

Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)/Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) Classification 2021/22

Introduction

As a result of industrial action during the summer of 2021-22 May/June examination period, University of Nottingham (UoN) will operate classification regulations that differ slightly from the normal regulations, and will partially resemble those operated during the summer of 2019/20, when COVID-19 prevented UoN from being able to set and mark particular kinds of examination and coursework.

Students should assume that their work will be assessed, even if they *believe* that the marker will be taking industrial action, as Schools will endeavor to ensure that all assessment is marked.

In order to follow the regulations described here, the Head of School must satisfy themselves that students meet all of the programme-level learning outcomes and meet with the approval of any relevant Professional Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB). If those conditions cannot be met by a student, then that student may not be classified until the final marks are received.

A student's choosing to not complete an assessment will result in the award of a mark of 0 (zero) for that assessment.

Classification process for 2021/22 May/June examination period: PG Cert

1. Normally, UoN operates an approach to classification that uses a weighted average of marks from completed modules. With not all marking likely to be complete by the summer exam boards in 2021/22, UoN will instead and as far as possible make use of a mixture of marks from completed modules, marks derived from incomplete modules, and past performance. All other parts of the classification model will remain the same (e.g. borderline regulations will not be changed; all marks whether derived or otherwise will contribute towards classification decisions). We will proceed as follows:
 - a. If all marking for a module is completed, we will use the completed module mark.
 - b. If a student has marks for a module that are worth at least 40% of the module, then we will use those marks as the student's mark for the module on a 'part for whole' basis.

For PG Cert students, we cannot offer a derived mark as we do not have a body of past marks to draw from.

2. If any module mark is generated by the application of 1b, then, provided the student completed the original assessment, the student will automatically be offered a first sit opportunity for any unmarked assessment. It is their choice whether to accept the classification or to take the first sit opportunity(s). This offer will be presented to the student at the point they receive a provisional classification. There will be a deadline by which to opt for the first sit(s) otherwise it will be assumed the classification is accepted.
 - a. If a student chooses to take the first sit opportunity, they will be given a further choice. The student can, either:

- i. Wait until the marking of the original assessment is completed, at which point the mark for the original assessment will be used as the first sit mark.
 - ii. Take a fresh reassessment at the first opportunity.
- b. If a student takes either first sit opportunity, the mark they receive for their first sit will be used in place of 'part for whole' marks. This means that their mark could go down and could go up, as could their classification.
- c. If a student takes this first sit opportunity, we are not able to guarantee when they will receive their marks or classification.

Classification process for 2021/22 May/June examination period: PG Dip

1. Normally, UoN operates an approach to classification that uses a weighted average of marks from completed modules. With not all marking likely to be complete by the summer exam boards in 2021/22, UoN will instead and as far as possible make use of a mixture of marks from completed modules, marks derived from incomplete modules, and past performance. All other parts of the classification model will remain the same (e.g. borderline regulations will not be changed; all marks whether derived or otherwise will contribute towards classification decisions). We will proceed as follows:
 - a. If all marking for a module is completed, we will use the completed module mark.
 - b. If a student has marks for a module that are worth at least 40% of the module, then we will use those marks as the student's mark for the module on a 'part for whole' basis.
 - c. Provided a student has completed at least 60 credits of module before semester 2 of 2021/22, then, if the student has marks for a module that are worth less than 40% of the module, or no marks for a module (but the assessment was completed), then we will provide the student with a derived mark for each missing element of assessment. If the student has not completed at least 60 credits of the module before semester 2, then we cannot offer a derived mark as we do not have a body of past marks to draw from.
2. Derived* marks and marks given 'part for whole' can appear on a transcript.
3. If the 'part for whole' mark is lower than the average for the stage, the School may discount up to 20 credits of these 'part for whole' module marks, in addition to any 'normal' application of regulation 24b.
4. If any module mark is generated by the application of 1b or 1c, then, provided the student completed the original assessment, the student will automatically be offered a first sit opportunity for any unmarked assessment. It is their choice whether to accept the classification or to take the first sit opportunity(s). This offer will be presented to the student at the point they receive a provisional classification. There will be a deadline by which to opt for the first sit(s) otherwise it will be assumed the classification is accepted.
 - a. If a student chooses to take the first sit opportunity, they will be given a further choice. The student can, either:
 - i. Wait until the marking of the original assessment is completed, at which point the mark for the original assessment will be used as the first sit mark.

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*for explanation of derived mark please see separate page in the Quality Manual