

## REGULATION 9 CONFERRMENT OF AWARDS

### **Freedom of Speech**

City St George's, University of London, regards freedom of speech and academic freedom to be fundamental to delivering its mission as the University of business, practice and the professions. Its values in this respect are set out in a code of practice on freedom of speech and academic freedom, which explains how the University will uphold, secure, and promote freedom of speech within the law. See: <https://www.citystgeorges.ac.uk/about/governance/policies/code-of-practice-on-freedom-of-speech>

Nothing in this regulation should be interpreted in any way that would be inconsistent with the code of practice and – in the event of any inconsistency – the provisions of the code will prevail.

1. City St George's may confer a degree, diploma or certificate [award] upon any individual who has pursued a programme of study or research approved by the institution and has passed the prescribed assessments.
2. Awards are conferred by the relevant Assessment Board under authority delegated to it by Senate. The Assessment Board shall be constituted in line with Senate Regulation 19 Assessment Regulations (or equivalent). No-one may describe themselves as holding an award unless it has been formally conferred.
3. At the Clerkenwell/Moorgate campus, the formal Certificate of award is normally issued at a congregation of the institution known as a Graduation Ceremony. Graduation Ceremonies are held each year. At the Tooting campus, the formal Certificate of award is normally issued separately to the Graduation Ceremony.
4. Certificates are normally issued by the Rector, the Honorary Rector(s), the President, or the President's nominee at a Graduation Ceremony.
5. Each candidate is normally presented by an academic member of staff from his/her School.
6. Academic dress must be worn by all active participants of Graduation Ceremonies. Full details are provided in Senate Regulation 1 and Senate Regulation 2.
7. Where Certificates are to be awarded at a Graduation Ceremony, Certificates may be issued "in absentia" provided prior notice has been given, or if the candidate has been unavoidably prevented from attending the congregation.
8. Where Certificates are to be awarded at a Graduation Ceremony, in very exceptional circumstances, such as legal or visa related issues, Certificates may be requested prior to the congregation.
9. Candidates who are not permitted to attend their original ceremony, due to academic failure, will be invited to attend a ceremony following their successful completion.
10. An award may not be conferred on any candidate who has not fulfilled all his or her tuition fee obligations to City St George's.
11. Those with City St George's awards are permitted to use designatory letters only in

accordance with a schedule approved by City St George's.

12. Separate arrangements may be in place for City St George's students at validated institutions and are outlined in the Validation and Partnerships Handbook.
13. If the Graduation Ceremonies cannot take place or are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, the University will not be liable for any losses, direct or otherwise, incurred by students or their guests. The University will, where possible, make alternative arrangements for any students affected.
14. "Unforeseen circumstances" includes (but is not limited to) fire, flood, adverse weather, power cut, terrorist act (or threat of terrorist act), pandemic, the result of any industrial action or dispute involving the University, or the venues at which the Graduation Ceremonies are due to be held.

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