

UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS, 2018-19

IMPORTANT: These regulations set out the University's requirements for academic progression and awards. Students subject to immigration control should be aware that there may be additional restrictions on their progression. Information about current Tier 4 requirements is available from the [International Student Advisory Service \(ISAS\)](#).

These regulations apply only to registered students of the University and its academic partners.

These are the standard University academic regulations. Students should also refer to their programme documentation, where any non-standard regulations will be explained.

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Section E: Awards

AWD1 Awards (including calculation of degree classification for taught programmes)

This regulation applies to all students at Plymouth University sites of delivery, and in all UK and international partner institutions, unless an exception to regulations has been formally approved.

Please contact the Exams and Awards Office for the specifications for conferring honorary awards.

1. Higher National Certificate (HNC)

A Higher National Certificate can be awarded to:

- **A student who is registered by the University with Edexcel for the award of the HNC and has successfully completed a minimum of 120 credits at Level 4 or above, including all modules designated as essential for the award; or.**
- **A student who has successfully completed a minimum of 120 credits at Level 4 or above in an HND programme on which s/he is not continuing, provided s/he has completed the modules which are designated as essential for the award of the HNC.**

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is 70% or above, the HNC will be awarded with Distinction.

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is between 60% and 69%, the HNC will be awarded with Merit.

2. Higher National Diploma (HND)

A Higher National Diploma can be awarded to a student who is registered by the University with Edexcel for the award of the HND and has successfully completed 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5.

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is 70% or above, the HND

will be awarded with Distinction.

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is between 60% and 69%, the HND will be awarded with Merit.

All modules at Levels 4 and 5 count towards the award of a Merit or Distinction.

3. Foundation Degree

A Foundation Degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed a minimum of 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5 or above.

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is 70% or above, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Distinction.

If the student's aggregate mark across all modules is between 60% and 69%, the Foundation Degree will be awarded with Merit.

All modules at Levels 4 and 5 count towards the award of a Merit or Distinction.

4 Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

A Certificate of Higher Education may be awarded to:

- **a student who is registered for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education and has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above; or**
- **a student who has successfully completed 120 credits at Level 4 or above in an undergraduate programme on which s/he is not continuing, provided the credits successfully completed fall within the programme specification for the award.**

If the aggregate of the student's best 120 credits falling within the programme specification (subject to any core or co-requisite requirements) is 70% or above, the CertHE will be awarded with Distinction.

5. Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

A Diploma of Higher Education may be awarded to:

- a student who is registered for the award of a Diploma of Higher Education and has successfully completed 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5 or above; or
- a student who has successfully completed 240 credits, including at least 120 credits at Level 5 or above, in a Degree or Honours Degree programme on which s/he is not continuing.

If the aggregate of the student's best 120 credits at Level 5 or above falling within the programme specification (subject to any core/pre-requisite requirements) is 70% or above, the DipHE will be awarded with Distinction.

The above award criteria can also be used for the award of Diploma in Professional Studies, if that is the qualification approved in the definitive award documentation.

6. Degree (without Honours)

A student registered for a Degree is required successfully to complete 320 credits, including 80 credits at Level 6 and 120 further credits at Level 5 or above.

The degree is not classified but a Degree with Commendation will be awarded to a student who achieves an aggregate percentage mark of 60% or above and a Degree with Distinction will be awarded to a student who achieves an aggregate percentage mark of 70% or above.

Students who completed Level 4 in its entirety before the 2014-15 academic year, or are repeating any part of Level 4 as a next attempt in 2014-15, should refer to [Appendix 2](#) of this document for information on how the classification of the degree is calculated.

The award of Commendation or Distinction for students entering Level 4 from 2014/15 (or who are required to repeat Level 4 in its entirety as a first attempt from 2014/15) will be based initially on the aggregate percentage mark. The aggregate percentage mark will be calculated using the weightings:

Levels 4 : 5 : 6 will be weighted 1 : 3 : 6

The Level 4 aggregate mark is calculated using the highest module marks totalling 80 credits. Where modules are arranged in such a way that the 80 credits of 'highest module marks' cannot be identified unequivocally, the level 4 aggregate mark calculation should take into account as close to 80 credits as possible, depending on the module structure.

