

Degree Classification 2009

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This is my understanding of the University of Reading rules for degree classification

Anything in this document which conflicts with the University classification rules is void and must be disregarded

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The External Examiner monitors the standard of the degrees and may interview finalists

These interviews will not affect the grades awarded

Degree Classification

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Degree Classification

UNIVERSITY OF READING

FRAMEWORK FOR CLASSIFICATION AND PROGRESSION FOR FIRST DEGREES (FOR COHORTS ENTERING A PROGRAMME IN THE PERIOD AUTUMN TERM 2002-SUMMER TERM 2007)

**Approved by the Senate on 4 July 2002 and subsequently in
respect of amendments**

*This Framework applies to cohorts which entered Year 1 of
undergraduate programmes in the period between
Autumn Term 2002 and Summer Term 2007*

Step Marking

Marking and weighting

4.2 It is essential that markers make full use of the range of marks available (i.e. all marks from 0 to 100), subject to the provision that work in the first class range should only be awarded one of the following ‘step marks’: 72, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100.

Please note that modules which have a detailed marking scheme capable of yielding a mark of 100, and in which the highest marks are demonstrably achievable by the best candidates performing within the normal range as defined by the University marking criteria (see Annex 3), are excepted from the step-marking provisions.

Weighting

Award of first degrees

As indicated in section 3.2 above, the awarding of three-year Bachelor's degrees will be based on the marks of Part 2 and Part 3 weighted 1:2.

The awarding of four-part M degrees will be based on the marks of Parts 2, 3 and 4 weighted either 2:3:5 or 2:4:4, as agreed by the Faculty Board for Teaching and Learning.

Degree Classification

Degrees with Honours may be awarded with the following classifications:

First Class

Second Class Division 1

Second Class Division 2

Third Class

A Pass degree may be awarded.

Degree Classification

First Class

An overall weighted average of at least 70

or

An overall weighted average of at least 66, provided that half or more of the weighted credits have a mark in the range 70-100

or

An overall weighted average greater than 67, provided that the average for modules taken in Part 3 (or for modules taken in Parts 3 and 4 in the case of M courses) is 70 or more

Degree Classification

Second Class Division 1

An overall weighted average within the range 60.0-69.9

or

An overall weighted average greater than 57, provided that half or more of the weighted credits have a mark of 60 or more

or

An overall weighted average greater than 57, provided that the average for modules taken in Part 3 (or for modules taken in Parts 3 and 4 in the case of M courses) is 60 or more

Degree Classification

Second Class Division 2

An overall weighted average within the range 50.0-59.9

or

An overall weighted average greater than 47, provided that half or more of the weighted credits have a mark of 50 or more

or

An overall weighted average greater than 47, provided that the average for modules taken in Part 3 (or for modules taken in Parts 3 and 4 in the case of M courses) is 50 or more

Degree Classification

Third Class

An overall weighted average within the range 40.0-49.9

or

An overall weighted average greater than 37, provided that half or more of the weighted credits have a mark of 40 or more

or

An overall weighted average greater than 37, provided that the average for modules taken in Part 3 (or for modules taken in Parts 3 and 4 in the case of M courses) is 40 or more

Degree Classification

Pass

An overall weighted average within the range 35.0-39.9

or

An overall weighted average of at least 33, provided that half or more of the weighted credits have a mark of 35 or more

or

An overall weighted average of at least 33, provided that the average for modules taken in Part 3 (or for modules taken in Parts 3 and 4 in the case of M courses) is 35 or more

Re-Assessment

Re-assessment in Part 3 (or Parts 3 and 4)

A candidate who has failed a degree shall have the right to be re-assessed on one further occasion at the next opportunity (normally August/September), and, if he or she elects to be re-assessed, may only be re-assessed in those modules in Part 3 in which he or she achieved less than 40.

Subject to this restriction, a re-examinee may select those modules in which he or she wishes to be re-assessed.

A candidate who is re-assessed shall not be eligible for an Honours degree.

The actual mark achieved in the re-assessment or the mark achieved in the original examination, whichever is higher, shall be used in determining whether a candidate has passed or failed.

Weighting

To obtain a 1st class degree:

Suppose that your mark for part 2 of the degree is 80 (1st class)

To obtain a weighted first class mark:

$$2 \times (\text{part 3 mark}) + (\text{part 2 mark}) \geq 3 \times 70$$

$$2 \times (\text{part 3 mark}) \geq 210 - 80 = 130$$

$$\text{part 3 mark} \geq 65$$

Your weighted mark of 70 is within the 1st class range (≥ 70.0) and you will therefore be awarded a 1st class degree.

Exit Velocity

To obtain a 1st class degree:

Suppose that your mark for part 2 of the degree is 60 (2i/2ii border)

To obtain a borderline first class mark:

$$2 \times (\text{part 3 mark}) + (\text{part 2 mark}) \geq 3 \times 67$$

$$2 \times (\text{part 3 mark}) \geq 201 - 60 = 141$$

$$\text{part 3 mark} \geq 70.5$$

Your weighted mark of 67.0 is within the “Exit Velocity” borderline (≥ 67.0). Your part 3 mark is above 70 and you will therefore be awarded a 1st class degree.

Dominant Quality

To obtain a 1st class degree:

Select modules for half of the credits, and put more effort into these than the other modules (not recommended in practice):

Mark 70 (credits 20)

Mark 80 (credits 20)

Mark 57 (credits 20)

Mark 75 (credits 20)

Mark 62 (credits 20)

Mark 52 (credits 20)

Your average mark: 66.0

Your mark of 66.0 is within the "Dominant Quality" borderline (≥ 66.0). Since half of the credits are 70 and above you will be awarded a 1st class degree

Dominant Quality

To fail to obtain a 1st class degree:

Put most effort into the difficult modules to obtain a consistent performance across modules:

Mark 75 (credits 20)

Mark 72 (credits 20)

Mark 67 (credits 20)

Mark 69 (credits 20)

Mark 68 (credits 20)

Mark 66 (credits 20)

Your average mark: 69.5

Your mark of 69.5 is within the "Dominant Quality" borderline (≥ 66.0). Since less than half of the credits are 70 and above you will be awarded a 2i class degree