

The University 15 Point Marking Scale

When they are marking your work tutors will give the work one of fifteen Letter Grades, representing a high, middle and low point within each classification. The Letter Grades map directly onto the undergraduate and postgraduate Marking Criteria Matrix and Feedback Forms. Each Letter Grade has a point value, as illustrated in the UAL Marking Scale table below (for example an A- is worth 13 points). The point is weighted according to the number of credits in the unit. The weighted points from all assessed units are added together to calculate the final mark for the year.

		15 Point Marking Scale			
Letter Grade	Point Value	Classification			
		Undergraduate			Postgraduate
		BA, BSc	FdA, FdSc	Cert HE Dip HE	MA, PG Dip, PG Cert, Grad Dip, Grad Cert
A+	15	1 st	Distinction	Distinction	Distinction
A	14				
A-	13				
B+	12	2.1	Merit Plus	Pass	Merit
B	11				
B-	10				
C+	9	2.2	Merit	Pass	Pass
C	8				
C-	7				
D+	6	3 rd	Pass	Marginal Fail	Fail
D	5				
D-	4				
E	3	Marginal Fail			
F	2	Fail			
F-	1	Non-submission			
NS	0	Non-submission			

How is the final mark for the year calculated?

Your grade for the year is calculated as follows in the below example:

- You receive the following Unit Letter Grades for the year (for example):
 - Unit 1 (20 credits) = A-
 - Unit 2 (40 credits) = B-
 - Unit 3 (60 credits) = A
- The Letter Grade for each unit has an equivalent points value:
 - Unit 1 (20 credits) = 13
 - Unit 2 (40 credits) = 10
 - Unit 3 (60 credits) = 14
- The points are weighted according to the credit-rating of the unit:
 - Unit 1 (20 credits): $13 \times (20/120) = 2.167$
 - Unit 2 (40 credits): $10 \times (40/120) = 3.333$

- **Unit 3 (60 credits): $14 \times (60/120) = 7.000$**
4. The weighted points for all the units are added together:
 - **Unit 1 = 2.167**
 - **Unit 2 = 3.333**
 - **Unit 3 = 7.000**
 - **Total = 12.500**
 5. The final grade for the year is rounded to the nearest whole number:
 - **12.5000 becomes 13/ A-/ 1st Class Honours**

How are the marks for individual pieces of work added together to create the unit mark?

Where units are divided into weighted elements, the marks for each individual element are added together to create the unit mark, as in the following example:

6. A unit is made up of 2 assessment elements. You receive the following grades for each element (for example):
 - **Element 1 (Presentation) 20% weighting = C+**
 - **Element 2 (Essay) 80% weighting = A-**
7. The Letter Grades are converted to the equivalent point value (on the right hand side of the UAL Marking Scale):
 - **Element 1 = 9**
 - **Element 2 = 13**
8. The points are multiplied by the element weighting:
 - **Element 1: $9 \times 20\% = 1.8$**
 - **Element 2: $13 \times 80\% = 10.4$**
9. The weighted points for all the elements are added together:
 - **Element 1: $9 \times 20\% = 1.8$**
 - **Element 2: $13 \times 80\% = 10.4$**
 - **Unit Mark = 12.2**
10. The Unit Mark is rounded to the nearest whole number:
 - **12.2 becomes 12 or B+**