The Level 4 aggregate mark will contribute to the aggregate for the calculation of the classification of the degree only.

A student who is awarded a degree having followed an ordinary degree route may apply to 'top-up' to an Honours Degree (see [SRE1, regulation 6](#)).

7. Honours Degree

An Honours Degree will be awarded to a student who has passed 360 credits (or 480 credits in some programmes, as specified in the definitive programme documentation), including at least 120 credits at Level 6, and a further 120 credits at Level 5 or above, and met any subject specific requirements for the award.

Classification will be based initially on the aggregate percentage mark.

Students who completed Level 4 in its entirety before the 2014-15 academic year, or are repeating any part of Level 4 as a next attempt in 2014-15, should refer to [Appendix 2](#) of this document for information on how the classification of the degree is calculated.

The aggregate percentage mark for students entering Level 4 from 2014/15 (or who are required to repeat Level 4 in its entirety as a first attempt from 2014/15) will be calculated as follows:

Honours degree: Levels 4 : 5 : 6 will be weighted 1 : 3 : 6.

The Level 4 aggregate mark is calculated using the highest module marks totalling 80 credits. Where modules are arranged in such a way that the 80 credits of 'highest module marks' cannot be identified unequivocally, the level 4 aggregate mark calculation should take into account as close to 80 credits as possible, depending on the module structure.

If the student's aggregate percentage mark falls within the boundaries of the classifications defined below, s/he is entitled to that award.

First Class Honours 70% or above

Second Class Honours, Upper Division 60%-69%

Second Class Honours, Lower Division 50%-59%

Third Class Honours 40%-49%

If the aggregate percentage achieved by a candidate is not more than 3.0 percentage points below a classification band, the Board must invoke the following alternative classification methods:

- Level 6 aggregate: The Award Assessment Board will award an Honours Degree with the higher classification to a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band provided that the student's aggregate percentage at Level 6 is in the higher classification band.
- Module profile: The Award Assessment Board will award an Honours Degree with the higher classification to a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band, provided that more than half of the student's Level 5 and 6 credits are in the higher classification band. Each Level 6 credit is double weighted (compared with a Level 5 credit) for this purpose.

Where the module profile is based on Level 6 performance only, a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band will be required to have achieved more than half of the Level 6 credits in the higher classification band in order to be awarded an Honours Degree with the higher classification.

The classification of an intercalated degree will be calculated using the Level 6 aggregate only.

- 8. Where a student has been awarded a Plymouth University HND or Foundation degree and progresses to Plymouth University. The degree calculation will follow the same procedure as for internal Plymouth University students.**

Following progression to Level 5 of a Plymouth University award, the award classification for students entering Level 4 from 2014/15 (or who are required to repeat Level 4 in its entirety from 2014/15) will be calculated using the ratio 1 : 3 : 6. (1 from the HND /Foundation Degree, 3 : 6 from the third and fourth years). The aggregate mark from the HND / Foundation Degree will be calculated using the highest module marks at level 4 and level 5 of the Foundation Degree totalling 80 credits. Where modules are arranged in such a way that the 80 credits of 'highest module marks' cannot be identified unequivocally, the level 4 aggregate mark calculation should take into account as close to 80 credits as possible, depending on the module structure.

Following progression to Level 6 of a Plymouth University award, the award classification for students entering Level 4 from 2014/15 (or who are required to repeat Level 4 in its entirety from 2014/15) will be calculated using the ratio 1 : 3 : 6 (1 : 3 from Foundation Degree, 6 from Plymouth final stage) The aggregate mark from level 4 of the Foundation Degree will be calculated using the highest module marks totalling 80 credits.

The Level 4 aggregate mark will contribute to the aggregate for the calculation

of the classification of the degree only. It will not contribute to the module profile

This applies to progression from all PU HND / Foundation degrees, whether or not the progression is to an articulated route.

