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take their attempt.

- x 4.17 remove requirement to attempt all assessment.
- x Old 4.17.2 remove course stage average.
- x 4.17.3 - clarify that Pass/Fail units cannot be compensated.
- x 5 – removal of 2020/21 degree algorithm of final stage only.
- x 5.4 – clarify compensation cannot be applied at final stage by removing the word ‘usually’.
- x 5.6 – clarify that higher level credit dropped down cannot be used in enhancement calculation for lower level award.
- x Old 5.19 & 5.22 Move integrated masters award to Section 5b.
- x 6.2 – revert back to previous Examination Board operation.
- x Appendix B – inclusion of compensation and non-submission grading (PZ/NZ).
- x Inclusion of content table.
- x Updated Courses with approved variations.
- x Updated links.
- x Renumbering as appropriate.
- x Reformatting as appropriate.
- x Correction of grammar and punctuation.

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Courses with approved variations (for details of the variations please see Section 7 of the Academic Regulations)

Advanced General Practice Nursing – Short Course

Behavioural Science – BSc (Hons)

Biomedical Science – BSc (Hons)

Broadcast Journalism BA (Hons)

Clinical Leadership and Management – Short Course

Computer Systems Engineering BEng (Hons)

Electronic Engineering BEng (Hons)

Examination and Assessment of the New-born – Short Course

Fashion Design and Manufacture BA (Hons) (Marbella Design Academy)

Food Science, Technology and Management Apprenticeship

Graphic Design and Media BA (Hons) (Marbella Design Academy)

Interior Architecture and Design BA (Hons) (Marbella Design Academy)

LLB LAW – BSc (Hons)

Mental Health Skills for Healthcare Practitioners – Short Course

Mentorship and Support for Professional Practice (level 6) - Short course

Midwifery: Registered Midwife (3 year) BSc (Hons)

Midwifery: Registered Midwife (18 month) BSc (Hons)

Midwifery: Midwifery Apprenticeship BSc (Hons)

Nurse and Midwife Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (V300) level 6 – Short Course

Nursing with Registered Nurse: Adult BSc (Hons)

Nursing with Registered Nurse: Children and Young People's BSc (Hons)

Nursing with Registered Nurse: Mental Health BSc (Hons)

Apprenticeship Routes:

Nursing: Adult – BSc (Hons)

Nursing: Children and Young People's – BSc (Hons)

Nursing: Mental Health – BSc (Hons)

3.13 If you fail the unit you have retaken, we will allow you a final opportunity to resit the failed assessment at the next available opportunity, as designated by the University. Your resit will be capped at the minimum pass mark of 40%.

3.14 If you fail your resit on a unit you have retaken, you will have taken and failed the unit twice, and therefore you will be required to leave your course unless you have met progression criteria to continue. If required to leave, you may be eligible for an unnamed intermediate award.

3.15 If you are required to retake a dissertation/major project unit, you and your supervisor must agree what modifications to your topic and/or research methodology you must make.

4 Progression between stages of an undergraduate course

4.1 Your undergraduate course consists of a set of stages, each usually relates to a level of study. You must pass each stage by meeting its intended learning outcomes before you can progress to the next stage.

4.2 If you have submitted an appeal or are subject to an Academic Conduct Panel, the Examination Board may allow you to progress to the next stage of study before the outcome of your appeal or the Academic Conduct Panel is known. Depending on the outcome of your appeal or the Academic Conduct Panel, the Examination Board may have to review any decision it has made about your continuation or progression.

4.3 If you have submitted a claim for mitigation and the outcome is not known by the time the Examination Board meets, the Board may allow you to progress pending the outcome of your claim. Depending on the outcome of your claim, the Examination Board may have to review any decision it has made about your continuation or progression.

4.4 You must have met all the progression criteria before you are eligible to progress.

4.18 You will not be eligible for compensation at Level 6 if you are progressing to Level 7 as part of an integrated Masters course.

5 Final Stage assessment and award

5.1 You will be eligible for the conferment of the award you are registered on when you have:

5.1.1 achieved the required volume of credit by the end of the final stage of your course and

5.1.2 where appropriate, met any subject specific or PSRB requirements for the award, as approved by the University's Academic Board.

5.2 We award our Bachelor's degrees with Honours on the f (d0 Td (.)Tj 0.283 0 Td ( )T(ag)-22. ag)

5.10 Marks from the units comprising the best 90 credits at the final stage, including at least 30 credits from the designated project, are double weighted;

5.11 Marks from the units comprising the best 90 credits at the penultimate stage are single weighted;

5.12 The result of the weighted average calculation is rounded using the convention: 0.5 and above rounded up, otherwise rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Using only the final stage

5.13 The Honours classification is based on the average of the marks attained in 90 credits at the final stage, including at least 30 credits from the designated project.

5.14 You will be awarded the highest classification achieved through either of these calculations.

5.15 The result of the weighted average calculation is rounded using the convention: 0.5 and above rounded up, otherwise rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Borderline awards

5.16 The table noted at Appendix C shows the weighted averages and the boundaries for honours classification.

5.17 If your weighted average falls within one of the borderlines noted at Appendix C, the Examination Board will review your profile of marks in your final stage. If you have been awarded 60 credits or more at the higher classification (e.g. 35 (r)-6 (av)-6 (ed

Appendix A - Simplified Marking Scheme

Numerical scale	Classification	Pass/Merit/Distinction Scale
100 95 85 78 75 72	First Class	Distinction
68 65 62	Upper Second Class	Merit
58 55 52	Lower Second Class	Pass
48 45 42	Third Class	
38 35 32 25 20 10 0	Fail	Fail

Appendix B - University Grading Scheme

Grade letter	Mark Band %	Grade Descriptor		Award Classification	
				Honours degree	Foundation degree
A+	80-100	Outstanding	P A S S	First (1st)	Distinction
A	75-79	Excellent			
A-	70-74				
B+	67-69	Commendable		Upper Second (2:1)	Merit
B	64-66				