

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
UNDERGRADUATE RULES OF ASSESSMENT
(Academic Year 2010-2011)

9. Ordinary Degrees

9.1 PROGRESSION

The rules of progression to the final year of an Ordinary degree are the same as those for a three year honours degree. (See 3.1)

9.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR AN AWARD (Final Stage)

9.2.1 For the award of an Ordinary degree, a total of 300 credits must be passed, with a minimum of 60 at level 6.

9.2.2 To be eligible for an Ordinary degree, students must:

- a) pass a minimum of 60 credits at level 6
 - where a maximum of 30 credits have been failed across Stage One and Stage Two, , an additional 30 credits at level 5 must be passed in the Final Stage
 - where 120 credits have been passed at both Stage One and Stage Two, a minimum of 60 credits at level 6 must be passed in Stage Three (final year)
- and**
- b) meet any additional course-specific requirements outlined in the variations to the Rules of Assessment, including professional, statutory and regulatory body requirements.

9.2.3 If a student does not meet the requirements for an Ordinary degree:

- a) where the student has failed **a maximum of 15 credits at level 6**, he/she must undertake the necessary reassessment. The module aggregate mark will be capped at 40%.
- b) where the student has failed **more than 30 credits at level 6** and has a year mark greater than 20%, he/she must repeat the Stage of study on a full-time basis for uncapped marks, **or** undertake the necessary reassessment the following year without attendance with the module aggregate mark capped at 40%.
- c) where the **Stage mark for the 60 level 6 credits is below 20%**, or where a student was absent from all examinations with no substantiated extenuating circumstances, he/she must withdraw from the University.

9.2.4 When the Board meets after re-sits/resubmissions are completed, the Board will consider the following options (Boards cannot offer more than three opportunities to undertake the assessment for a module, and more than one opportunity to take exams without attendance). Where appropriate the Board will offer more than one option to the student:

- a) to repeat the Stage of study full-time for uncapped module marks
or
- b) where the student has failed **a maximum of 15 credits at level 6**, to repeat the Stage of study part-time, with the module aggregate mark capped at 40% [NB Where failure has occurred on a period abroad, resits will be subject to availability]
or
- c) to undertake the necessary reassessment at the next available opportunity where the module aggregate mark recorded will be capped at 40%. This option cannot be offered where a student has already resat the exams without attendance. [N.B. where failure has occurred on a period abroad, resits will be subject to availability.]
or
- d) where the student has not met the requirements to proceed having had three attempts at the assessment for the Stage, he/she would be required to withdraw from the University.
or
- e) where the **Stage mark is below 20%**, or where a student was absent from all examinations with no substantiated extenuating circumstances, to withdraw from the University.

9.3 AWARDS CLASSIFICATION FOR ORDINARY DEGREES

Ordinary degrees are unclassified.