9. Where a student has gained credits from another approved institution of higher education, in the UK or overseas, or through other APEL routes, the degree calculation will follow the agreement made at the time at which those credits were accepted.

This agreement will be either to award actual marks from such credits, or to assign credit without marks.

Where marks are permitted on entry, they will be used to calculate the final aggregate percentage in the proportions shown in these regulations.

Where marks are not permitted on entry, then the proportion of the degree calculation assigned to the level of study for which marks are absent will be assigned to the next highest level of study.

10. Integrated Master's degree

An Integrated Master's Degree will be awarded to a student who has passed 480 credits, including at least 120 at Level 7, a further 120 at Level 6 or above, and a further 240 at Level 4, 5 or above.

The MArch degree will be awarded to a student who has passed 240 credits, including at least 120 at Level 7 and a further 120 at Level 6.

An Integrated Master's Degree may be classified, or may be awarded with Commendation and/or with Distinction. Classification will be based initially on the aggregate percentage mark.

Students who completed Level 4 in its entirety before the 2014-15 academic year, or are repeating any part of Level 4 as a next attempt in 2014-15, should refer to the Programme Handbook for information on how the classification of the degree is calculated.

For students entering Level 4 from 2014/15 (or who are required to repeat Level 4 in its entirety as a first attempt from 2014/15), the aggregate percentage mark will be calculated using the weightings:

Levels 4 : 5 : 6 : 7 will be weighted 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 :

The Level 4 aggregate mark will contribute to the aggregate for the calculation of the classification of the degree only. It will not contribute to the module profile.

If a student completes an exchange year, the weighting for Level 5 will be carried forward to Level 7. In this instance, the weighting will be 1:0:3:6.

11. Certificate of Advanced Professional Studies in Education

A Certificate of Advanced Professional Studies in Education will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate Level 7 modules, worth at least 30 credits

12. Certificate in Management Studies

A Certificate in Management Studies will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate Level 7 modules, worth 60 credits.

13. Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

A Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate modules worth at least 60 credits, of which at least 50 credits must be at level 7.

A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate with Merit provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 60% or above across all the modules.

A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 70% or above across all the modules.

14. Diploma in Management Studies

A Diploma in Management Studies will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate Level 7 modules, worth 120 credits.

15. Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

A Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate modules worth at least 120 credits, of which at least 100 credits must be at level 7.

A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma with Merit provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 60% or above across all the modules.

A student will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 70% or above across all the modules.

16. Masters Degree (MA, MBA, MBM, MEd, LL.M, MSc)

A Masters degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate modules worth a minimum of 180 credits, all of which must be at Level 7, and must include the dissertation/major project module.

A student will be awarded a Masters degree with Merit provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 60% or above across all modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project is not less than 60%.

A student will be awarded a Masters degree with Distinction provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 70% or above across all modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project module is not less than 70%.

17. Master of Research Degree (MRes)

A Master of Research degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate modules worth a minimum of 180 credits, all of which must be at Level 7, and must include a dissertation/major project module of at least 100 credits.

A student will be awarded a Master of Research degree with Merit provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 60% or above across all

modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project is not less than 60%.

A student will be awarded a Master of Research degree with Distinction provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 70% or above across all modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project module is not less than 70%.

18. Master of Fine Arts Degree (MFA)

A Master of Fine Arts degree will be awarded to a student who has successfully completed the appropriate modules worth a minimum of 240 credits, of which at least 210 must be at Level 7 and must include the dissertation/major project module.

A student will be awarded a Masters of Fine Arts degree with Merit provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 60% or above across all modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project is not less than 60%.

A student will be awarded a Masters of Fine Arts degree with Distinction provided that s/he has achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 70% or above across all modules (including the dissertation/major project), and provided that the mark for the dissertation/major project module is not less than 70%.

The credit achieved from a pass in the dissertation/major project may be used to contribute towards the exit award of Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma. However, this may only normally apply where the dissertation/major project has been undertaken at the University.

