

Clarification of the position regarding reassessment opportunities for final year honours and integrated masters students

Final year honours and integrated masters students who are eligible for award of the degree at the June Exam Boards have the option to decline the award and re-sit all exams¹⁵ from the April/May assessment diet in August. The same option is not being offered in relation to coursework taken after 15 March, even for students who have very few exams or none.

- Normally no reassessment opportunity is available for honours and integrated masters students.
- This year's graduating students are required to complete their final exams online, that is, in an unfamiliar format.
- While we are confident that measures have been put in place to best support students in taking these exams, it has been agreed that for any students who believe that their full diet of exams had been significantly impacted by the context in which they were being taken, some additional provision should be made. This exceptional opportunity to retake exams online therefore applies in relation to the full diet, not to individual exams. It is not envisaged that many students will elect to take this option. Any student taking this option will ultimately be awarded whichever overall result is better: that based on all exams taken at the April/May diet, or on all exams taken at the August diet. An overall result cannot be generated through combination of results from the two exam diets.
- An equivalent provision in relation to reassessment of coursework is not being offered. Some amendment to the format of coursework may have been necessitated by current circumstances and it is recognised that there may have been challenges associated with accessing resources. However, deferred deadlines or individual extensions may have been offered to offset the impact of these factors.
- In addition to the foregoing considerations, it has been agreed that the volume of work - both for students and staff - associated with offering the opportunity for a full resubmission of coursework after 15 March would be disproportionate and impracticable. Offering individual coursework resubmission opportunities would not be consistent with the approach adopted in relation to the exam diet.
- The No Detriment policy will apply to all assessments, exams and coursework, in relation to the way that final GPA is calculated. Therefore any coursework completed after 15 March 2020 in which performance has dipped will not be included in calculation of the final award (so far as is possible in relation to achieving the overall minimum level of assessment required for award of the degree).

Final year honours and integrated masters students who are NOT eligible for award of the degree at the June Exam Boards will be offered further assessment opportunities in relation to individual exams and pieces of coursework at the August diet.

¹⁵ 'Exam' in this context does not include any scheduled exams that are set in an alternative format, e.g. a week-long take-home paper.