

Final-Year Briefing



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Your final semester !



1. Your Final Project
2. National Student Survey (NSS)
3. Your Design Exhibition Final-Year Project Poster: 200 attendees from Industry (including many employers)
4. **Your Degree!!**

Final Year Project assessments



ME40321: Engineering project DEU

- ① **Academic Year:** 2016/7
- ① **Owning Department/School:** Department of Mechanical Engineering
- ① **Credits:** 30 [equivalent to 60 CATS credits]
- ① **Notional Study Hours:** 600
- ① **Level:** Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)
- ① **Period:** Academic Year
- ① **Assessment Summary:** CW 100%
- ① **Assessment Detail:**
 - Final Project Report (CW 60%)
 - Performance Assessment (CW 10%)
 - Preliminary Project Presentation (CW 5%)
 - Project Scoping and Planning (CW 5%)
 - Viva, Final Presentation and Poster (CW 20%)

BEng

S2 are all DEUs

GBDP – (12 credits)
ME30313, ME30068

Engineering project – (18 credits)
ME30227

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/catalogues/>

Final-Year Projects:



- Not expected to carry out Nobel prize worthy research!
- Method more important than final results (still in training)
- Mark is based on value added, self reliance, competency
- Keep assessor informed (esp. if there are changes)
- Variety of assessment including oral exam
(PhD style viva with assessor and supervisor)

FYP deadlines



FYP report hand-in: Wednesday 29th April (M.Eng)

Ordinarily, NO extensions given to submission of the report!

Viva / final presentation / poster (20%) – (30th April – 12th May)
agreed between your supervisor & assessor

**Annual survey of
mostly final-year
undergraduates
across the UK**

**Commissioned by the
Office for Students
(OfS) on behalf of the
UK funding and
regulatory bodies**

What is the NSS?

**Conducted independently
by Ipsos MORI**

**Easy to complete &
it's confidential**

www.thestudentsurvey.com

The NSS asks

a range of questions about your course experience...

Teaching
Quality

Academic
Support

Learning
Resources

Student Voice

Learning
Opportunities

Organisation
and
Management

Learning
Community

Overall
Satisfaction

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At Bath, we would also value your views on...

Placements

Assessment

Student
Community

Employability
and Skills

Environmental
Sustainability

Entrepreneurial
Opportunities

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NSS : 3Rd Feb to 30th April

February 03 – survey opens and opening invite email to all students sent by Student Engagement on behalf of VP SE and PVC L+T
February 06 – initial invite from Ipsos MORI
February 10 – first email reminder from Ipsos MORI
February 14 – second email reminder from Ipsos MORI
February 20 – text message reminder from Ipsos MORI
February 21 – first round of telephone reminders from Ipsos MORI
February 24 – second round of telephone reminders from Ipsos MORI
After March 01 – targeted emails and telephone reminders from Ipsos MORI
April 23 – one week to go email to all students sent by Student Engagement on behalf of VP SE and PVC L+T
April 30 – survey closes at midnight

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Final-year UG feedback



Not applicable	Definitely disagree	Mostly Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Mostly agree	Definitely agree

UoB scale
(unit feedback)

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree

Why should you take part?

This is your chance to say what you think about your course at university or college

It is completely anonymous and takes around 10 minutes to complete

If you enter the survey you could win...

- Champagne tea in the Pump Room for four
- Thermae Bath Spa Twilight Package for two
 - Graduation gown hire for one
 - Graduation photos for one

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NSS Action Plan - Department Response to results and student comments

Action Plan shared with students through SSLC and published on the Moodle MECH page (Topic 20):

<https://moodle.bath.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=52048#section-20>

Direct link:

<https://moodle.bath.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=658355>

Final Year - Frequently Asked Questions



When will exam results be available?

- S1 on SAMIS: 20th February
- S2 results on SAMIS: 25th June
- Graduation Ceremonies: Week Beginning 13th July

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/summer-graduation-ceremony-timings/>

How is my final degree classification decided upon?

What happens if I have failed one (or more) unit(s)?

