

Extract from current generic regulations for Taught Postgraduate Programmes

9. Requirements for the Award of a Masters Degree and Rules for Award of Distinction and Merit

- 9.1 A candidate will be eligible for the award of the degree on obtaining a grade point average¹ of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in the taught courses described in §4, with at least 75% of these credits at grade D3 or better, and all credits at grade F or above, and obtaining a grade D or better in the substantial independent work.
- 9.2 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Merit on achieving at the first attempt:
- a) a grade point average of 15 (equivalent to B3) or above in the 180 or more credits completed on the programme, and
 - b) a grade point average of at least 14 (equivalent to C1) in the taught courses, and
 - c) a grade of at least C1 in the substantial independent work.
- 9.3 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §9.2 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 180 or more credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 14.1 to 14.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Merit.
- 9.4 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Distinction on achieving at the first attempt:
- a) a grade point average of 18 (equivalent to A5) or above in the 180 or more credits completed on the programme, and
 - b) a grade point average of at least 17 (equivalent to B1) in the taught courses, and
 - c) a grade of at least B1 in the substantial independent work.
- 9.5 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §9.4 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 180 or more credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 17.1 to 17.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Distinction.

Footnote

¹ The grade point average is determined with reference to the schedule of grades and grade points contained in Schedule A and Schedule B of the University's Code of Assessment. The grade point average is calculated by taking the product of each course's weight and the candidate's grade points and dividing the sum of these products by the sum of the courses' weights. The weights shall correspond to the courses' credit ratings unless specified otherwise in the relevant programme documentation. The grade point average is expressed to one decimal place (§16.34(a) of the Code of Assessment). In determining whether a candidate has satisfied requirements in relation to progress and award, no further rounding is permitted. For example, a grade point average of 11.9 would not satisfy a requirement for a grade point average of 12.

Proposed revised version

9. Requirements for the Award of a Masters Degree and Rules for Award of Distinction and Merit

- 9.1 A candidate will be eligible for the award of the degree on obtaining a grade point average¹ of 12.0 or above in the taught courses described in §4, with at least 75% of these credits at grade D3 or better, and all credits at grade F or above, and obtaining a grade D or better in the substantial independent work.
- 9.2 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Merit on achieving at the first attempt:

- a) a grade point average of 15.0 or above in the 180 or more credits completed on the programme, and
 - b) a grade point average of at least 14.0 in the taught courses, and
 - c) a grade of at least C1 in the substantial independent work.
- 9.3 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §9.2 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 180 or more credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 14.1 to 14.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Merit.
- 9.4 A candidate will be eligible for the award of Distinction on achieving at the first attempt:
- a) a grade point average of 18.0 or above in the 180 or more credits completed on the programme, and
 - b) a grade point average of at least 17.0 in the taught courses, and
 - c) a grade of at least B1 in the substantial independent work.
- 9.5 Where a candidate has satisfied the requirements set out at §9.4 (b) and (c), and their grade point average for the 180 or more credits completed on the programme at the first attempt falls within the range 17.1 to 17.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Distinction.

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