If a programme team wishes to circumscribe the use of dissertation credit from contributing to a Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma an exception to the regulations should be sought.

19. Where a student withdraws or is required to withdraw from the programme on which s/he is registered, the Award Assessment Board will confer the highest award to which s/he is entitled.

- 20. Postgraduate research degrees will be awarded where a student has fulfilled the requirements of the research degree programme for which they are registered, as set out in [the QAA Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#).**

AWD2 Posthumous and Aegrotat Awards

This regulation applies to all students at Plymouth University sites of delivery, and in all UK and international partner institutions, unless an exception to regulations has been formally approved.

- 1. An aegrotat award for incomplete study may be conferred in exceptional circumstances, such as in cases where a student's ability to complete an award is permanently compromised by severe illness, and the Board (or Doctoral College Board, for research degree students) is satisfied that the student would have qualified for an award had the circumstances not existed.**

All taught awards are available as aegrotat awards, unless prohibited by professional body.

Postgraduate research degrees may be considered for an aegrotat award if the research is in its final stages, or if the student is unable to submit for oral examination in the usual way due to irreversible health problems.

The process and criteria for aegrotat research degrees are available in the [Research Degrees Handbook](#).

An aegrotat award is a final exit award, and will be regarded as the conclusion of a student's study on a particular course. A student will not be able to re-enrol on later stages of a programme once an Aegrotat award in that programme has been agreed.

Formally the student must confirm in writing his/her acceptance of the award but it is understood that there may be circumstances in which this is not possible (e.g. in the case of students whose medical circumstances make it impossible for them to give informed consent). In such cases the written authorisation of the Award Assessment Board Chair (or Chair of the Doctoral College Board, for research degree students), confirming the circumstances in which the award is made, will be sufficient for the granting of the award.

- 2. Aegrotat awards are not granted with Commendation, Distinction or classification.**

Where an 'aegrotat' award is made, the term 'aegrotat' will appear on the award document e.g. Aegrotat Bachelor of Arts.

- 3. The University, on the recommendation of the Award Assessment Board, may award and/or cause to be conferred, a taught degree, diploma or certificate posthumously, provided that the Award Assessment Board has considered the student's academic record including performance in previous assessments in the University, and is satisfied that the student had passed or, if the student had not yet completed all assessments, that had the student taken the remaining assessments, the student would have passed.**

- 4. Research degrees may be awarded posthumously on the basis of research materials completed by a candidate, compiled for examination by the Director of Studies.**

The process and criteria for the award of posthumous research degrees are set out in the [Research Degrees Handbook](#).

AWD3 Certification of Awards and Supplementary Certification

- Certificate of Award**

The Certificate of Award granted under the University's Regulations will record:

- the name of Plymouth University and where appropriate of the partner institution at which the student was registered;
- the student's full name;
- the award;
- the title of the programme (taught) / thesis (PGR);
- an approved endorsement, where appropriate, that:
 - the award is made with a distinction in one or more spoken elements for a foreign language course.

The certificate will bear the signature of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar

and will be prepared by the Exams and Awards Office.

It is a legal requirement that the University can only issue a certificate bearing the student's official name at the time of qualification. The University will not re-issue a certificate if a student changes their name subsequently, except in the case of gender reassignment.

A student who has lost a certificate of award should contact the Exams and Awards Office for the appropriate form of application for a duplicate.

2. Transcript

A Transcript will be issued to all students registered on taught programmes.

The Transcript will indicate:

- **the student's full name;**
- **the academic year of study to which the transcript refers and date of issue;**
- **the elements of study, with details of level and mark/grade achieved together with the credit points awarded.**

The Transcript should bear the official University crest and watermark.

The Transcript will incorporate a brief explanation of the University's Credit system and may be used to negotiate admission with credit to another programme of study either within the University or at another institution.

Transcripts will be produced by the Faculty Office or approved partner institution.

Official (historical) transcripts are produced by the Exams and Awards office for former students and bear the official office stamp and signature of the officer who produced the document.

