



Examples of Honours Classification Profiling

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Examples of Profiling under Regulation 19.8.2

This guide is for indicative purposes only.

The following examples are for programmes using the Honours Classification scheme calculated on the basis of the best 180 SCQF Level 10 and SCQF Level 9 Level credits, as outlined in Regulation 19.8.2. This must include all modules taken in the final year and the next best 60 credits undertaken at SCQF Level 9. The dissertation/project is normally a 40 credit SCQF Level 10 module, which means that one of the marks is counted twice.

Profiling can only be used where a student's overall average mark is within 2% of attaining the 50, 60 and 70 boundaries.

Student A	SCQF Level 10: 70 (x2), 64, 58, 71, 68 (120 credit points used) SCQF Level 9: 72 , 52, 71 , 62, 70 , 65 (60 credit points used) Overall Average: 68% = 2.1 <i>Profile: 120 credit points @ 1st, no more than 30 credits is below the classification obtained from the credit-weighted average of the Calculation Set.</i> Profile = 1st class First class honours awarded
Student B	SCQF LEVEL 10: 60 (x2), 62, 61, 50, 48 (120 credit points used) SCQF LEVEL 9: 63 , 53, 52, 51, 62, 55 (60 credit points used) Overall Average: 58% = 2.2 <i>Profile: 120 credit points @ 2.1, no more than 30 credits is below the classification obtained from the credit-weighted average of the Calculation Set.</i> Profile = 2.1 2.1 awarded
Student C	SCQF LEVEL 10: 74 (x2), 54, 50, 57, 72 (120 credit points used) SCQF LEVEL 9: 70 , 45, 75 , 58, 55, 82 (60 credit points used) Overall Average: 68% = 2.1 <i>Profile: 120 credit points @ 1st, mark is within 2% of boundary but more than 30 credit points are below the classification obtained from the creditweighted average of the Calculation Set.</i> Profile = 2.1 2.1 awarded

Examples of Profiling under Regulation 19.8.3

The following examples relate to application of Regulations 19.7.2 and 19.8.3, which are primarily for Direct Entrant students to the final year of an Undergraduate programme¹. In such cases, a classification is made solely on the basis of modules undertaken in the final year, with the opportunity for profiling as outlined within Regulation 19.8.3.

Profiling can only be used where a student's overall average mark falls within 2% of attaining the 50, 60 and 70 boundary.

Student A: 72, 72, 75, 75, 70, 44: overall average 68% = 2.1

profile: 5 @ 1st; only one mark more than one class below; no fails; average mark is within 2% of boundary

profile = 1st

1st class honours awarded

Student B: 62, 64, 61, 63, 52, 40: overall average 57% = 2.2

profile: 4 @ 2.1; one mark one class below; only one mark more than one class below; but the average mark is **not** within 2% of boundary

Profiling criteria are not met

2.2 awarded

Student C: 75, 70, 68, 56, 56, 47: overall average 62% = 2.1

profile: 5 @ 2.2 or better; one mark one class below: profile = 2.2

2.1 awarded

It is clear that performance in one module is "pulling" student A down and therefore the use of a profiling system will ensure that this student obtains an Honours degree appropriate to their ability. Student B has 4 modules in the higher classification band, however, does not have an overall aggregated mark within the boundary for profiling and therefore no change to classification. In the case of student C, whose performance covers a wide range of marks, the average provides a better reflection of ability.

Exceptions

A number of programmes have exceptions from normal Honours Classification regulations and apply a customised calculation to determine Honours classification. Please consult with your Programme Leader, if you are unsure of the Honours Classification criteria for your programme of study.

¹ This regulation may also be applied as a programme specific regulation – please consult your Programme Leader or Programme Handbook, if you are unsure of the classification scheme for your programme of study.