

# How will my Degree be Classified?

## ▶ **DOES THIS APPLY TO ME??**

- ✓ This guidance applies to ***all students who expect to graduate from July 2019 onwards.***
- ✓ **The guide applies to you if you are graduating with a Bachelors Degree including BA Primary Education with or without recommendation for QTS**

# Completion of your Award

- If you are a Single Honours student you must achieve an overall aggregate at Level H of 40%+; if you are a combined honours student you must achieve 40%+ in both Subjects.
- You must not have any mark associated with non submission, nor must you have a mark of 0 associated with academic misconduct;
- You must achieve a minimum of a Grade E in all qualifying components;
- PSRB (professional body) requirements must be met if appropriate.

# Level C may be included in your degree calculation

- You should be aware that Level C is an important part of your studies at Liverpool Hope:
- It may be included in your degree calculation;
- Level C is a pivotal platform on which to build excellent academic achievement at the higher levels of study.

# How do my marks relate to degree classes?

- Your marks and grades for individual assessments relate to degree classes as shown opposite.
- If all your marks fall in the same class band, that is what you will get!
- However, most students aren't quite so consistent..... So we use two different calculations to give you a degree outcome.....as you can see on the next slide

A+ or A	70-100	First class Honours [1 <sup>st</sup> ]
B or B+	60-69	Upper Second Class Honours [2i]
C or C+	50-59	Lower Second Class Honours [2ii]
E or D	40-49	Third class Honours [3rd]

# Determining your Overall Aggregate which determines your degree outcome

Two methods are used

- Method 1:

10% of Level C; 30% of Level I; 60% of Level H

- Method 2:

25% Level I; 75% Level H.

To establish your degree outcome we will use both methods on your marks and you will receive the higher outcome of the two calculations.

## Calculating your Overall Aggregate Mark

### Procedure

We will calculate your overall aggregate mark in **TWO** ways:

10:30:60

(Level C mark x 10% ) + (Level I mark x 30%) + (Level H mark x 60%).

25:75

(Level I mark x 25%) + (Level H mark x 75%).

You will receive the higher of the two outcomes

### Example

A student's marks are: Level C 55; Level I 62; Level H 75.

$$\rightarrow (55 \times 10\%) + (62 \times 30\%) + (75 \times 60\%) = 5.5 + 18.6 + 45 = \mathbf{69.1}.$$

$$\rightarrow (62 \times 25\%) + (75 \times 75\%) = 15.5 + 56.3 = \mathbf{71.8}.$$

This student's overall mark will be recorded as 71.8 because this is the higher of the two marks.

# Borderline outcomes

- If your overall highest outcome falls within 2 rounded marks of the next grade boundary we will consider you to be a borderline student.
- We will look at your transcript and check whether 50% of your Level H marks are in the higher classification – we can only include first attempts.
- If 50% of your assessments are in the higher band you will achieve the higher of the degree outcomes.

Note: The Board will focus ONLY on the quality of your work.

- The Board will NOT take into account any mitigating circumstances.

An important note about Fit To Sit  
If you aren't fit to do a Level H assessment..  
**DO NOT ATTEMPT THE ASSESSMENT**

- ➔ If you miss an assessment and you have evidence of acceptable mitigating circumstances [not necessarily "medical"], you will normally be entitled to undertake the assessment later **with no penalty**.
  
- ➔ By submitting any assessment you are deeming yourself fit to be assessed.
  
- ➔ Therefore, it is **essential** to:
  - ⇒ submit evidence of mitigating circumstances to explain absence from an exam;
  - ⇒ seek an extension if you are not able, for good reasons, to submit coursework on time.



# Where do I find more information?

- ✓ This information is for Guidance Only.
- ✓ To find more about how Boards of Examiners will consider your detailed profile go to:

<http://www.hope.ac.uk/gateway/students/supportandwell-being/studentadministration/understandingyourdegree/>