3. Diploma Supplement

A Diploma Supplement will be issued to all students registered on research degree programmes.

The Diploma Supplement will indicate:

- **the student's full name and date of birth;**
- **information identifying the qualification, including title of the thesis, the supervisory team, and the names of any collaborating institution(s); and**
- **information on the level of the qualification, including the level of the**

qualification, the mode of study, official length of the programme and completion date.

Students also have the opportunity to complete supplementary details about their research outputs, and any research skills training they have completed.

4. Prize certificates

A certificate will be issued to any student who has been awarded an academic prize. The certificate will indicate:

- **the student's full name;**
- **the name of the prize**
- **the title of the student's programme, if appropriate.**

Prize certificates will be produced by the Faculty Office or approved partner institution.

AWD4 Academic Dress

This regulation applies to all students at Plymouth University sites of delivery, and in all UK and international partner institutions, unless an exception to regulations has been formally approved.

The University has adopted the following styles and colours for the academic dress for its awards. Different academic dress exists for awards made jointly with the University of Exeter, e.g. Peninsula Allied Health Collaboration.

1. Gowns

HNC, HND, other Certificates and Diplomas, Foundation Degrees, Bachelor's Degrees (all Faculties), Master of Engineering, Master of Chemistry, Master of Geology, Master of Mathematics, Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas

Black traditional Oxford style with pointed sleeves

Master's Degrees – including Honorary Awards (all Faculties)

Black traditional Cambridge style with long hanging sleeves

MPhil

As for Master's degrees but with front facing trimmed with University terracotta silk

Doctorates (all Faculties)

Terracotta traditional Cambridge shape in all wool Panama. Fronts and sleeves trimmed with University blue silk.

Higher Doctorates (including Honorary Awards)

Terracotta traditional Cambridge shape in all wool Panama. Fronts and sleeves trimmed with University blue silk with half inch silver oakleaf lace.

Vice-Chancellor

Blue damask trimmed one-and-a-half inch silver oakleaf lace on facings, cape collar and wings trimmed terracotta, sleeves and wings trimmed half inch silver oakleaf lace. Three terracotta chevrons on bottom of sleeves. Sleeves trimmed with silver ornaments.

Chair of Board of Governors

Robe as Vice-Chancellor's but no silver lace at bottom of sleeves. Facings and cape collar trimmed one-and-a-half inch silver oakleaf lace. Sleeve cuts and wings trimmed half inch silver oakleaf lace. Sleeves trimmed with silver ornaments.

2. Hoods**HNC, HND and Other Certificates and Diplomas (worn by holders of HNC, HND, Certificates, Certificates of Higher Education, Certificate in Education (FE), Continuing Education Diploma, Diploma of Higher Education, Diploma in Professional Studies)**

Simple shape blue outer part lined black and terracotta.

Foundation Degree

Blue outer full shape, lined blue, cowl edged terracotta and blue twisted cord.

Bachelor's Degrees (all Faculties)

Blue outer full shape, partly lined with terracotta silk

Master of Engineering/Chemistry/Geology/Mathematics

Blue outer full shape, partly lined with terracotta silk. Top edged with half inch black ribbon.

Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas

As for Bachelor's Degrees with one inch silver ribbon added above terracotta silk.

Master's Degrees (including Honorary Awards (all Faculties))

Full shape blue fully lined and edged quarter inch all round with terracotta silk.

MPhil

As for Master's Degrees

Doctorates (all Faculties)

Full shape University terracotta silk outer, fully lined and edged one inch all round with

blue Panama

Higher Doctorates (including Honorary Awards)

Full shape University terracotta silk outer, fully lined and edged one-and-a-half inches all round with blue Panama. Trimmed with half inch silver oakleaf lace

3. Hats

HNC, HND, Other Certificates and Diplomas, Foundation Degrees, Bachelor's Degrees, Master of Engineering/Chemistry/Geology/ Mathematics, Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas, Master's Degrees (All Faculties) including MPhil and Honorary Awards

Black cloth mortar board

Doctorates (all Faculties)

Black cloth Tudor bonnet with terracotta cord and tassel

Higher Doctorates (including Honorary Awards)

Black velvet Tudor bonnet with terracotta and silver cord and tassel

Vice-Chancellor

Blue damask rigid mortar board trimmed with one inch silver oakleaf lace. Silver tassel and button

Chair of Board of Governors

Blue damask rigid mortar board. Silver tassel and button.

