

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course: BSc Biological / Bioveterinary Sciences		
2.	Year: 2		
3.	Applicable to Academic Year: 2014/15		
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination: All subjects studied during the year.		
5.	Form of Examination		
5.1.	Written Papers One paper of up to 3 hours for each of the three main modules.		
5.2.	In-Course Assessment: One formative and two summative related to modules.		
5.3	Project: One 5000 word report on a project performed in term 3 with associated oral presentation and Supervisor's mark.		
6.	Marking Criteria		
6.1.	Examinations, In Course Assessments and Project: College (0-100) Common Grading Scheme. The College Common Grading Scheme will be used as appropriate for extended pieces of writing with 0-10 marking on problem solving, short answer responses of a factual nature.		
6.2.	Multiple Choice Questions The number of marks available for each type of question will be clearly stated on the examination paper. A question left unanswered or deleted by the candidate will score zero. The pass mark for the MCQ examination as a whole will be set according to approved and accepted standard setting protocols, normalised and then scaled.		
7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements		
7.1.		First Sit	Resit
	Enemy Within		
	Written Paper	20	33
	In-Course Assessment	5	0
	Enemy Without		
	Written Paper	20	33
	In-Course Assessment	5	0
	Pharmacology		
	Written Paper	20	33
	In-Course Assessment	5	0
7.2.	Term 3 Project Report	17.5	0
	Supervisor's Mark	2.5	0
	Oral Project Presentations	5	0

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8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage
8.1.	An average mark of 40% aggregated from the marks listed in 7 above.
9.	Consequences of Failure
9.1.	A candidate who fails the year overall at the first attempt will be allowed to resit the failed written examination components (7.1 above) or be required to relinquish the course of study. The overall mark awarded at the second attempt will be no more than 40% and that will be the mark carried forward for degree classification.
9.2.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has not previously repeated a year of study will be entitled to repeat the year. The number of attempts at assessments will be the same as for those students not repeating the year. All Final Year Marks under the 'repeat year' rule will be capped at a maximum of a bare pass and that will be the mark carried forward for degree classification.
9.3.	A student who has failed the year at the second attempt and has previously repeated a year of study will be required to withdraw from the course. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations
9.4.	A candidate who successfully passed Year 1 shall remain eligible for the award of Certificate of Higher Education.
10.	Honours Classification and Award
10.1.	The second year of the course contributes 35% of the marks toward the final degree classification. The end of year mark will give an indicative classification standard for the year.
10.2.	A candidate who has successfully passed Year 2 but does not proceed with study is eligible for the award of Diploma of Higher Education.
11.	Disclosure of Marks
	Results will be published by candidate number.
12.	Absence From In-Course Assessment
12.1.	Where a student has an <i>allowable</i> absence, s/he will be marked absent (A) from a summative assessment. Where a student has an A, and there are three or more in-course assessments in the year, the marks awarded will be the average of the other in-course assessment marks gained by the student.
12.2.	90% of the marks for the year must be attributed to results of direct assessment i.e. no more than 10% of marks can be attributed to Absent (A) marks.
12.3.	An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness.
12.4.	Any other foreseeable absence will only be considered allowable if agreed by Academic Progress Committee and this will only apply in very strictly limited circumstances.
12.5.	A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.

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13.	Late Submission of Work Reports, Projects and Assignments submitted after the due deadline will be subject to the late submission policy set out in the College's General Assessment Regulations.
14.	Additional Requirements for Entry to MSci Year 4 For BSc or MSci students to be considered for progression to Year 4 of the MSci course they are required to achieve: An aggregated Year 2 mark of at least 60% OR An aggregated Year 2 mark of at least 55% with at least 62% for the Project Report