

Postgraduate standard progression and awarding rules — cheat sheet

<p>Total credits required to graduate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 credits – Master of Science (MSc)/Arts (MA)/Laws (LLM)/Education (MEd) • 120 credits – PG Diploma • 60 credits – PG Certificate
<p>Condonable credits per programme</p>	<p><u>Not all</u> modules are condonable — this will differ for each programme.</p> <p>If modules are condonable (grade = FC), maximum number of credits that can be condoned are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters — 45 credits with module marks between 0 – 49% • PG Dip — 30 credits with module marks between 0 – 49% • PG Cert — 15 credits with module marks between 0 – 49% <p>Overall average must be at least 50% to be eligible for condonement otherwise student can be considered for next best degree.</p>
<p>Referral rules for MSc programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non condonable modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Automatic referrals (FR) if student wants to progress on same programme. • Condonable modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 – 45 credits failed — automatic condonement on failed modules (FC) ○ > 45 credits failed - exam board decision but maximum of 45 credits can be condoned (for the full MSc)
<p>Minimum overall / programme average</p>	<p>To graduate — 50% for MSc, Diploma and Certificate (if under 50%, can get next best degree).</p> <p>Only the modules included in the award calculation will count towards the average, which is not weighted. If student being awarded a PG Diploma or PG Certificate, failed modules not counting towards the award will not be used in the final award/average calculation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example: If being awarded PG Diploma as not eligible for MSc, the best 120 credits will be used to calculate the student’s award and classification and the remaining 60 credits will be discarded.

Award classification (based on programme average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69.50% + → Distinction 59.50% – 69.49% → Merit 50.00 – 59.49% → Pass 																																																																						
Preponderance rules	<p>A student will be awarded the higher classification of the following two calculations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit-weighted average (classification determined as per the ‘Award classification’ boundaries above): <p><u>Example:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PGT student has a final average of 69.92 and is awarded a Distinction (as it is above 69.50%) <table border="1" data-bbox="577 662 2072 762"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>CredDis:</u></th> <th><u>weight</u></th> <th><u>Fail%</u></th> <th><u>OP%</u></th> <th><u>P%</u></th> <th><u>M%</u></th> <th><u>D%</u></th> <th><u>acwm</u></th> <th><u>cred</u></th> <th><u>AwdCalc:</u></th> <th><u>acwm</u></th> <th><u>class</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Award</td> <td></td> <td>0.0</td> <td></td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>66.7</td> <td>33.4</td> <td>69.92</td> <td>180</td> <td>mgena</td> <td>69.92 D</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>mgenp</td> <td>... M</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit-weighted average is equal to or greater than 58.00% or 68.00% and have modules to the value of at least 50% in the next classification range. <p><u>Example:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PGT student has a final average of 68.42% (credit-weighted classification = Merit). 50% or more of credits (50.0) are in the higher classification range (D – Distinction). Student will be awarded a Distinction. <table border="1" data-bbox="586 1093 2101 1232"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>CredDis:</u></th> <th><u>weight</u></th> <th><u>Fail%</u></th> <th><u>OP%</u></th> <th><u>P%</u></th> <th><u>M%</u></th> <th><u>D%</u></th> <th><u>acwm</u></th> <th><u>cred</u></th> <th><u>AwdCalc:</u></th> <th><u>acwm</u></th> <th><u>class</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Award</td> <td></td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>8.4</td> <td>41.7</td> <td>50.0</td> <td>68.42</td> <td>180</td> <td>mgena</td> <td>68.42 M</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>mgenp</td> <td>... D</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: the preponderance rule cannot be applied to award the lowest classification of Pass, i.e. for a student with an overall average of 48-50%, they cannot achieve the pass/fail threshold through preponderance and will receive a lesser/no award.</p>	<u>CredDis:</u>	<u>weight</u>	<u>Fail%</u>	<u>OP%</u>	<u>P%</u>	<u>M%</u>	<u>D%</u>	<u>acwm</u>	<u>cred</u>	<u>AwdCalc:</u>	<u>acwm</u>	<u>class</u>	Award		0.0		0.0	0.0	66.7	33.4	69.92	180	mgena	69.92 D											mgenp	... M	<u>CredDis:</u>	<u>weight</u>	<u>Fail%</u>	<u>OP%</u>	<u>P%</u>	<u>M%</u>	<u>D%</u>	<u>acwm</u>	<u>cred</u>	<u>AwdCalc:</u>	<u>acwm</u>	<u>class</u>	Award		0.0	0.0	8.4	41.7	50.0	68.42	180	mgena	68.42 M										mgenp	... D
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