MInf Degree Programme Table Minor Update

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The DPT for the MInf in Informatics currently requires students in Year 5 of the MInf to take *only* courses at Level 11. While taking *mostly* courses at Level 11 seems right in Year 5, being required to take all 120 credits at Level 11 in Year 5 seems rather strict, especially when compared with the MSc degrees which allow students to take up to 30 credits at Level 9 or Level 10 and therefore only 90 credits at Level 11.

In practice, MInf students very often take some Level 11 courses in Year 4 when they are not required to, so allowing them a small flexibility to take a Level 10 course in Year 5 seems not to obviously go against the spirit of the MInf degree. Personal tutors often make the point that their MInf personal tutee has already taken some Level 11 courses when applying for a concession to take a Level 10 course in Year 5.

While it might seem that the need for this could be avoided by careful planning by students and PTs in course selection at the start of Year 4, that would not help the (not insignificant) number of students who make the decision to switch to the MInf *during* Year 4, and would not help with dealing with Level 10 or 11 courses which are not taught every year.

Proposal

This proposal is to allow students on the MInf degree to take up to 10 credits of courses at Level 10 in Year 5.

Update

The update to the DPT is to replace the final Year 5 block

Level 11 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

Select between 0 and 10 credits from Level 11 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

with

Level 10 and 11 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W

Select between 0 and 10 credits from Level 10 and 11 courses in Schedules A to Q, T and W