

Integrated Masters Awards

How will my Degree be Classified?

▶ ***DOES THIS APPLY TO ME??***

- ✓ This guidance applies to ***all students who expect to graduate with an Integrated Masters award, including those who have completed a placement as part of their award***

Completion of your Award at Level M

- You must achieve an overall aggregate at Level M of 50%+;
- 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 C in all qualifying components;
- PSRB requirements must be met if appropriate.

Marking Scales and Assessment Descriptors

- Work at Foundation, Certificate, Intermediate and Honours Levels is assessed using the University's marking scales and assessment descriptors for undergraduate work.
- Work at Masters Level is assessed using the University's marking scales and assessment descriptors for taught postgraduate work.

Level C is included in your degree calculation

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

Determining your Overall Aggregate

Two methods are used

- Method 1: Level C [weighted 5%], Level I [weighted 25%], Level H [weighted 30%] & Level M [weighted 40%];
- Method 2: Level I [weighted 25%], Level H [weighted 25%] & Level M [weighted 50%];

Calculating your Overall Aggregate Mark

Procedure

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

5:25:30:40

(Level C mark x 5%) + (Level I mark x 25%) + (Level H mark x 30%) +
(Level M mark x40%)

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(Level I mark x 25%) + (Level H mark x 25%) + (Level M mark x 50%)

Example

A student's marks are: Level C 55; Level I 62; Level H 75; Level M 68

→ $(55 \times 5\%) + (62 \times 25\%) + (75 \times 30\%) + (68 \times 40\%) = 2.75 + 15.5 + 22.5 + 27.2 = 67.95$

→ $(62 \times 25\%) + (75 \times 25\%) + (68 \times 50\%) = 15.5 + 18.75 + 34 = 68.25 - \text{BETTER}$
AGGREGATE IS SELECTED

Borderline cases

1. If your overall highest aggregate falls within 2 rounded marks of the next grade boundary we will consider you to be a borderline student.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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 work 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/>