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Year One

Requirement to Pass Year One

- 1.1** To pass Year One and proceed to the Final Year, you must:
- a) Pass all modules and achieve 120 credits in the Year at Level 4;
 - b) Pass all individual components of assessment with the Pass Mark of 40.

Reassessment: General Principles

- 1.2** The Board of Examiners can permit one further attempt at any individual component of assessment. However, your Module Mark(s) for those further attempts will be capped.
- 1.3** When presented to the Board of Examiners at the end of the Year, marks for resubmissions will be subject to capping in the following way. A pre-resubmission Module Aggregate will be calculated using the failed mark(s):
- If the pre-resubmission Module Aggregate was below the pass mark of 40 then the resubmission can improve the Module Aggregate Mark up to the pass mark only.
 - If the pre-resubmission Module Aggregate was above the pass mark of 40 then the resubmission cannot improve the Module Aggregate Mark. The Module Aggregate is capped at the pre-resubmission aggregate.
- 1.4** For assessments submitted in-year where the pre-resubmission aggregate is not known, the mark for each resubmitted component will be capped at 40.
- 1.5** The Board of Examiners will offer you all the reassessment opportunities that are available to you.
- 1.6** If you have attempted the reassessment of a module and your Module Mark is lower than your previous attempt, the Board of Examiners will use the previous higher mark to determine whether or not you can progress. However, if you repeat the Year (either full-time or part-time), the marks you achieve during your repeat year will be the marks that are used by the Board of Examiners to determine whether or not you can progress. They will not take account of marks from a previous year or attempt, even if they are higher.
- 1.7** If you have a Tier 4 or Student Route visa your options for reassessment may be limited due to the Home Office rules and guidance.

Reassessment Opportunities

- 1.8** Where a provisional mark indicates that you have not passed an individual component of assessment, where you still have attempts left, you will be asked to resubmit this in-year prior to the end of Year meeting of the Board of Examiners. Resubmissions will normally be submitted within four-weeks of you receiving your marked work.
- 1.9** You will only be offered one opportunity to resubmit any failed individual component of assessment.
- 1.10** If you fail your Final Attempt at assessment, this will lead to you being required to leave the University.
- 1.11** The marks for both attempts submitted in-year will be presented to the Board of Examiners for ratification, see 1.8 and 1.9 above.

Exit Awards

- 1.12** If you cannot complete your studies or you are withdrawn from the University for any reason, the Board of Examiners will consider you for an Exit Award.
- 1.13** If you have been awarded 120 credits at Level 4 or above, the Board of Examiners will consider you for a Certificate of Higher Education in Health Studies.
- 1.14** To obtain an Exit Award you must achieve a pass at aggregate level for all modules, without the need to pass each individual component of assessment within the module.
- 1.15** For the purposes of Exit Awards only, all modules are compulsory, not core.

Withdrawal

- 1.16** You will be required to leave the University if:
 - a) Your Year Mark is less than 20; or
 - b) You were required to take compulsory reassessment and you undertook none of the reassessment; or
 - c) You have failed the same module after two attempts; or
 - d) You cannot complete your studies in your maximum period.

Extenuating Circumstances

1.17 If you submit Extenuating Circumstances and they are accepted as valid, the Board of Examiners may be able to offer additional assessment opportunities, such as reassessment for uncapped Module Marks or voluntary reassessment, in line with the Extenuating Circumstances [Policy](#) and [guidelines](#).

Final Year

Requirement to Pass the Final Year

1.18 To pass the Final Year, you must:

- a) Pass all modules and achieve 120 credits in the Year;
- b) Pass all individual components of assessment with the Pass Mark of 40.

Reassessment: General Principles

1.19 The Board of Examiners can permit one further attempt at any individual component of assessment. However, your Module Mark(s) for those further attempts will be capped.

1.20 When presented to the Board of Examiners at the end of the Year, marks for resubmissions will be subject to capping in the following way. A pre-resubmission Module Aggregate will be calculated using the failed mark(s):

- If the pre-resubmission Module Aggregate was below the pass mark of 40 then the resubmission can improve the Module Aggregate Mark up to the pass mark only.
- If the pre-resubmission Module Aggregate was above the pass mark of 40 then the resubmission cannot improve the Module Aggregate Mark. The Module Aggregate is capped at the pre-resubmission aggregate.

1.21 For assessments submitted in-year where the pre-resubmission aggregate is not known, the mark for each resubmitted component will be capped at 40.

1.22 The Board of Examiners will offer you all the reassessment opportunities that are available to you.

1.23 If you have attempted the reassessment of a module and your Module Mark is lower than your previous attempt, the Board of Examiners will use the previous higher mark to determine whether or not you are eligible for the award. However, if you repeat the Year (either full-time or part-time), the marks you achieve during your repeat year will be the marks that are used by the Board of Examiners to determine whether or not you can progress. They will not take account of marks from a previous year or attempt, even if they are higher.

1.24 If you have a Tier 4 or Student Route visa your options for reassessment may be limited due to the Home Office rules and guidance.

Reassessment Opportunities

- 1.25** Where a provisional mark indicates that you have not passed an individual component of assessment, where you still have attempts left, you will be asked to resubmit this in-year prior to the end of Year meeting of the Board of Examiners. Resubmissions will normally be submitted within four-weeks of you receiving your marked work.
- 1.26** You will only be offered one opportunity to resubmit any failed individual component of assessment.
- 1.27** If you fail your Final Attempt at assessment, this will lead to you being required to leave the University.
- 1.28** The marks for both attempts submitted in-year will be presented to the Board of Examiners for ratification, see 1.25 and 1.26 above.

Exit Awards

- 1.29** If you cannot complete your studies or you are withdrawn from the University for any reason, the Board of Examiners will consider you for an Exit Award.
- 1.30** If you have been awarded 120 credits at Level 4 or above, the Board of Examiners will consider you for a Certificate of Higher Education in Health Studies.
- 1.31** To obtain an Exit Award you must achieve a pass at aggregate level for all modules, without the need to pass each individual component of assessment within the module.
- 1.32** For the purposes of Exit Awards only, all modules are compulsory, not core.

Withdrawal

- 1.33** You will be required to leave the University if:
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 - c) You have failed the same module after two attempts; or
 - d) You cannot complete your studies in your maximum period.

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Degree Eligibility and Classification

- 1.35** To achieve the Foundation Degree, you must attempt and pass 250 credits across your degree. All core modules and individual components of assessment must be passed, and you must successfully complete the End Point Assessment in line with the relevant Apprenticeship Standard.
- 1.36** Foundation Degree awards are classified on the completion of the Final Year using an arithmetic average of your Final Year Marks only (weighted according to the credit weighting of the modules). This is set out in Table 1.1 below.
- 1.37** Your degree is classified using your Degree Mark. If your Degree Mark is within two marks of the next Classification, you will receive the higher Class if you have at least 60 of your credits across the Final Year in the higher Class (as set out in Table 1.1 below).
- 1.38** Module Marks, Year Marks and your Degree Mark are rounded to the nearest whole number, with half marks (i.e., .5) or more being rounded up.

Table 1.1: Degree Classification

Classification	Requirement to achieve this Classification
Distinction	Either: a) A Final Year Mark of 70 or more; or b) 60 credits (from the Final Year) at 70 or above with a Degree Mark of 68 or 69.
Merit	Either: a) A Final Year Mark of 60 or more; or b) 60 credits (from the Final Year) at 60 or above with a Degree Mark of 58 or 59.
Pass	Meet the criteria for the award of a Foundation Degree (see 5.3 above) but without sufficient marks to obtain a Merit or above.

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