



## **PGT Masters students completing in 2020-21 – summary of special measures applying to the award of your degree**

This information is for full-time and part-time students on PGT masters programmes completing their studies in 2020-21 including those who have studied across more than one session. It also applies to students whose programme of study commenced in November 2020 and January 2021 who complete within one year.

The requirements below apply to masters degrees governed by the generic postgraduate taught masters degree regulations. Degree requirements that are not referred to below apply in the usual way. (For example, minimum grades may be required on specific courses on some programmes.) Programmes governed by non-generic degree regulations have different requirements and you will be advised of the applicable rules.

The requirements are set out for the following groups:

- 1. Masters students whose programme commenced in session 2020-21 and who complete within one year**
- 2. Masters students completing in 2020-21 who commenced study in 2019-20 and are taking taught courses in 2020-21**
- 3. Masters students completing in 2020-21 who commenced study in 2019-20 and are taking only the dissertation/project in 2020-21**
- 4. Masters students who commenced study before 2019-20**

### **1. Masters students whose programme commenced in session 2020-21 and who complete within one year**

This includes those who commenced in September 2020, November 2020 and January 2021.

Requirements for award of the degree: In order to be awarded the masters degree on a standard 180 credit masters programme, you must achieve:

- a grade point average (GPA) of 12.0 on the taught courses with at least 75% of credits at grade D3 or above and all credits at grade F3 or above, and
- a grade of at least D3 in the dissertation/project.

Your GPA is calculated by combining your course grades achieved on all the taught courses.

Merit and Distinction: In addition to the requirements for award of the degree, the requirements for the award of Merit and Distinction are as follows:

Merit: An overall GPA of 14.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

Distinction: An overall GPA of 17.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

Your overall programme GPA is calculated by combining your results achieved on all the taught courses and your dissertation/project grade. Only your first attempts at assessment count towards the award of Merit and Distinction.

Normally, eligibility for the award of Merit or Distinction also requires you to achieve an additional minimum GPA on the taught courses and a minimum grade for the dissertation/project. For awards made in 2020-21 these will not be applied and you only need to meet the minimum thresholds set for award of the degree itself.

Some students whose combined GPA falls in the range 14.1 – 14.4 and 17.1 – 17.4 may also be considered for the award of Merit or Distinction. Further details are given [here](#).

## **2. Masters students completing in 2020-21 who commenced study in 2019-20 and are taking taught courses in 2020-21**

Requirements for award of the degree: In order to be awarded the masters degree on a standard 180 credit masters programme, you must achieve:

- a grade point average (GPA) of 12.0 on the taught courses, and
- a grade of at least F3 in all taught courses taken in 2019-20 where all assessment was due by 15 March 2020 and in all taught courses taken in 2020-21, and
- a grade of at least D3 in the dissertation/project.

### How is GPA on the taught courses calculated?

Your GPA is calculated by combining your results from all taught courses. As you were studying in session 2019-20, some of your assessment will have fallen in the period covered by the No Detriment policy (16 March to 11 September 2020). This has an impact on how your GPA is calculated:

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

The baseline GPA will include:

- your results from assessments taken in session 2019-20 by 15 March 2020, and
- all your taught course grades from the current session, 2020-21.

The final taught courses 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.<sup>1</sup> (In other words, assessments from that time in which your performance was lower than your average will not be counted.)

Merit and Distinction: In addition to the requirements for award of the degree, the requirements for the award of Merit and Distinction are as follows:

Merit: An overall GPA of 14.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

Distinction: An overall GPA of 17.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

To calculate your overall programme GPA, the results that contribute to your taught courses GPA are combined with your dissertation/project grade. Only your first attempts at assessment count towards the award of Merit and Distinction.

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<sup>1</sup> A minimum of 65% of the assessment from the 2019-20 session must be included in the GPA.

Normally, eligibility for the award of Merit or Distinction also requires you to achieve an additional minimum GPA on the taught courses and a minimum grade for the dissertation/project. For awards made in 2020-21 these will not be applied and you only need to meet the minimum thresholds set for award of the degree itself.

