

Your classification – 360 credits Honours Degree

If you are in your final year and have passed or been condoned in **all** modules of your course, we will calculate your classification in two ways.

1. Average Percentage Mark (APM)

Your APM is calculated from your Level 5 and 6 modules taking different credit weightings into account. For example, a 20 credit module has twice the weight of a 10 credit module.

Level 6 modules contribute 60% to your APM and Level 5 modules contribute 40%. Your lowest mark, to the value of 20 credits, is discarded. The APM calculation does not include:

- Level 4 marks
- Placements that sit outside your credit bearing academic modules
- Modules that are assessed on a pass/fail

basis Your APM is classified under the following

bands:

APM	Classification band
70-100%	First Class Honours
60-69%	Upper Second Class Honours (2.1)
50-59%	Lower Second Class Honours (2.2)
40-49%	Third Class Honours

For example, an APM of 61% is classified as 2.1

2. Your profile of marks

If you miss a classification using the APM calculation, we will consider you for the higher classification based on your profile of marks provided you meet the following conditions:

- at least half your credits from Levels 5 and 6 are in the higher band, *and*
- your APM from Levels 5 and 6 is **within 2%** of the higher band.

For example:

Example A (20 credit modules used in this example)												
Module Mark	Level 5						Level 6					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
	64	61	60	59	58	56	62	61	61	58	57	56

- The APM of the above profile is 59%, thereby classified as 2.2 standard
- As at least half the above marks are of 2.1 standard and the APM is within 2% of the higher 2.1 band, the classification is 2.1

Please note:

- The 60:40 ratio and lowest mark discount applies to APM calculations only
- We discount your lowest mark to the value of 20 credits only. If your lowest mark is in a 30 or 40 credit module, it will be calculated proportionately
- If you have identical lowest marks at both Levels 5 and 6, we will discount your Level 6 mark, as this will be to your advantage
- Award boards have the discretion to condone failure in up to 40 credits across Levels 5 and 6. However this only applies to non-core modules where the module mark is at least 30%. Condonement is discretionary, please do not rely on it
- If your programme leads to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), you must also complete all professional requirements in order to be awarded your degree
- These regulations do not apply if you are solely completing the final year of an honours degree (ie a 120 credit conversion degree)

If you need more information, please contact the Assessment & Awards [Teams](#)