

HONOURS CLASSIFICATION CALCULATION

To gain an honours award, all modules must be confirmed as having been passed.

The honours classification average is calculated by:

- taking the numerical average of the best 100 graded intermediate (I) level credits
- taking the numerical average of the best 100 graded Honours (H) level credits
- arriving at an overall classification average by applying a weighting of 2 to 1 in favour of the honours level average.

All marks are on the basis of two decimal places – marks are NOT rounded up to the nearest whole number.

To determine your Intermediate (I) level average:

Module code	Module credit value	Confirmed mark	Equivalent to	Credit breakdown	Equivalent confirmed mark	Included in calculation
AIB1234	20	67	2 x 10 credit modules	10	67	Yes
				10	67	Yes
AIB2345	30	65	3 x 10 credit modules	10	65	Yes
				10	65	Yes
				10	65	Yes
AIB3456	30	42	3 x 10 credit modules	10	42	Yes
				10	42	Yes
				10	42	Yes
AIB4567	40	41	4 x 10 credit modules	10	41	Yes
				10	41	Yes
				10	41	No
				10	41	No

Add the 10 shaded marks in the 'Equivalent Confirmed Mark' column (537) and divide by 10 (53.7%).

To determine your Honours (H) level average:

Module code	Module credit value	Confirmed mark	Equivalent to	Credit breakdown	Equivalent confirmed mark	Included in calculation
AHB9876	40	71	4 x 10 credit modules	10	71	Yes
				10	71	Yes
				10	71	Yes
				10	71	Yes

AHB876 5	20	68	2 x 10 credit modules	10	68	Yes
				10	68	Yes
AHB765 4	20	67	2 x 10 credit modules	10	67	Yes
				10	67	Yes
AHB456 7	40	49	4 x 10 credit modules	10	49	Yes
				10	49	Yes
				10	49	No
				10	49	No

Add the 10 shaded marks in the 'Equivalent Confirmed Mark' column (652) and divide by 10 (65.2%).

To determine your Honours Classification

You now have the I level classification average (53.7%) and the H level classification average (65.2%).

Add the H level classification average twice and the I level classification average once and divide by 3:

$$65.2 + 65.2 + 53.7 = 61.37$$

In this case the honours level classification average is 61.37%

Additional considerations

Further considerations may be applied for students whose award includes:

- graded sandwich (S) level credits
- accreditation for prior learning (APL) gained at another institution
- professional body considerations
- course-specific regulations.

If you fall into one of these groups please consult your course leader on the precise calculation for your honours level award.

Further consideration may also be applied to those student's whose academic profile (upon successful completion of all credits) falls into the University's pre-defined discretion band.

Where a student has satisfied the University's borderline criteria, their profile will be considered for meeting one or more of the agreed criterion for a possible upgrade into the higher classification band.

For an honours degree classification, the criterion are as follows;

1. 50% or more of the total credits at H level are in the higher classification category

2. the H level average (based on the full 120 H level credits) is in the higher classification category
3. the mark for the major piece of final year work (as defined by the Course Leader in advance of the CAB) is in the higher classification category
4. there is an un-retrieved EC in at least one module at either I or H level

For a non-honours degree classification, the criterion are as follows;

1. 50% or more of the total credits at the level of award are in the higher classification category
2. the mark for the major piece of work (as defined by the Course Leader in advance of the CAB) is in the higher classification category
3. there is an un-retrieved EC in at least one module included in the classification calculation

