

PROGRESSION RULES FOR TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE SCHEMES

1. To qualify for progression to the dissertation/project phase of a **Taught Master's** scheme a candidate must obtain:
 - i. an average of at least 50 overall;
 - ii. marks of 50 or above in at least 80 credits of the modules taken in Part One of a Taught Postgraduate scheme, including any of the scheme's core modules which have been specified by the Department as having to be passed with a minimum of 50.
2. To achieve **Distinction** level in Part One of a Taught Master's scheme a candidate must obtain:
 - i. an average of at least 70 overall;
 - ii. marks of 50 or above in at least 80 credits of the modules taken in Part One of a Taught Postgraduate Scheme, including any core requirements as specified by Departments.

In order to gain a Master's degree a candidate must pass Part One and Part Two.

In order to gain a Master's Degree with Distinction, a candidate shall achieve an overall mark of not less than 70%, having achieved not less than 65% in Part One and not less than 70% in Part Two. [In calculating the overall mark, Part One and Part Two are equally weighted].

Candidates who do not meet the requirements for a Distinction but who achieve an overall mark of 60% or above shall gain a Master's degree with Merit (September 2009 starters only).

Candidates who have failed Part One or Part Two at the first attempt shall not be eligible for the award of Distinction or Merit.

3. To qualify for the award of a **Postgraduate Diploma** a candidate must obtain:
 - i. an average of at least 50 overall over 120 taught credits;
 - ii. marks of 50 or above in at least 80 credits' worth of modules in Part One including any modules which have been specified as core for the Postgraduate Diploma.

A candidate who has attained an overall mark of 70% or above shall be eligible for the mark of Distinction.

A candidate who has attained an overall mark of 60 – 69% shall be eligible for the mark of Merit (September 2009 starters only).

4. To qualify for the award of a **Postgraduate Certificate** a candidate must obtain:
 - i. an average of at least 50 overall over 60 taught credits;
 - ii. marks of 50 or above in at least 40 credits' worth of modules in the 60 taught credits assessed for the Certificate, including any modules which have been specified as core for the Certificate.

A candidate who has attained an overall mark of 70% or above shall be eligible for the mark of Distinction.

A candidate who has attained an overall mark of 60 – 69% shall be eligible for the mark of Merit (September 2009 starters only).

5. Candidates resitting failed modules shall be eligible for a maximum of 50 in each.