



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Undergraduate Rules for Classification

In addition to information given in the Taught Assessment Regulations, DRPS and the Academic Services website, Boards of Examiners must resolve UG borderline cases as follows:

Borderline Marks:

The University's Taught Assessment Regulation 44 on Borderlines states:

Boards of Examiners must consider students whose marks are borderline for progression, award or classification purposes. Boards of Examiners can also consider students whose marks are borderline for passing a course, where exceptional circumstances apply. Borderline marks are defined as marks from two percentage points below the class or grade boundary up to the boundary itself, e.g. 58.00% to 59.99% for an undergraduate 2.1 classification or 38% to 39% for a pass in a course. Boards of Examiners and Progression Boards must use the University borderline definition and must not set and use a different definition.

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences have agreed that borderline cases are to be resolved as follows:

- a) Where 50% or more of the marks (e.g. marks for courses totalling 120 credits or more out of a maximum of 240 credits) fall in a class above that indicated by the mean mark, the class above that indicated by the mean mark must be awarded.
- b) Where more than 50% of the marks fall in or below the class indicated by the mean mark, the class indicated by the mean mark must be awarded.

Furthermore, where there is sufficient level of performance at the required level, Boards can consider courses impacted by valid Exceptional Circumstances as follows:

- a) Where an impacted course result is borderline, this can be counted towards the required 50% percentage of courses in the class above for purposes of award and classification.
- b) Where impacted course results have been discounted, remaining courses can be considered on a pro-rata basis. E.g. where 60 credits have been discounted for a UG programme, at least 90 credits (out of the remaining 180) should fall in a class above that indicated by the mean mark.