

Information for Students, Teachers and Examiners

Annex 5: Alternative Exit Awards

1. A student who successfully completes an appropriate volume of credit as part of a course of study, but who does not successfully complete the whole course will be entitled to receive an alternative exit award from the relevant Board of Examiners, for example, the award of a Certificate, Diploma or non-Honours degree, where he/she has achieved sufficient credit at the appropriate level required for the award concerned and has satisfied any further requirements for the particular course of study where such have been specified in the relevant approved course specification.
2. The minimum credit requirements for awards (i.e. volume and level) are set out in Annex 4: *Minimum Credit Requirements for Awards*.
3. Where students have met the requirements for a year abroad or other placement activity the title of the alternative exit award should reflect this achievement (for example, Diploma with a Year Abroad; Non-Honours Degree with a Year in Industry). It should be noted that, although the achievement of 120 credits for a placement stage may give a student the overall volume of credit required for a non-honours degree (300) or honours degree (360), these latter awards require the achievement of a stated volume of credit at level 6 and in Stage 3 (see Annex 4).
4. Where a student has passed a module or modules, but has not met the requirements for any award the University will issue the student with a transcript stating the modules passed and the marks and credits awarded.
5. The table below sets out the alternative exit awards available to students registered on specific course of study. The appropriate alternative exit award will be made where the University's requirements and any stated course requirements have been met.

Course of Study	Available Alternative Exit Award	Available Alternative Exit Award	Available Alternative Exit Award	Available Alternative Exit Award
BA/BSc (Hons)	Certificate	Diploma (Foundation Degree where includes WBL)	Non-Honours degree	
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	120	240	300	
Diploma of HE	Certificate			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for</i>	120			

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<i>the alternative exit award:</i>				
Higher National Diploma	Higher National Certificate			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	120			
Foundation Degree	Certificate			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	120			
Integrated Master's degree	Certificate	Diploma	Non-Honours degree	BA/BSc (Hons)
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	120	240	300	360
Graduate Diploma¹	Graduate Certificate			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	60			
Master's degree (MA/MSc/LLM/MBA)	PG Certificate	PG Diploma		
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	60	120		

¹ For the purposes of this Code, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas are regarded as undergraduate courses.

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PG Diploma	PG Certificate			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	60			
Taught Doctorate	MA/MSc/LLM/MBA			
<i>Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:</i>	180			