

The School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Nottingham
Outcomes of Examination MSc by Research/MRes Dissertations

The degree is awarded where all taught modules (if any taken) and the thesis module have been passed. The pass mark for the taught modules is 50%, but marks of 40%-49% can be compensated at the discretion of the student's School if the overall average for the taught modules is 50% or over.

The degree is awarded with distinction if: (a) The overall average for the taught modules (if any are taken) is 70% or over, and (b) The Examiners state that the thesis demonstrates exceptional performance as described in the marking guidelines.

The degree is awarded with merit if: (a) The overall average for the taught modules (if any are taken) is 60% or over, and (b) The Examiners state that the thesis demonstrates a high level of performance as described in the marking guidelines.

Where a student obtains a fail mark in a taught module that is not compensated, or fails the thesis module, the student has one further opportunity to pass those modules. A student undertaking reassessment cannot be awarded the degree with distinction. All reassessments must be completed within one year of the end of the student's period of registered study. The qualification awarded to the student will include the subject of study undertaken as notified to the student at the time of admission.