

UK DEGREE CLASSIFICATION POLICY: UNDERGRADUATE

Introduction

1. **SPECIAL NOTE:** This policy automatically applies to all students admitted to the University from Fall 2022 onwards. In order for this policy to apply to students who were admitted before Fall 2022, students must have completed at least one course in Fall 2022 or later. For the avoidance of doubt, Incomplete grades awarded retrospectively for semesters before Fall 2022 do not count as Fall 2022 (or later) grades.

General Principles

2. UK Honours degrees at undergraduate level are classified as first class (1st), upper second class (2.1), lower second class (2.2) and third class (3rd).
3. Pass degrees are not classified as Honours degrees.
4. Exam Boards are not permitted to raise or lower the GPA of any candidate that is close to a boundary, (sometimes referred to as “borderlines”).
5. Revision of grades is only permissible at the level of an individual course when based on clear evidence that the grade does not accurately reflect the candidate’s performance.
6. The conversion table between the UK Honours degree classification and the UK is summarised below:

Grade	UK GPA	Class
A/A-	4.000-3.500	1 st
B+/B	3.499-3.000	2.1
B/B-	2.999-2.500	2.2
C+/C	2.499-2.000	3 rd
C-	1.999-1.850	Pass
D+ to failing grades	1.849-0.0	Fail

7. Classification of the degrees awarded to graduates are based upon a UK GPA. The UK GPA is derived from grades awarded in a minimum of 32 US /128 UK credits completed

at Level 5 (excluding any L5 transfer credit) and 32 US/128 UK credits completed at Level 6.

8. The UK GPA is weighted, with grades awarded at Level 5 counting for 33.33% of the UK GPA and grades awarded at Level 6 counting for 66.67% of the UK GPA.
9. All undergraduate students must obtain a major GPA of 2.0 and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to be awarded a US degree.
10. Students whose overall cumulative GPA is 2.0, but whose UK GPA is between 1.999 and 1.85 will be awarded a UK pass degree.

VERSION MANAGEMENT

Responsible Department: Registry Services			
Approving body: Academic Board			
Version no.	Key Changes	Date of approval	Date of effect
001		24 July 2018	28 August 2018
002	Added information on UK-only awards.	August 2020	August 2020
003	Fixed typos. Removed references to F grades.	April 2021	April 2021
004	Updated UK classification boundaries. Deleted UK-top-up degree calculation.	May 2022	September 2022
005	Completed Version Management table	18 October 2022	18 October 2022
006	Major: Updated L5 and L6 credit requirements.	June 2025	01 Sept 2025
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