

PGT Masters students completing in 2022-23 – requirements for award

This information concerns students on PGT masters programmes completing their studies in 2022-23 including those who have studied across more than one session.

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, on some programmes minimum grades may be required on specific courses.)

Requirements for award of the degree: In order to be awarded the masters degree on a standard 180 credit masters programme, students 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 independent work (dissertation/project).

The GPA is calculated by combining the course grades achieved on all the taught courses. For the vast majority of graduating students, the No Detriment policy is no longer relevant. However, for any students who studied in 2019-20 and had assessments scheduled between 16 March and 11 September 2020, the GPA should be calculated in accordance with the [No Detriment policy](#).

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, and these must be met through results achieved **at the first attempt**:

MERIT

1.	Overall programme GPA across the 180 credits of the programme ≥ 14.5	OR	Overall programme GPA across the 180 credits of the programme = 14.1 – 14.4, where $\geq 50\%$ of the weighted course grade profile comprises grades of B or above
	AND		
2.	A GPA of at least 14.0 in the taught courses		
	AND		
3.	A grade of C1 or above in the dissertation/project		

DISTINCTION

1.	Overall programme GPA across the 180 credits of the programme ≥ 17.5	OR	Overall programme GPA across the 180 credits of the programme = 17.1 – 17.4, where $\geq 50\%$ of the weighted course grade profile comprises A grades
		AND	
2.	A GPA of at least 17.0 in the taught courses		
		AND	
3.	A grade of B1 or above in the dissertation/project		

The overall programme GPA is calculated by aggregating the results achieved on all the taught courses and the dissertation/project grade.

The weighted course grade profile means the profile of course grades obtained across the 180 or more credits completed on the programme at the first attempt, weighted to reflect the relative credit weightings of the courses.

Example

A PGT programme consisting of 120 credits of taught courses and a 60 credit dissertation.
Course results at first attempt: A4 (20 credits), C1 (20 credits), A3 (20 credits), B1 (30 credits), A5 (15 credits), A5 (15 credits), B1 (60 credit dissertation).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Overall programme GPA} &= [(19 \times 20) + (14 \times 20) + (20 \times 20) + (17 \times 30) + (18 \times 15) + (18 \times 15) \\ &\quad + (17 \times 60)] / 180 \\ &= 17.4 \end{aligned}$$

The weighted course grade profile has 70 out of 180 credits at grade A. This is less than 50% and therefore requirement number 1. above is not satisfied and the student will not be eligible for award of the degree with Distinction. However, they have satisfied all the requirements for the award to be made with Merit.

Variation of the requirements for Merit and Distinction arising from Assessment Support Measures applied during 2020-21:

- For any student who completed at least 60 credits of taught courses in 2020-21, requirement 2. above will not be applied.

Examples

Student on a three year part-time PGT programme 2020-21 completed 60 taught credits 2021-22 completed 60 taught credits 2022-23 completed dissertation/project	Requirements 1 and 3 apply
Student on a four year part-time PGT programme 2019-20 completed 40 taught credits 2020-21 completed 40 taught credits 2021-22 completed 40 taught credits 2022-23 completed dissertation/project	Requirements 1, 2 and 3 all apply

	Student on five year part-time PGT programme 2018-19 completed 20 taught credits 2019-20 completed 20 taught credits 2020-21 completed 40 taught credits 2021-22 completed 40 taught credits 2022-23 completed dissertation/project	Requirements 1, 2 and 3 all apply
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