

EXTRACT FROM THE REVISED GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COURSES FOR FIRST DEGREES

Incorporating the replacement of rules of compensation with revised progression rules

First-, Second- and non-finalist Third-Year Assessment (excluding the M.B.,Ch.B. degrees)

12. Students are credited with a module when they have completed the requirements of that module. These requirements include the submission, by the due date, of written assignments, the completion of any field work activities, or of any study abroad requirements, and the attainment of a pass mark in the assessment associated with the module (but see 13 and 14 below).
13. In order to be credited with the modules applying to any one academic year, students must:
 - (i) have satisfied the relevant requirements for each module as set out in (12) above
and
 - (ii) have achieved a credit-weighted average mark of 40 per cent or more across all the modules taken in the year
and
 - (iii) have achieved a pass mark in each module complying with the designations of pass/fail set out in (14) below.
14. Subject to the achievement of an overall average of 40 per cent, modules may be passed at a level sufficient for the award of credit (35 to 39 per cent), or at Honours level (40 per cent or above). Exceptionally, for the purposes of satisfying the demands of professional bodies, or for some other significant academic reason specifically approved by the relevant Faculty Board, some modules may be designated as having to be passed at Honours Level.
15. Feedback on First Semester performance will be provided by departments after the First Semester assessment period and at the latest by 28 February each year. At this stage, the results are regarded as provisional and will normally be provided on a pass/fail basis or as an indication that progress is satisfactory, with information about levels of attainment being offered informally through consultation with personal and academic tutors. Official pass lists will be issued after the end of the Second Semester, and departments are at this stage authorised to release the marks obtained for both First- and Second-Semester modules.
16. Students who have not satisfied the module requirements set out in (13) above will have their performance reviewed by the relevant Board of Examiners in June in the light of the results obtained in both the First and Second Semesters. Boards of Examiners will determine the following rules relating to the determination of pass or fail in individual modules.
 - (a) Students with a credit-weighted average of less than 40 per cent overall will be deemed to have failed all modules in which a mark of less than 40 per cent has been obtained;
 - (b) Students with a credit-weighted average of 40 per cent or more overall will be deemed to have failed all modules in which a mark of less than 35 percent has been obtained unless the University has determined that a specific module must be passed at 40 percent (see 14 above), in which case in that module only a mark of 39 per cent or less will be deemed to be a fail mark.

The Boards of the Faculties will then be presented with the names of those students who are deemed to have failed one or more modules in the course of the academic year.
17. Students who are declared in June to have failed any modules taken during the year may be allowed to present themselves in September of the same year for re-examination in any written examinations associated with those failed modules. Students who have failed or have not completed any elements of assessed course work may be provided by their department with the opportunity of (re) submitting the work before the end of the academic year or by a date specified by their department. Laboratory work, however, must normally be completed within the time allotted for it in the relevant semester. In most laboratory-based subjects, the opportunity for repeating practical work cannot be provided, and any failure in practical elements of the course may lead to termination of course in June. The maximum mark which can be obtained in an examination deemed to be a resit is 40 per cent.
18. Students who fail to satisfy the examiners in September will be considered by the relevant Board of the Faculty. In the light of their overall performance, the Board may determine that such students should:
 - (a) have their registration terminated;
 - (b) be permitted to resit either failed modules or all modules in January and June of the following year without returning into residence in the meantime;
 - (c) in exceptional circumstances be permitted to repeat all or part of the failed section of the course;
 - (d) be permitted to proceed to the next year of the course taking, in addition to the standard 120 credits for the year, new modules in place of those failed or, where core modules are involved, repeating failed modules.

Note: In reaching decisions on students who have failed examinations, Faculty Boards will have regard to departmental recommendations and will take account of medical evidence or other special circumstances. Repeat periods of study will be granted only where evidence exists which demonstrates that such special circumstances have significantly interrupted, through no fault of the student's own, the opportunity to benefit from the teaching programme in a particular semester or academic year. The scale of the interruption must be such that it would be unreasonable to expect a student to take the examination relating to that part of the programme without repeat attendance.

Where a department has given advance notice to its four-year degree students they must achieve a threshold average mark for progression within the four-year degree, then a student who does not achieve the threshold level will normally be required to transfer to the equivalent three-year degree.

If at the end of the third year a student does not meet the threshold requirement for progression to the final year, they will be considered as a finalist for the three-year degree.