## **UK DEGREE CLASSIFICATION POLICY: UNDERGRADUATE**

- 1. UK Honours degrees at undergraduate level are classified as first class (1st), upper second class (2.1), lower second class (2.2) and third class (3rd).
- 2. Pass degrees are not classified as Honours degrees.
- 3. Exam Boards are not permitted to raise or lower the GPA of any candidate that is close to a boundary, (sometimes referred to as "borderlines").
- 4. Revision of grades is only permissible at the level of an individual course when based on clear evidence that the grade does not accurately reflect the candidate's performance.
- 5. The conversion table between the UK Honours degree classification and the UK is summarised below:

Grade	UK GPA	Class
A/A-	4.000-3.550	1 <sup>st</sup>
B+/B	3.549-3.000	2.1
B/B-	2.999-2.550	2.2
C+/C	2.549-2.000	3 <sup>rd</sup>
C-	1.999-1.850	Pass
D+ to F	1.849-0.0	Fail

## For students registered on the US and UK awards:

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- 6. Classification of the degrees awarded to graduates are based upon an UK GPA. The UK GPA is derived from grades awarded in a minimum of 30 US /120 UK credits completed at Level 5 (excluding any L5 transfer credit) and 30 US/120 UK credits completed at Level 6.
- 7. Where more than 30 US/120 UK credits are required at these levels for completion of requirements in the major, the UK GPA will include those additional credits
- 9. The UK GPA is weighted, with grades awarded at Level 5 counting for 33.3% of the UK GPA and grades awarded at Level 6 counting for 66.7% of the UK GPA.
- 10. All undergraduate students must obtain a major GPA of 2.0 and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to be awarded a US degree.
- 11. Students whose overall cumulative GPA is 2.0, but whose UK GPA is between 1.999 and 1.85 will be awarded a UK pass degree.

## For students registered on UK-only awards:

- 12. UK GPA is derived from grades awarded in a minimum of 120 UK credits completed at Level 6.
- 13. No courses completed before admission to the UK-only Level 6 Top-Up degree will count towards the UK GPA.
- 14. Students whose UK GPA is between 1.999 and 1.85 will be awarded a UK pass degree.

## **VERSION MANAGEMENT**

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