

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course: BSc Biological / Bioveterinary Sciences, BSc Comparative Pathology and BSc Bioveterinary Sciences Intercalated		
2.	Year: 3		
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.	Taught Modules: Summative Assessments for taught modules as described in the module catalogues.		
5.2.	Major Project		
6.	Marking Criteria		
6.1.	Examinations, Coursework 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		
		First Sit	Resit
	Module Assessments*	50	50
	Project	40	40
	Project Presentation	5	5
	Project Supervisor's Mark	5	5
	* Taken pro rata amongst the modules according to module size, and weighted according to their credit value.		
8.	Requirements to Pass Year 3 Overall		
8.1.	In order to gain the BSc with Honours: A candidate must have achieved: An average mark of 40% aggregated from the marks listed in 7 above, including an average mark of 40% aggregated from the Project, Project Presentation and Supervisor's mark.		

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8.2.	<p>In order to gain the BSc: A candidate must have achieved: At least 40% for the weighted aggregate mark for all 3 years AND have achieved: EITHER 40% or more in the Project, Project Presentation and Supervisor's mark together with less than 40% in the aggregated taught module assessments OR Less than 40% in the Project, Project Presentation and Supervisor's mark together with 40% or more in the aggregated taught module assessments.</p>
9.	<p>Progression to MSci Year 4</p> <p>For BSc or MSci students to be considered for progress to Year 4 of the MSci course they are required to achieve: An aggregated Year 3 mark of at least 55% AND 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.</p>
10.	<p>Consequences of Failure</p> <p>10.1. A candidate who has failed to qualify for a pass or honours degree as described in 8 above, shall be given the opportunity to resit failed module(s) on one further occasion. (The combined Project, presentation, and supervisor's mark count as a module for this purpose).</p> <p>10.2. A module passed at the second attempt will be awarded a maximum mark of 40%. (All other marks from those modules passed at the first attempt will be carried forward for the calculation of degree classification).</p> <p>10.3. A candidate who has met the requirements for a BSc may opt to receive the degree after the first sitting. A candidate who takes this option shall relinquish his/her right to resit for the Honours Degree.</p> <p>10.4. A candidate who fails at the second attempt and is not eligible for an honours or an ordinary degree will be required to relinquish to course of study. S/he will have a right of appeal as described in College Regulations.</p> <p>10.5. A candidate who successfully passed Year 2 shall remain eligible for the award of Diploma of Higher Education.</p>
11.	<p>Honours Classification</p> <p>11.1. The marks from Years 1, 2 and 3 shall be weighted in the ratio 10:35:55 and aggregated and then scaled to a percentage.</p> <p>11.2. If a candidate has been admitted with exemption directly to Year 2, the marks from Years 2 and 3 shall be weighted in the ratio 35:55 and aggregated and then scaled to give a percentage.</p> <p>11.3. If a candidate has been admitted with exemption directly to Year 3, the marks from 3 only shall be used to determine the classification. (This includes study as an intercalated degree).</p>

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	<p>For candidates who have passed the year overall as described in 9 above, the Degree shall be classified as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">First Class</td> <td>70% or above with at least 60% in the Third Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Class</td> <td>69% or above with at least 60% in the Third Year and at least 75% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Second Class</td> <td>60% to 69.% with at least 50% in the Third Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Second Class</td> <td>59% or above with at least 50% in the Third Year and at least 65% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower Second Class</td> <td>50% to 59% with at least 40% in the Third Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower Second Class</td> <td>49% or above with at least 40% in the Third Year and at least 55% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Class</td> <td>40% to 49% with at least 40% in the Third Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Class</td> <td>39% or above with at least 40% in the Third Year and at least 45% for the combined Project marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pass Degree</td> <td>As 8.2 above</td> </tr> </table>	First Class	70% or above with at least 60% in the Third Year	First Class	69% or above with at least 60% in the Third Year and at least 75% for the combined Project marks	Upper Second Class	60% to 69.% with at least 50% in the Third Year	Upper Second Class	59% or above with at least 50% in the Third Year and at least 65% for the combined Project marks	Lower Second Class	50% to 59% with at least 40% in the Third Year	Lower Second Class	49% or above with at least 40% in the Third Year and at least 55% for the combined Project marks	Third Class	40% to 49% with at least 40% in the Third Year	Third Class	39% or above with at least 40% in the Third Year and at least 45% for the combined Project marks	Pass Degree	As 8.2 above
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12.	<p>Disclosure of Marks</p> <p>Results will be published by candidate number.</p>																		
13.	<p>Absence From In-Course Assessment</p> <p>13.1. 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.</p> <p>13.2. 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.</p> <p>13.3. An allowable absence is one that is for a significant unforeseeable event such as illness.</p> <p>13.4. 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.</p> <p>13.5. A student absent for any other reason will be awarded 0 (zero) for the assessment.</p>																		
14.	<p>Late Submission of Work</p> <p>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.</p>																		
15.	<p>Award Regulations</p> <p>In order to be awarded the degree title 'Comparative Pathology' the student must have studied the course as an intercalated degree and taken the modules Comparative Pathology 1, Comparative Pathology 2 and also to have undertaken a designated Comparative Pathology project.</p> <p>All other module combinations will lead to the degree title 'Bioveterinary Sciences'.</p>																		