

Statute 1: Interpretation

In these Statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. 'Academic staff' means the full-time teaching and research staff of the University appointed on Academic Staff terms of service, Academic and Equivalent Administrative Staff terms of service or Clinical Grade Staff terms of service;
2. 'Academic year' means such period not exceeding twelve consecutive months, and 'semester' means such part of an academic year, as the Senate shall determine from time to time;
3. 'Chairman' means any person who chairs a meeting and the word shall be taken as gender neutral. Use of alternative terms, for example 'Chairperson', 'Chair', 'Chairlady' shall be at the absolute discretion of the person chairing the meeting;
4. 'Course' means the basic units of instruction into which students are registered and for which grades may be assigned;
5. 'Member of staff' means any person who is in the full-time employment of the University excluding those appointed on temporary terms of service;
6. 'Ordinance' means the City University of Hong Kong Ordinance;
7. 'Polytechnic' means City Polytechnic of Hong Kong;
8. 'Chair Professor' means any person appointed as a Professor of the University within the professorial salary range, and excludes Emeritus Professors, Honorary Professors, Visiting Professors and Adjunct Professors;
9. 'Programme' means the structured academic programme leading to a named award of the University into which students are registered;
10. 'Regulation' means any regulation made pursuant to the Ordinance or these Statutes;
11. 'Student' means any student registered on a programme of study leading to the degrees or other academic awards of the University as approved by the Senate;
12. 'University', 'Chancellor', 'Pro-Chancellor', 'Statutes', 'Court', 'Council', 'Convocation', 'Senate', 'Faculty', shall have respectively the same meaning as they have in the Ordinance;
13. Reference to Faculties includes equivalent bodies as defined by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate;
14. Reference to academic departments includes equivalent bodies as defined by Senate;

15. Words used throughout the Statutes are gender neutral;
16. Words in the singular shall include the plural, and vice-versa; and
17. Words defined in the Ordinance shall have the same meaning in the Statutes.