates are required to undertake periods of supervised school experience and school practice, some of which may take place outside University term time. Assessment will be based upon the performance of candidates throughout the whole of the programme, with particular reference to their performance in the final school placement. This final practice shall take place during the final year. In assessing the performance of candidates in practical teaching, the examiners shall take into consideration reports on their teaching from the schools in which they have undertaken their placements and other reports which may have been prepared by the appropriate School Training Centre Co-ordinator.
- 5. Candidates may be allowed to repeat the examination in school practice that is required to be recommended to the GTC for QTS. This re-examination will only be granted at the discretion of the QTS Board of Examiners on one occasion only and within one year of completing the programme. Candidates shall be required, before re-examination, to have completed a further period of supervised school experience, the timing and duration of which will be determined by the QTS Board of Examiners. Where the QTS Board of Examiners exercises its discretion in this way, the candidate's opportunity for re-examination is subject to the Chair of the Board of Studies being able to find a school which s/he deems appropriate, for the periods specified by the QTS Board of Examiners.
- 6. A candidate whose performance in school practice or aspects of whose general conduct give cause for concern at any time may be referred to the QTS Review Panel. Candidates who are judged by the QTS Review Panel to be unsuitable for QTS, may be required to withdraw from the QTS programme at any time by the Head of the relevant Faculty, on the recommendation of the QTS Review Panel.
- 7. Where termination of the candidate's QTS element of the programme under regulation 6 is being considered, the Head of the relevant Faculty, on the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Studies, shall be able to suspend the candidate's QTS programme at the time the candidate is informed that the QTS Review Panel will be considering termination of his or her QTS programme.

## **BA PRIMARY EDUCATION (X101)**

Programme offered at: Queen's Campus, Stockton.

Mode of study: this programme is available full-time.

LEVEL	1 (Certificate)		
1	Professional and Academic Study Skills	EDUS1681	20
2	English for Primary Teaching 1	EDUS1631	20
3	Maths for Primary Teaching 1	EDUS1611	20
4	Science for Primary Teaching 1	EDUS1591	20
5	Development and Learning in the Very Early Years	EDUS1581	20
6	One 20 credit module from:		
	Arts 1	EDUS1621	20
	Humanities 1	EDUS1601	20
	Information and Communications Technology 1	EDUS1431	20
	Modern Foreign Languages 1	EDUS1671	20

In addition, in order to meet government criteria for the award of Qualified Teacher Status, students must study and be assessed in the following:

Core Issues and Skills and Curriculum Studies

School-based Time: Home Area School Experience and Serial and Block Practice

## LEVEL 2 (Diploma)

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	1	English for Primary Teaching 2	EDUS2541	20	
	2	Maths for Primary Teaching 2	EDUS2531	20	
	3	Science for Primary Teaching 2	EDUS2511	20	
	4	Teaching and Learning in the Primary School	EDUS2401	20	
	5	Research Methods in Education	EDUS2501	20	
	6	One 20 credit module from:			
		Arts 2‡	EDUS2521	20	
		Humanities 2‡	EDUS2481	20	
		Information and Communications Technology 2‡	EDUS2451	20	
		Modern Foreign Languages 2‡	EDUS2681	20	

<sup>‡</sup> Students must pursue the same option strand (Arts, Humanities, ICT or Modern Foreign

Languages) at Level 2 as chosen at Level 1.

In addition, in order to meet government criteria for the award of Qualified Teacher Status, students must study and be assessed in the following:

Core Issues and Skills and Curriculum Studies

School-based Time: Serial and Block Practice

## LEVEL 3 (Degree)

1	English for Primary Teaching 3	EDUS3371	20
2	Maths for Primary Teaching 3	EDUS3381	20
3	Science for Primary Teaching 3	EDUS3341	20
4	One 20 credit module from:		
	English for Primary Teaching 4: English for Specialists	EDUS3361	20
	Maths for Primary Teaching 4: Maths for Specialists	EDUS3391	20
	Science for Primary Teaching 4: Science for Specialists	EDUS3351	20
	Information and Communications Technology 3‡	EDUS3411	20
5-6	Dissertation	EDUS3332	40

‡ Only students who have completed Information and Communications Technology 1 and 2 may take ICT 3 respectively.

In addition, in order to meet government criteria for the award of Qualified Teacher Status, students must study and be assessed in the following:

Core Issues and Skills and Curriculum Studies School-based Time: Serial and Block Practice