

## Final degree classification for students who entered the first year in 2003 or earlier

Candidates will be given a numerical maths points score based on the sum of the marks obtained, and which will contain bonus points for the number of course units passed in excess of the minimum 18 course units needed to qualify for the degree.

The maths points score for this classification is given by the following algorithms.

### **For BSc Candidates:**

- Marks above 75 will be slightly reduced: for example 85 is replaced by 80. The rule is: Replace all marks  $m$  above 75 by  $75 + (m - 75) / 2$ .
- Take the best 6 results sat for the first time in the final year (Year F) at level at least 2 (including failed modules and zeros if necessary) and add up.
- Take the best remaining 6 results sat for the first time in years 2 and F at level at least 1 (including failed modules and zeros if necessary) and add up.
- Add up the totals from b) and c) and then add 10 for every course unit passed at level 1 and above in excess of 18, up to a maximum of 60, to give the final score. If you retake a whole year, modules that you passed in your first take of the year will not count for this clause.

### **For MSci Candidates:**

- Marks above 75 will be slightly reduced: for example 85 is replaced by 80. The rule is: Replace all marks  $m$  above 75 by  $75 + (m - 75) / 2$ .
- Take the result on the MSci project and the results of the best remaining 4 course units that were sat for the first time in the two final years and have level at least 3 (including failed modules and zeros if necessary), and add up.
- Take the results of the best remaining 6 course units that were sat for the first time in the two final years and have level at least 2 (including failed modules and zeros if necessary), and add up.
- Take the results of the best remaining 6 course units that were sat for the first time in the three final years and have level at least 1 (including failed modules and zeros if necessary), and add up.
- Add up the totals from b), c) and d), multiply the sum so far by  $2 / 3$ , and then add 10 for every module passed at level 1 and above in excess of 26, up to a maximum of 60, to give the final score. If you retake a whole year, modules that you passed in your first take of the year will not count for this clause.

### **Allocation of degree class for BSc and the MSci:**

Candidates will initially be assigned by the SEB to degree bands using the scheme below. If the candidate has passed at least 18 units (for BSc) or 28 units (for MSci) then the SEB will apply the following rules.

Band	Points	Other Conditions to be Satisfied for BSc	Other Conditions to be Satisfied for MSci
I	910 or more	At least 5 grades A among final year course units of at least level 2; final year average of at least 70 taken over 8 course units. Pass at least 4 course units at level 3*	At least 10 grades A among third and final year course units of at least level 3; combined average for third and final years of at least 70 taken over 16 course units. Pass at least 5 course units at level 4*
I or 2i	900 or more	Not all of the above satisfied	Not all of the above satisfied

2i	780–899	At least 6 grades A or B of at least level 1 among second and final year course units combined. Pass at least 3 course units at level 3*	At least 6 grades A or B of at least level 2 among third and final year course units combined. Pass at least 4 course units at level 4*
2i or 2ii	770–899	Not all of the above satisfied	Not all of the above satisfied
2ii	640–769		
2ii or 3	630–639		
3	560–629		
3 or pass	540–559		
Pass	Less than 540		

Conditions \* apply to candidates graduating in 2005 or later.

Where a band refers to a single class of honours, candidates in that band will normally be awarded the given class of honours. You will see, however, that there are 'borderline' bands. (For example a points score of at least 630 but below 640 is hovering between a lower second and a third.) Candidates in these bands are considered individually and the views of the external examiners carry considerable weight. A candidate for BSc who has passed 18 units, but has passed less than 18 at level 1 or higher, will be awarded a pass degree. In addition, if a candidate for BSc has passed at least 16 units but not 18 and has at least 480 points, then the SEB may be prepared to recommend the award of a pass degree.

When the above procedure is complete, the board will review degree classes in the light of any information regarding extenuating circumstances – see the section on this below.

MSci Europe candidates will be reviewed separately, using the table above as a guideline only, if the results of their third year study in Europe are not in a form that can be used in the algorithm.