

Zhejiang University–University of Edinburgh Institute Performance Sport Policy

Purpose of Policy

The Performance Sport Policy provides flexibility to students so that they may excel in both their chosen sport and their academic studies, and provides a context for the University to make decisions on flexibility requested due to participation in significant national or international sporting events.

Overview

The policy sets out flexibilities on matters relating to attendance, assessment and progression for students who are performing at national and international level in their chosen sport. The policy meets the same expectations as the University of Edinburgh Performance Sport Policy, and is derived from that policy. The University of Edinburgh Feedback Standards and Guiding Principles Policy is reviewed by the University of Edinburgh Senatus Curriculum and Student Progression Committee: http://www.ed.ac.uk/files/atoms/files/performance_sport_policy.pdf

This ZJU-UoE Institute policy is updated in line with the equivalent University of Edinburgh policy. Any required changes are approved by the ZJU-UoE Institute Board of Studies. In cases where there is a deviation from the University of Edinburgh regulations, approval must be sought from the University of Edinburgh Senatus Curriculum and Student Progression Committee.

Scope: Mandatory Policy

The policy applies to all students, and to staff making decisions on requests stemming from performance sport matters.

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Related policies, procedures, guidelines & regulations

ZJU-UoE Institute Taught Assessment Regulations: <http://zjue.intl.zju.edu.cn/en/policies-regulations>

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- 1 The University is committed to providing flexibility to students so that they may excel in both their chosen sport and their academic studies.
- 2 Representation must be at international level, or at national championship level.
- 3 Requests for absences or changes to assessment arrangements to allow representation at other levels will not usually be granted. Absences for training sessions are not usually considered “representative”.
- 4 It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they promptly report to their Academic Advisor any sporting commitment that might affect their attendance or assessment.
- 5 Where a student is representing their nation in their chosen sport, any impact that this might have on attendance and assessment will be dealt with initially at Institute level. Any agreed adjustments to attendance should not compromise the ability of the student to reach a satisfactory level of attendance on their programme of study. The usual expectation is that the single amount or cumulative total of absence from a full-time programme should not exceed two weeks in any one semester. For periods greater than this, interruption of Study may be applied for under the International Campus of Zhejiang University Detailed Regulations.
- 6 Any agreed adjustments affecting assessment should be dealt with by the use of extension to deadlines and will be undertaken with reference to the relevant Assessment Regulations. Students who believe that extenuating circumstances exist which prevent them from sitting an examination in the scheduled time or venue should contact their Academic Advisor. Their case is considered by the Convener of the Board of Examiners.
- 7 In addition to the flexibility described above, the following option may be available, depending on the nature of the programme and the status of the student:
 - a) Taking leave of absence for a specified period, e.g. where a student is preparing for a major sporting event and this preparation cannot be undertaken whilst attending the University.
- 8 Where it is proposed that a student might take leave of absence, this must be agreed with the International Campus Academic Affairs Office.

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