Annex 5: Alternative Exit Awards

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# Principles

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 they have achieved sufficient credit at the appropriate level required for the award concerned and have 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](https://www.kent.ac.uk/education/regulatory-framework/credit-framework#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.

# Available Alternative Exit Awards

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.

# Table: Alternative Exit Awards

| **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** |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **120** | **240** | **300** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Diploma of HE** | **Certificate** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **120** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Higher National Diploma** | **Higher National Certificate** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **120** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Foundation Degree** | **Certificate** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **120** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Integrated Master’s degree** | **Certificate** | **Diploma** | **Non-Honours degree** | **BA/BSc (Hons)** |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **120** | **240** | **300** | **360** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Graduate Diploma[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Graduate Certificate** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **60** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Master’s degree (MA/MSc/LLM/MBA)** | **PG Certificate** | **PG Diploma** |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **60** | **120** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **PG Diploma**  | **PG Certificate** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **60** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Taught Doctorate** | **MA/MSc/LLM/MBA** |  |  |  |
| *Minimum number of credits required for the alternative exit award:* | **180** |  |  |  |

1. For the purposes of this Code, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas are regarded as undergraduate courses. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)