Suspension of Regulations Policy

All credit-bearing IIS programmes are subject to the Taught Degree Regulations and, ultimately, the relevant SOAS academic regulations for taught programmes. This is to ensure a consistent quality of degree awards and programmes, and that all students are treated fairly and equitably. The regulations form an integral part of the IIS' contract with the students and all students and staff are expected to follow the approved regulations applicable to their programme of study. In rare and exceptional circumstances, a Suspension of Regulations (SoR) may be considered. This is normally limited to circumstances not covered by any other IIS or SOAS policy and should only be considered as a last resort.

Principles

The following principles apply to all Suspension of Regulations requests:

1. An extension to the maximum period of study or the number of attempts at a module will be granted on one occasion only.
2. Where a student wishes to change programme at the start of the second year of their studies, and has missed required modules from the first year, a maximum of 30 credits of modules may be waived. Core modules cannot be waived.
3. Where a student is seeking to change degree programme and has not taken all the required modules, the expectation is that a period of part-time repeat study will be required to complete the missing modules. Note that this will not be possible for those holding Student Route visas.
4. Requests to replace core or compulsory modules with alternative modules will not be considered, except where the student has covered the content before in a module passed as part of another programme (at SOAS or elsewhere).
5. Requests to replace guided options with alternative modules will not be considered.
6. Requests to replace an open option with a module not normally available as an open option will not be considered.

Requesting a Suspension of Regulations

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