UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY

Conventions for London Contemporary Dance School Postgraduate Diploma and MA in Contemporary Dance

1 Postgraduate Diploma Conventions

1.1 An overall mark will be calculated for each candidate in which the various components of the programme will be weighted as follows:

[3] Module 2: 100 credits

1.2 The Postgraduate Diploma will be awarded to candidates who obtain an overall mark calculated as in 1.1 of 50% or more and who choose not to complete the MA programme or who are not permitted to complete the MA programme or who fail to complete the MA programme satisfactorily. It is not required that students pass each individual area to be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma, however they must pass Module 2 and at least one area of study in Module 1.

1.3 The award of Postgraduate Diploma with distinction will be made to candidates who achieve an overall average grade of 70% or higher and a grade of 70% or higher in Module 2, and who pass all three areas of study as listed in 1.1.

1.4 Students whose marks indicate a distinction, but who fail one area of study as listed in 1.1 should be awarded a merit. Students who resubmit work in one area only, for a maximum mark of 50%, and whose average grade is still within the distinction category, should retain their eligibility for this award.

1.5 The award of Postgraduate Diploma with merit will be made to candidates who achieve an overall average grade of 60% or higher and a grade of 60% or higher in Module 2, and who pass all three areas of study as listed in 1.1.

1.6 Students whose marks indicate a merit, but who fail one area of study as listed in 1.1 should be awarded a pass. Students who resubmit work in one area only, for a maximum mark of 50%, and whose average grade is still within the merit category, should retain their eligibility for this award.

1.7 Candidates who obtain a mark of 60% or above in Module 2 and a mark of 50% or above in both elements of Module 1, as listed in 1.1, will be permitted to complete the MA programme.

1.8 Where a candidate fails to obtain a mark of 50% or more in either part of Module 1, but not both, the Internal Board of Examiners may recommend that the candidate be permitted to repeat this element of the programme or re-sit the examination or make a revised course submission by a specified date or that the candidate be required to withdraw. Candidates may resubmit work in one failed area only. Grades for work which is resubmitted will be capped at 50%. Candidates may resubmit any given piece of work on one occasion only.
2 MA Conventions

2.1 Students proceeding to MA must complete their Independent Research Dissertations/Projects within two years of graduating from the Postgraduate Diploma.

2.2 The degree of MA will be awarded to candidates who obtain an overall mark of 50% or above on the Postgraduate Diploma programme calculated as in 1.1 above and who obtain a mark of 50% or above for the Independent Research Dissertation or Project.

2.3 A candidate may undertake an MA project with both a practical and written component. In such cases, the written element must account for a minimum of 40% of the final grade, and the candidate must pass both components in order to receive the MA.

2.4 The degree of MA with distinction will be awarded to candidates who achieve Distinction in both the Postgraduate Diploma and the MA project.

2.5 The degree of MA with merit will be awarded to candidates who achieve Merit in both the Postgraduate Diploma and the MA project.

2.6 If a student’s final grade in either the Postgraduate Diploma or the MA is within a 2% margin of the distinction category, the Board of Examiners may use their discretion in deciding whether or not to award the MA with distinction. Course Leaders and the Head of Postgraduate Studies must offer substantial evidence and support for the upgrade to the Board of Examiners in such cases. Distinctions will not, in any circumstances, be awarded to students who do not achieve a mark of 70% or above in Module 2.

2.7 If a student’s final grade in either the Postgraduate Diploma or the MA is within a 2% margin of the merit category, the Board of Examiners may use their discretion in deciding whether or not to award the MA with merit. Course Leaders and the Head of Postgraduate Studies must offer substantial evidence and support for the upgrade to the Board of Examiners in such cases. Merits will not, in any circumstances, be awarded to students who do not achieve a mark of 60% or above in Module 2.

2.8 Where a candidate fails to obtain a mark of 50% or above for the Independent Research Dissertation or Project, the Board of Examiners may recommend that the candidate be permitted to revise and resubmit this work by a specified date or that the candidate be required to withdraw.

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