

CREDIT TRANSCRIPTS

Explanation and Calibration Sheet

Each module/unit shown on the front of this sheet has a unique set of coherent learning outcomes which are of intrinsic importance to the purpose of the module/unit. Credit is awarded in respect of a module/unit only when all the designated learning outcomes have been satisfied.

LEVEL	DESCRIPTOR
3	Foundation Stage Apply knowledge and skills in a range of complex activities demonstrating comprehension of relevant theories; access and analyse information independently and make reasoned judgements, selecting from a considerable choice of procedures in familiar and unfamiliar contexts; directly own activities with some responsibility for the output of others.
4	Certificate Level Develop a rigorous approach to the acquisition of a broad knowledge base; employ a range of specialised skills; evaluate information using it to plan and develop investigative strategies and to determine solutions to a variety of unpredictable problems; operate in a range of varied and specific contexts taking responsibility for the nature and quality of outputs.
5	Diploma Level Generate ideas through the analysis of concepts at an abstract level with a command of specialised skills and the formulation of responses to well defined and abstract problems; analyse and evaluate information; exercise significant judgement across a broad range of functions; accept responsibility for determining and achieving personal and/or group outcomes.
6	Honour's Level Critically review, consolidate and extend a systematic and coherent body of knowledge utilising specialised skills across an area of study; critically evaluate new concepts and evidence from a range of sources; transfer and apply diagnostic and creative skills and exercise significant judgement in a range of situations; accept accountability for determining and achieving personal and/or group outcomes.
7	Master's Level Display mastery of a complex and specialised area of knowledge and skills, employing advanced skills to conduct research or advanced technical or professional activity; accept accountability for related decision making including use of supervision; demonstrate a deep understanding of the subject through independent modes of learning.
8	Doctoral Level Make a significant and original contribution to a specialised field of inquiry demonstrating command of methodological issues and engaging in critical dialogue with peers; accept full accountability for outcomes.

CREDIT TRANSFER WITH OTHER INSTITUTION IN EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Below is a guide to calibration based on credits normally earned in a standard full-time year at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Each credit relates to 10 hours notional learning time.

	UNIVERSITY OF DERBY	EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER SYSTEM (ECTS)	AMERICAN CREDIT SYSTEM
Undergraduate year	120 Credits (Minimum)	60 Credits	32 Credits
Postgraduate year	180 Credits (Minimum)	90 Credits	48 Credits

MARKING SCALE AND AWARD CLASSIFICATION

Modules [level 3 to level 8] are graded using percentages or a pass/fail. Each grade is defined by a descriptor, which reflects the quality of the student performance. Where an Award is present then the tables below show the appropriate Award classification or category. Prior to 2012 the University of Derby alpha grading system was used. Prior to 18/19 table 1 applied to module level 3 to level 8 and both undergraduate and postgraduate Awards. From 18/19 table 1 applies to undergraduate – module level 3 to level 6 only and table 2 applies to postgraduate - module level 7 and level 8. Full details of the Credit Framework are available at the link below.

Table 1 - from 18/19 levels 3-6 (prior to 18/19 level 3-8)

GRADE	PRE 2012	DESCRIPTOR	UNDERGRADUATE AWARD CLASSIFICATION	POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S AWARD CLASSIFICATION
100-70%	A+, A, A-	Excellent	First Class (1 st)	Distinction ^o
69-60%	B+, B, B-	Very Good	Second Division 1 (2:1)	Merit ^o
59-50%	C+, C, C-	Good	Second Division 2 (2:2)	Pass
49-40%	D+, D, D-	Satisfactory	Third (3 rd)	Pass
39-35%	FM/MP	Unsatisfactory: some significant shortcomings. This grade represents the minimum standards of for non-professional qualification programmes, and may be compensated/condoned by an Assessment Board. A maximum of 60 credits achieved at this grade may count towards an honours degree. For other undergraduate awards the number of compensated/condoned modules is determined pro-rata. Compensation is not available for postgraduate awards.		
P	Pass in a pass/fail graded module			
N	Recognition of prior learning			

Table 2 - from 18/19 Levels 7 and 8

GRADE	DESCRIPTOR	POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S AWARD CLASSIFICATION	GRADE	DESCRIPTOR
100-70%	Excellent	Distinction ^o	P	Pass in a pass/fail graded module
69-60%	Very Good	Merit ^o	N	Recognition of prior learning
59-50%	Good/Satisfactory	Pass		

^o Note: Some Postgraduate Awards are classified as 'Pass' - graded 100-50%.

Further information about the University of Derby Academic Regulations is available at derby.ac.uk/about/academic-regulations. Alternatively contact The Registry, University of Derby, Kedleston Road DE22 1GB. Verification of Award Certification can be obtain through the HEDD (Higher Degree Data Check), the UK's Higher Education official service for verification and university authentication. Please visit www.hedd.ac.uk for further information.