Degree classification contributions



Contributions from taught years

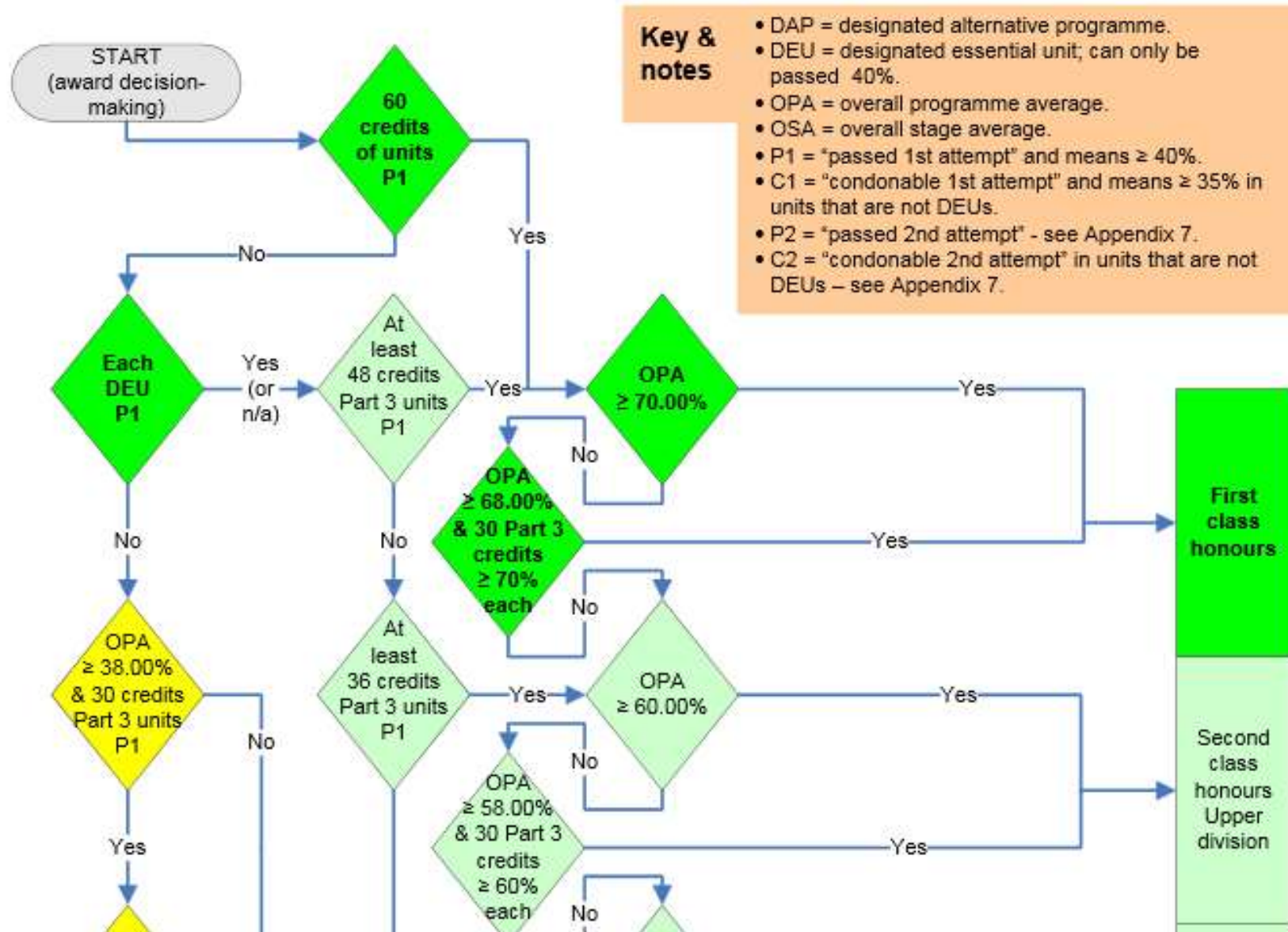
MEng	BEng
Year 1 – 0%	Year 1 – 0%
Year 2 – 20%	Year 2 – 32%
Year 3 – 40%	Year 3 – 68%
Year 4 – 40%	

Degree Classification Flowchart:



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<http://www.bath.ac.uk/registry/nfa/nfaar-ug-appendix-27.pdf>



First degree / Part 3 / 60-credit stages



	Part 3	Appendix 27							
	final year	30 (6-credit units)					30 credits		
		1	2	3	4	5	Project (DEU)	OPA	
a	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	70%	1st Class
b	48	✓	✓	✓			✓	70%	1st Class
c	48	30 credits ≥ 70% in each S1 unit or project(s)						68%	1st Class
d	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	60%	2.1
e	36	✓					✓	60%	2.1
f	36	30 credits ≥ 60% each S1 unit or project(s)						58%	2.1
g	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	2.2
h	36	✓					✓	50%	2.2
i	36	30 credits ≥ 50% each S1 unit or project(s)						48%	2.2
j	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	40%	3rd
k	30						✓	40%	3rd
l	30						✓	38%	Unclassified degree
m	30							38%	Supplementary asst

MEng project of 30 credits
BEng projects of 12 & 18 credits

Interviews with our External Examiners



Interviews with selected students during the end of semester **Design Exhibition**

I will e-mail you during that week to let you know if you have been selected

Externals do not decide degree classifications!

(interviews are not an assessment but a quality assurance exercise for our courses)

Graduation Ceremonies:
Week Beginning 13 July



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Accreditation panel (visit in November 2017)

IMechE, RAeS, IET commented favourably on:

*The **general high quality of the programmes** and
bright, articulate, enthusiastic students*

*The **accessibility and approachability of teaching staff,***

*Well equipped laboratories, **particularly for project work
in years three and four***

*The quality of the **engagement with industry,**
particularly... the provision of final year projects.*

Questions