Some students whose combined GPA falls in the range 14.1 – 14.4 and 17.1 – 17.4 may also be considered for the award of Merit or Distinction. Further details are given [here](#).

### **3. Masters students completing in 2020-21 who commenced study in 2019-20 and are taking only the dissertation/project in 2020-21**

Requirements for award of the degree: In order to be awarded the masters degree on a standard 180 credit masters programme, you must achieve:

- a grade point average (GPA) of 12.0 on the taught courses, and
- a grade of at least F3 in all taught courses taken in 2019-20 where all assessment was due by 15 March 2020, and
- a grade of at least D3 in the dissertation/project.

#### How is GPA on the taught courses calculated?

Your GPA is calculated by combining your results from all taught courses. As you were studying in session 2019-20, some of your assessment will have fallen in the period covered by the No Detriment policy (16 March to 11 September 2020). This has an impact on how your GPA is calculated:

A baseline GPA will be calculated from all assessment completed on the programme before the No Detriment period, i.e. your results from assessments taken in session 2019-20 by 15 March 2020.

The final taught courses 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.<sup>2</sup> (In other words, assessments from that time in which your performance was lower than your average will not be counted.)

Merit and Distinction: In addition to the requirements for award of the degree, the requirements for the award of Merit and Distinction are as follows:

Merit: A taught courses GPA of 14.0 and an overall GPA of 14.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

Distinction: A taught courses GPA of 17.0 and an overall GPA of 17.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

To calculate your overall programme GPA, the results that contribute to your taught courses GPA are combined with the dissertation/project grade. Only your first attempts at assessments count towards the award of Merit and Distinction.

Normally, eligibility for the award of Merit or Distinction also requires you to achieve an additional minimum grade for the dissertation/project. For awards made in 2020-21 this will not

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be applied and you only need to meet the minimum threshold of a D3 set for award of the degree itself.

Some students whose combined GPA falls in the range 14.1 – 14.4 and 17.1 – 17.4 may also be considered for the award of Merit or Distinction. Further details are given [here](#).

#### **4. Masters students who commenced study before 2019-20**

Requirements for award of the degree: In order to be awarded the masters degree on a standard 180 credit masters programme, you must achieve:

- a grade point average (GPA) of 12.0 on the taught courses, and
- a grade of at least F3 in all taught courses taken in 2019-20 where all assessment was due by 15 March 2020 and in all taught courses taken in 2020-21 and in any sessions before 2019-20, and
- a grade of at least D3 in the dissertation/project.

#### How is GPA on the taught courses calculated?

Your GPA is calculated by combining your results from all taught courses. As you were studying in session 2019-20, some of your assessment will have fallen in the period covered by the No Detriment policy (16 March to 11 September 2020). This has an impact on how your GPA is calculated:

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

The baseline GPA will include:

- your results from assessments taken in session 2019-20 by 15 March 2020, and
- all your taught course grades from the current session, 2020-21, and from 2018-19 and any other earlier sessions in which you were studying.

The final taught courses 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.<sup>3</sup> (In other words, assessments from that time in which your performance was lower than your average will not be counted.)

Merit and Distinction: In addition to the requirements for award of the degree, the requirements for the award of Merit and Distinction are as follows:

Merit: A taught courses GPA of 14.0 and an overall GPA of 14.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

Distinction: A taught courses GPA of 17.0 and an overall GPA of 17.5 across the 180 credits of the programme.

To calculate your overall programme GPA, the results that contribute to your taught courses GPA are combined with the dissertation/project grade. Only your first attempts at assessments count towards the award of Merit and Distinction.

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<sup>3</sup> A minimum of 65% of the assessment from the 2019-20 session must be included in the GPA.

Normally, eligibility for the award of Merit or Distinction also requires you to achieve an additional minimum grade for the dissertation/project. For awards made in 2020-21 this will not be applied and you only need to meet the minimum threshold of a D3 set for award of the degree itself.

Some students whose combined GPA falls in the range 14.1 – 14.4 and 17.1 – 17.4 may also be considered for the award of Merit or Distinction. Further details are given [here](#).