



Statement of Examination Results

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Interpretation of Results

This information is provided to assist in the interpretation of the results provided overleaf. The University's Marks and Standards should be consulted if precise and detailed information is required. These are available at: www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.shtml

1. Interpretation of Data

The results for each semester will indicate the code, title and duration of each module, together with the percentage mark, ECTS Grade awarded and the number of DCU/ECTS credits earned.

Duration Code:	S = Single Semester	Y = Full Academic Year
Result Code:	A = Absent	I = Certified Illness
	AO = Registered for Attendance Only	L = Laboratory Pass Only
	C = Pass by Compensation	P = Pass
	D = Deferred Result	PF = Passed Link Module
	E = Exemption	T = Theory Pass Only
	F = Fail	W = Failed a Coursework Element
	FN = Fail: Time Owing on Clinical Practice	X = Failed an Examination Element
	FG = Fail Competence	S = Resit Assessment Element as per module information
	FB = Fail Attendance	R = Resit Exam Element
ECTS Grade:	A = Excellent: outstanding performance with only minor errors	E = Sufficient: minimum criteria met
	B = Very Good: above average performance but with some errors	FX = Fail: some more work required
	C = Good: generally sound work with some notable errors	F = Fail: considerable further work required
	D = Satisfactory: fair but with significant shortcomings	

DCU/ECTS Credits:
A student attending full time at the University will normally accumulate 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits per year. A 3-year degree programme would have a total ECTS credit value of 180 and, similarly, a 4-year degree programme would have a value of 240 ECTS credits. For further information please refer to the University's Marks and Standards at: www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.shtml

2. Assessment Methodology

In general, student performance is determined at the conclusion of each academic year. In taught programmes, this is based on a combination of attainment in end-of-semester examinations (both semesters) and continuous assessment of academic exercises carried out throughout the academic year. Research programmes of study are assessed on the basis of a submitted thesis and oral examination; although in the case of Masters Degrees the latter may be waived at the discretion of the examiners.

3. Pass Mark

The minimum mark required for a pass in a module is 40% unless stated otherwise in programme regulations. A candidate who fails to attain the required pass standard in all modules taken at a single sitting may, at the discretion of the Progression and Award Boards, be allowed to pass the module as a whole by compensation, subject to the approval of Academic Council.

4. Exemptions

In general, all modules passed by a candidate in a particular year of study should have such passes held in perpetuity unless removed as a consequence of a subsequent disciplinary decision approved by Academic Council.

5. Award Classifications: Primary Degrees

The award of an Honours Bachelor Degree is made at the levels given below. Normally the level of award is derived from the final year performance unless where stated otherwise in programme regulations. Honours level classifications are also indicated for interim stages of programmes.

	Pre Academic Year 2007/08	Academic Year 2007/08 onwards
Level of Award	% Average Mark	
First Class Honours	Not less than 70%	Not less than 70%
Second Class Honours-Grade 1	Not less than 63%	Not less than 60%
Second Class Honours-Grade 2	Not less than 55%	Not less than 50%
Third Class Honours	Not less than 50%	Not less than 40%
Pass	Not less than 40%	N/A

6. Award Classifications: Other Awards

- 6.1 A Certificate, Diploma, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma (in most cases) may be awarded with the classification of distinction, where the percentage average is not less than 70%, or credit where the percentage average mark is not less than 60%. In some cases the minimum pass mark for certain degree programmes is 50%.
- 6.2 A Masters Degree obtained through coursework and dissertation may be awarded as follows:

	Pre Academic Year 2017/18	Academic Year 2017/18 onwards
Level of Award	% Average Mark	
First Class Honours	Not less than 70%	Not less than 70%
Second Class Honours	Not less than 60%	N/A
Second Class Honours-Grade 1	N/A	Not less than 60%
Second Class Honours-Grade 2	N/A	Not less than 50%
Third Class Honours	N/A	Not less than 40%
Pass	Not less than 40%	N/A

- 6.3 A Masters Degree by research is awarded without classification.
- 6.4 Doctoral Degrees are awarded without classification.