



## MODULE GRADES EXPLAINED

Please see below information pertaining to grading in the modular system. A User's guide to UCD Academic Regulations is also available at:

<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/asug/>

You will notice that you have received final module grades which have been formally approved by the University.

### Aggregating Component Grades

Component grades as set out in the table below are normally aggregated to arrive at a final module grade for each module you are registered to. This may involve the aggregation of the various component grades or marks.

<b>A+, A, A-</b>	Excellent	<b>E+, E, E-</b>	Fail
<b>B+, B, B-</b>	Very Good	<b>F</b>	Fail
<b>C+, C, C-</b>	Good	<b>G+, G, G-</b>	Fail
<b>D+, D, D-</b>	Acceptable	<b>NG</b>	No Grade

The overall module grade you receive is the final approved result awarded to you by the University. Normally this will have been aggregated from component grades or marks as described below. However, in some circumstances and for sound educational reasons, an examiner will calculate your overall module grade using different criteria or a different mark-conversion scheme. If this is the case, it will not be calculated as specified below and you will be notified of the criteria used by your School or Module Coordinator.

**Where a component is marked rather than graded** then the overall component mark is retained in calculating the final grade.

**Where a component is graded rather than marked** the calculation point (as shown on the component grade scale below) is used in calculating the final grade. Calculations of final module grades also take into account the weighting attached to the various components making up the module.

The following are the **percentage ranges** that correspond to UCD **component** grades where the pass mark is 40%, unless you have been notified of an alternative approach by your School or Module Coordinator.

### UCD Component Grade Scale

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Lower</b>	<b>Upper</b>	<b>Calculation Point</b>
<b>A+</b>	<b>76.67</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>78.33</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>73.33</b>	<b>76.66</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>73.32</b>	<b>71.67</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>66.67</b>	<b>69.99</b>	<b>68.33</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>63.33</b>	<b>66.66</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>63.32</b>	<b>61.67</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>56.67</b>	<b>59.99</b>	<b>58.33</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>53.33</b>	<b>56.66</b>	<b>55.00</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>53.32</b>	<b>51.67</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>46.67</b>	<b>49.99</b>	<b>48.33</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>43.33</b>	<b>46.66</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>D-</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>43.32</b>	<b>41.67</b>
<b>E+</b>	<b>36.67</b>	<b>39.99</b>	<b>38.33</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>33.33</b>	<b>36.66</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>E-</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>33.32</b>	<b>31.67</b>
<b>F+</b>	<b>26.67</b>	<b>29.99</b>	<b>28.33</b>
<b>F (FM)</b>	<b>23.33</b>	<b>26.66</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>F-</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>23.32</b>	<b>21.67</b>
<b>G+</b>	<b>16.67</b>	<b>19.99</b>	<b>18.33</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>16.66</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>G-</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>13.32</b>	<b>11.67</b>
<b>NG</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### **Module Grades and Grade Point Values**

The final module grade has been determined and approved by the University. Each grade has a value attached to it for the purposes of calculating a Grade Point Average (GPA).

#### **UCD Module Grade Scale**

<b>Module Grades</b>	<b>Grade Point (GP) Values</b>
<b>A+</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>D-</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>NG</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Distinction/Pass/Fail Grade Scale

Where module outcomes cannot be assessed to the level of module grades, the results may be returned as pass/fail, or distinction/pass/fail.

Grade	When awarded?	Credit	Grade Point
DS	Passed with distinction	Awarded	Neutral
P(PX)	Pass	Awarded	Neutral
F (FX)	Fail	None	1.0
NG	No grade	None	0

### Passing Grades – As, Bs, Cs and Ds

A, B, C and D are passing grades that are awarded on satisfactory completion of the module assessments. The credits available for the modules are converted to credits earned.

Note: Passed modules cannot be repeated

### E Grade (Grade Point Value 1.6)

An E grade is a marginal failing grade that may be eligible for compensation. In order for compensation to be applied, a student must:

- 1) Have made a full attempt at the stage;
- 2) Have completed and obtained passing grades in modules accounting for 75% or more of the total credit required to successfully complete the stage (usually 45 credits or 9 modules for undergraduate students);
- 3) Have a Compensation GPA for the attempt at the stage that is 2.00 or greater.

From September 2013/2014, level 0, 1, 4 and 5 modules registered and taken in 2013/2014 and onwards will not be eligible for compensation. An E grade received for any module registered and taken in 2012/2013 or earlier, that is eligible to compensate, will still be eligible to compensate this year and onwards.

