



Honours/integrated masters students completing in 2020-21 – summary of special measures applying to the award of your degree

The information set out below refers to some key information about how your final degree result will be calculated. This reflects aspects of the No Detriment policy as well as Assessment Support Measures being applied for 2020-21.

Degree requirements that are not referred to below apply in the usual way.

Some programmes for professional/accredited degrees have specific requirements that are not covered here but these will be made known to you by your School.

How will your final grade point average (GPA) be calculated?

The results from your assessments are combined to produce a final grade point average or GPA. This GPA determines your degree classification.

For those of you completing your honours or integrated masters degree programme in 2020-21, some of your assessment will have fallen in the period covered by the No Detriment policy (16 March to 11 September 2020). This is relevant to the way that your GPA will be calculated:

A **baseline GPA** will be calculated from all assessment completed on the programme before and after the No Detriment period:

For senior honours students, the baseline GPA will include:

- your results from assessments taken in junior honours by 15 March 2020, and
- all your course grades from senior honours (2020-21).

For final year integrated masters students, the baseline GPA will also include all the course grades from your third year (2018-19).

The **final GPA** will be calculated by adding to the baseline GPA your assessment results from the No Detriment period that are better than or equal to the baseline GPA. (In other words, assessments from that time in which your performance was lower than your average will not be counted.)

What honours classification will you be awarded?

Your final GPA determines your degree classification. For honours and integrated masters degrees being awarded in 2020-21, the following thresholds will be applied:

Final GPA

17.5 or above: First class
14.5 or above: 2.1
11.5 or above: 2.2
8.5 or above: Third class

In some cases where the final GPA falls in the following ranges promotion to the higher classification may be considered:

17.1 – 17.4
14.1 – 14.4
11.1 – 11.4
8.1 – 8.4

This is explained in more detail [here](#).

Waiver of the requirement to achieve D3 in the dissertation or project

Normally an honours/integrated masters degree can only be awarded if you achieve at least grade D3 in your dissertation or project. This requirement will not be applied for students completing in 2020-21. However, the grade that you are awarded for the dissertation/project will still be included in the calculation of your final GPA.

On some professional/accredited programmes a D3 in the dissertation/project is required for the degree to be accredited by the relevant body. You will be advised if this applies to your degree.

Accepted Good Cause claims

If you are in your final year of an honours or integrated masters programme, an accepted good cause claim will usually result in the assessment(s) being set aside. This means that your degree result will be calculated on the basis of your performance in other assessments. However, the amount of assessment that can be set aside is limited: in order to qualify for the degree, at least 75% of all the assessment taking place outwith the No Detriment period must be included in the calculation of your degree.

For a senior honours student, this means 75% of the combined total of: all assessment taking place in junior honours by 15 March 2020 and all assessment taking place in the 2020-21 session.

For a final year integrated masters student, this means 75% of the combined total of: all assessment taking place in fourth year by 15 March 2020 and all assessment taking place in the 2018-19 and 2020-21 sessions.

There are some programmes where less assessment can be set aside under good cause. E.g. where professional/accreditation considerations apply. This will be clear in information provided by your Schools.