4. Marshalls' Robes

Black polyester robes with facings trimmed in University terracotta silk.

Appendix 1: Portfolio of Awards

The following awards are currently granted by the University:

- Certificate
- Certificate of Professional Development (Major Study) – an award which reflects CPD activity across a range of areas.

- Certificate of Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
- Certificate in Education (CertEd)
- Diploma
- Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Diploma in Professional Studies (DPS)
- Higher National Certificate) Both awards granted under licence
- Higher National Diploma) from Edexcel
- Foundation Degree (FdA, FdSc)
- (Unclassified) Bachelor's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree with Honours
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS)
- Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSci) (exit award only)
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
- Bachelor of Oral Health Studies (BOHS) (exit award only)
- Master of Architecture
- Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Master of Geology (MGeol)
- Master of Laws (LL. M) (GSM London only)
- Master of Mathematics (MMath)
- **Master of Nursing (MNurs)**
- Master of Osteopathy (MOst)
- Master of Psychology (MPsych)
- Master of Science (MSci)
- Master of Statistics (MStat)
- Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma

- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)
- Certificate of Architectural Professional Practice (CAPP)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)
- Diploma in Management Studies (DMS)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Clinical Education (MClined)
- Master of Clinical Research (MClinRes)
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Master of Fine Art (MFA)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Teaching and Learning (MTL)
- Research Masters (ResM)
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Doctor of Clinical Psychology (D.Clin.Psy)
- Doctor of Education (EdD)
- **Doctor of Engineering (EngD)**
- Doctor of Public Administration (DPA)
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
- Doctor of Laws (LLD)
- Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Doctor of Science (DSc)
- Doctor of Technology (DTech)

Honorary Doctorates

- **Honorary Doctor of Arts (DArts)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Business (DBus)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Dentistry (DD)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Education (DEd)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Engineering (DEng)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Environmental Science (DEnv)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Health (DH)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Humanities (DHum)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Letters (DLitt)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Management (DMgmt)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Marine Science (DMS)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Medicine (DM)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Music (DMus)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Science (DSc)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Social Work**
- **Honorary Doctor of Technology (DTech)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Theology (DTheol)**
- **Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD)**

In line with regulation [AWD2](#), awards may be made as aegrotat awards, unless prohibited by professional body.

Appendix 2: Calculation of Degree Classification for students who completed Level 4 in its entirety before the 2014-15 academic year.

Each module is either awarded a mark out of 100 (marks held to two decimal places) or designated pass/fail. The aggregate percentage mark will be calculated using the weightings:

Levels 4 : 5 : 6 will be weighted 0 : 3 : 7

If the student's aggregate percentage mark falls within the boundaries of the classifications defined below, s/he is entitled to that award.

- First Class Honours 70% or above
- Second Class Honours, Upper Division 60%-69%
- Second Class Honours, Lower Division 50%-59%
- Third Class Honours 40%-49%

If the aggregate percentage achieved by a candidate is not more than 3.0 percentage points below a classification band, the Board must invoke the following alternative classification methods:

Level 6 aggregate: The Award Assessment Board will award an Honours Degree with the higher classification to a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band provided that the student's aggregate percentage at Level 6 is in the higher classification band.

Module profile: The Award Assessment Board will award an Honours Degree with the higher classification to a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band, provided that more than half of the student's Level 5 and 6 credits are in the higher classification band. Each Level 6 credit is double weighted (compared with a Level 5 credit) for this purpose.

Where the module profile is based on Level 6 performance only, a student whose aggregate percentage is not more than 3.0 percentage points below the next classification band will be required to have achieved more than half of the Level 6 credits in the higher classification band in order to be awarded an Honours Degree with the higher classification.

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