**Name of School:**

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**The University of Manchester**

**Template for Faculty Approval for choices available to Schools under the   
Degree Regulations**

**For Postgraduate Degrees**

The current Degree Regulations (see <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/policy-guidance/degree-regulations/>), contain a number of decisions that Schools need to make and inform their Faculties about.

Additionally, Schools have the option of applying to deviate from the specifications of the Degree Regulations in relation to specific degree programmes, if they have a strong rationale, and they should submit such requests to their Faculties who will consider approval of such deviations. (Please see questions 5 and 6).

Schools need to inform Faculties of the following:

1. For Postgraduate degrees whether or not the award of Distinction is based on the overall average of the programme; or alternatively if it is based on the students achieving a level of Distinction in both the taught and research elements of a programme.
2. Exit awards for professionally accredited degrees where passing a compulsory course unit is required.
3. Will the award of Distinction be based on the *overall average of the programme*?  
      
   ***OR***
4. Will the award of Distinction be based on the students *achieving a level of Distinction in both the taught and research elements* of the programme?

***Please tick the relevant box. ***

3. Are there any exit awards for professionally accredited degrees where passing a compulsory   
 course unit is required? Yes / No ***(Please delete as appropriate)***4. If yes, please give details below.

5. Are there any other areas where the School wish to deviate from the specifications of the new Degree Regulations in terms of the specific degree programme?

Yes / No ***(Please delete as appropriate)***6. If yes, please give details below.

***Sign off process***

This proposal is submitted by:

(Print name) (Sign)

(Position)

(Email) (Phone no)

(Date)

The proposal is supported by the Head of School:

(Print name) (Sign)

(Email) (Phone no)

(Date)

The proposal is / is not\* given approval by the Faculty:  
***(\*please delete as appropriate)***

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