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Appendix 1

Classification of Honours Degrees for Students admitted to the University up to and including 2010-2011

For students admitted to the University up to and including 2010-11 the following methodology applied:

Each Faculty Board may decide or may authorise Schools in the Faculty to decide whether Honours degrees will be awarded on the basis of

either the **'average'** method,

or the **'preponderance'** method

or **both the 'average' and the 'preponderance' methods.**

If a Faculty Board fails to agree on the classification method to be used then both methods should be used. Where a School is authorised to decide which method is to be used for classification of degrees specified as within its area of responsibility, the School shall have authority to do so on a programme by programme basis.

i) Both Methods of Classification

Where the class of degree is awarded on the basis of both the 'average' and 'preponderance' methods of classification, in the event of a difference in the classification derived for a particular student, the higher of the two classes will be awarded.

ii) 'Average' Method of Classification

A candidate who has met the requirements for the award of an Honours degree will be placed in an Honours class based on the average mark, with modules weighted as agreed by the Faculty Board and calculated to one decimal place, over all modules in Stages 2, 3 and, where relevant, 4 of the programme of study according to the following table:

First Class Honours	70 and above
Upper Second Class Honours	60 – 69.9
Lower Second Class Honours	50 – 59.9
Third Class Honours	Below 50

iii) 'Preponderance' Method of Classification

A candidate who has met the requirements for award of an Honours degree will be placed in an Honours class on the attainment of:

at least the following number of credits in that class or above **AND**

at least the following average mark over the examination as a whole:

For degrees with 240 contributing credits:

Class	Number of Credits in class or above	Average mark over all contributing modules
First Class	120	65
Upper Second Class	135	57
Lower Second Class	150	48
Third Class	240*	Not Applicable

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For degrees with 360 contributing credits:

Class	Number of Credits in class or above	Average mark over all contributing modules
First Class	180	65
Upper Second Class	195	57
Lower Second Class	225	48
Third Class	360*	Not Applicable

For degrees/students with contributing credits other than above:

Class	% of Credits in class or above	Average mark over all contributing modules
First Class	50%	65
Upper Second Class	55%	57
Lower Second Class	62.5%	48
Third Class	100%*	Not Applicable

* where credits have been awarded via compensation or condonement for a module mark of less than 40, the credits should be treated as being in the Third class category.

Note: Although credits are normally awarded for a mark of 40 or above in a module, a student might obtain the credits required for award of an Honours degree but have an average mark of less than 40 where some credits have been obtained via compensation and/or condonement.

Note: For a degree classification based on the pre-2011/12 credit conventions, where a differential stage weighting has been approved by the Faculty Board the number of credits which contribute for the purposes of classification will be scaled accordingly e.g. in cases where a year-abroad is half-weighted, it will contribute 60 credits (rather than 120) for the purposes of classification.