Further information on compensation is available at:

[http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student\\_info/compensation.html](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student_info/compensation.html)

### F, G, NG Grades

F, G and NG are failing grades. If you fail a module you will be required to repeat, resit or substitute the module in order to obtain the necessary credit for the module. The circumstances under which you can remediate a failed module are set out in the section on remediation on the online users guide to the Academic regulations, that can be accessed at:

[www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/asug/remediationoffailedmodules/](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/asug/remediationoffailedmodules/)

### Repeat Grades

Where grades are followed by (R) this indicates that the module was assessed in repeat mode. Where modules are repeated and passed, the grade point is capped at 2.0, irrespective of the actual grade awarded, i.e. a B+ grade or a C grade can be awarded for the repeat attempt, but the grade point value remains at 2.0.

### Resit Grades

There are three module grades available for you if you have attempted a resit assessment. These are as follows:

Grade	When Awarded?	Credit	Grade Point
P Pass	Student achieves a pass for the module	Awarded	2.0
F Fail	Student fails to achieve a pass for the module	None	1.0
NG No relevant attempt	Student shows no relevant attempt at the module	None	0

### Exceptional Grades

There are a number of scenarios that require exceptional grades. Each has a specific set of consequences, which are outlined in the following table:

Grade	When awarded?	Credit	GPA	Subsequent Attempt
AU Audit	Student audits module, no assessment completed	None	Neutral	Treated as first attempt
W Withdrawn	Student withdraws from module within first 6 weeks	None	Neutral	Treated as first attempt
WL Withdrawn late	Student withdraws from module after first 6 weeks	None	0	Treated as repeat (capped grade- point)
WX Withdrawn extenuating circumstances	Student withdraws after week 6, Prog. Exam Board accepts extenuating circumstances	None	Neutral	Treated as first attempt

Grade	When awarded?	Credit	GPA	Subsequent Attempt
I Temporary incomplete	Assessments are passed overall, some compulsory element not completed or passed. Given time to complete (less than a calendar year)	Awarded if outstanding work is completed satisfactorily	Neutral	Not applicable
IX Incomplete, extenuating circumstances	Documented extenuating circumstances indicate that student unable to complete part of assessment & where satisfactory completion is needed to attain passing grade. Prog Exam. Board sets date for submission ñ not later than end of next semester.	Awarded when outstanding work is completed satisfactorily	Neutral	Not applicable
IP Permanent incomplete	Student was awarded temporary incomplete (I) and student does not complete work within time limit set.	None	Neutral	Treated as repeat (capped grade- point)

## UCD Award Classifications

The following information is taken from the UCD Academic Regulations, which can be viewed at: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/regs.htm>

UCD TAUGHT AWARDS: HONOURS CLASSIFICATION TABLE: The relevant Programme Examination Board will classify the overall awards within all of the University's programmes according to the following:			
AWARD	NFQ LEVEL*	AWARD TYPE	HONOURS CLASSIFICATION
University (Level 7) Certificate	7	Minor Award	Greater than or equal to 3.68 From 2.48 to 3.67 inclusive From 2.00 to 2.47  <i>Distinction</i> <i>Merit</i> <i>Pass</i>
University Diploma	7	Minor Award	
University (Level 8) Certificate	8	Minor Award	
Honours Bachelor Degree	8	Major Award	Greater than or equal to 3.68 From 3.08 to 3.67 inclusive From 2.48 to 3.07 inclusive From 2.00 to 2.47 inclusive  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 1</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 2</i> <i>Pass</i>
Higher Diploma	8	Major Award	
Professional Certificate	7 or 8 or 9	Special Purpose Award	Greater than or equal to 3.68 From 2.48 to 3.67 inclusive From 2.00 to 2.47  <i>Distinction</i> <i>Merit</i> <i>Pass</i>
Professional Diploma	7 or 8 or 9	Special Purpose Award	
Certificate of Continuing Education	6 or 7	Special Purpose Award	
Diploma of Continuing Education	6 or 7	Special Purpose Award	
Certificate of Continuing Professional Development	8 or 9	Supplemental Award	
Graduate Certificate	9	Minor Award	Greater than or equal to 3.68 From 3.08 to 3.67 inclusive From 2.48 to 3.07 inclusive From 2.00 to 2.47 inclusive  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 1</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class Honours, Grade 2</i> <i>Pass</i>
Graduate Diploma	9	Major Award	
Masters Degree (taught)	9	Major Award	

\* Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) classifies all UCD awards on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) ranging from level 6 to level 10.