Academic Accreditation

Accredited MSc Programmes

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1. An MSc programme can be accredited as partially meeting the educational requirement for CEng.

2. In order to be accredited by the IET, an MSc programme should normally:

   2.1. be subject to a visit from an IET accreditation panel
   2.2. be presented to the IET in an accreditation submission and meet the criteria outlined in the submission forms
   2.3. contain a minimum of 150 out of 180 credits at 'M' level, as recommended by the Burgess Group, covering the following UK-SPEC learning outcomes:
   - Underpinning Science and Mathematics
   - Engineering Analysis
   - Design

   2.4. contain no more than 40/180 credits of non-technical content
   2.5. include a project allocation of 60 credits

3. The following condition must be met in order for IET accreditation to apply:

   3.1. graduates from an IET accredited MSc programme must achieve an overall mark of 50% or above.

4. For MSc programmes, the IET's compensation guidelines should be interpreted such that:

   4.1. no more than 30 out of 180 credits should be compensated with a lower limit for compensated modules of 10% less than the pass mark (e.g. normally 40% based on a 50% pass mark).
   4.2. each assessment component contributing 30% or more to the total module mark should be passed at above a threshold which is no more than 10% below the module pass mark. This applies to all modules contributing to the final award.
   4.3. no credits should be discounted or condoned
   4.4. the pass mark for 'M' level modules (i.e. level 7 in the QAA framework, 2008) is recommended to be 50%.

Note: With the exception of the conditional item outlined in section 3, this document is to be used as guidance only. The IET will take a holistic view of the arrangements to establish whether they are broadly equivalent to those outlined above. This will be assessed in the context of the delivery and assessment of the UK-SPEC learning outcomes.