

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

**CODE OF PRACTICE ON ADJUSTED REGULATIONS AND UNDERGRADUATE MASTERS  
DEGREES**

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This Code of Practice sets out the procedures for the application of Adjusted Regulations to Undergraduate Masters Degrees<sup>1</sup>:

- 1.1 .1 All registered students on Undergraduate Masters programmes should normally be assessed under the standard University Academic Regulations. Adjusted Regulations should be applied if:
- a. the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations<sup>2</sup>; AND
  - b. (i) the registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits of which fewer than 100 of these are at Level M, and less than or equal to 450 credits overall (*the methodology described in section 2.1 will be applied in this instance*);  
  
OR  
  
(ii) the registered student has less than 200 Stage 3 credits (*the methodology described in section 2.2 will be applied in this instance*).

## 2. Adjusted Regulations Methodology

2.1 This methodology is applied if a registered student has 200 or more Stage 3 credits of which fewer than 100 of these are at Level M, and less than or equal to 450 credits overall:

- .1 The overall weighted average<sup>3</sup> is calculated, with profiling applied if applicable, and the degree classification calculated.
- .2 Under Adjusted Regulations, the 'usual' minimum total credit requirement for the award of an Honours Degree at Class I or Class II (i) is 200 credits at Stage 3 and 420 credits overall.
- .3 The table given below is not used in this scenario.

2.2 This methodology is applied if a registered student has 140 or more Stage 3 credits but fewer than 200 Stage 3 credits. In addition, the student should have obtained at least 70 credits (Level H or Level M) in Part 1 of Stage 3 (Year 3) and at least 70 credits (Level M) in Part 2 of Stage 3 (Year 4).

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<sup>1</sup> Registered Student's weighted mean mark, grade point average, or the award of 'cum laude' will not be altered through the use of the Adjusted Regulations model.

<sup>2</sup> The Schools with approval to use Adjusted Regulations are as follows: Chemical Engineering; Chemistry; Civil Engineering; Computer Science; Earth and Environmental Science; Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering; Geography; Mechanical Engineering; Mathematics; Metallurgy and Materials; Physics and Astronomy; Biosciences

<sup>3</sup> The weighted mean mark will be used to calculate the Registered Student's grade point average and eligibility for the award of 'cum laude'

- .2 The maximum available degree classification to be awarded is determined from the table below. (N.B. profiling does not apply.)

Weighted average	<i>Total Stage 3 credits</i>		
	180 -190	160 - 170	140 - 150
70 or above	<i>Class II (ii)</i>	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Pass</i>
60 - 69	<i>Class II (ii)</i>	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Pass</i>
50 - 59	<i>Class II (ii)</i>	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Pass</i>
40 - 49	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Class III</i>	<i>Pass</i>
35 - 39	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Pass</i>

- .3 For registered students on 5 year Undergraduate Masters Degrees (e.g. MSci programmes with a year abroad), the credits accrued from the year abroad (120 credits) are not counted. However, the average mark from the year abroad will contribute to the calculation of the overall weighted average.