

**UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

**CODE OF PRACTICE ON ADJUSTED REGULATIONS AND BACHELOR'S DEGREES**

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## 1. Principles

The Adjusted Regulations model uses a sliding-scale based on volume of credit achieved to decide degree classification<sup>1</sup>. The model limits the classification obtainable on the number of Level H credits achieved.

## 2. Methodology for Applying Adjusted Regulations to a Student on a Bachelor's Degree

- 2.1 All registered students on Undergraduate programmes should normally be assessed under the standard University Academic Regulations. Adjusted Regulations should be applied if, and only if:
- (a) the School has approval from Senate or delegated authority for the use of Adjusted Regulations<sup>2</sup>; AND
  - (b) Confirm that the student has sufficient credit at Levels C and I as under existing Regulations (minimum of 100 credits at Level C and a minimum of 100 credits at level I).
- 2.2 Establish the number of credits at Level H and the maximum degree classification possible. If the student has 100 or more Level H credits then profiling can apply and the degree classification determined using this methodology. [Note that under Adjusted Regulations the "usual" minimum total credit requirement for a Class I or Class II (i) is 300 credits.]
- 2.3 If the student has less than 100 credits at Level H, then calculate the weighted average<sup>3</sup> and determine the degree classification to be awarded from the table below. Explicitly, under the Adjusted Regulations, profiling does not apply for students with less than 100 Level H credits.

Weighted average	Total Level H credits		
	90	80	70
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>

<sup>1</sup> A 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'.



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\* *Lower alternative qualification may apply according to number of credits against at levels C and I.*

- 2.4 For students on 4 year Bachelors degrees (eg BSc programmes with a Year Abroad), the credits accrued from the Year Abroad (120) are not counted, and the sliding scale above applied as for 3 year programmes. However, the average mark from the Year Abroad will contribute to the calculation of the overall weighted average.