

Assessment & Award Regulations

1.	Course: BSc Biological / Bioveterinary Sciences, BSc Biological Sciences (Animal Behaviour, Welfare and Ethics), MSci Wild Animal Biology
2.	Year: 1
3.	Applicable to Academic Year: 2015/16
4.	Aspects of Course Covered by Examination: All subjects studied during the year.
5.	Form of Examination
5.1.	Written Papers Paper 1: 1 hour MCQ Paper 2: 2 hours problem solving questions Paper 3: 3 hours essay questions
5.2	In Course Assessment: One laboratory report related to material in Term 2 and assessment of problem-based learning related to Term 3.
5.3	Project: One Library Project with associated oral presentation.
6.	Marking Criteria
6.1.	Examinations, In-Course Assessment and Library Project College Common (0-100) 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.
6.3	Oral Presentations & Oral Examinations The College marking scheme for Oral Presentations will be used for all appropriate presentations and the marking scheme for Masters Research Project Oral Examinations will be used for appropriate Oral Exams.

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7.	Allocation of Marks and any Additional Requirements		
		First Sit	Resit
7.1.	In-Course Assessment: Laboratory Report Problem Based Learning	10 10	0 0
7.2.	Project: Written Library Project Oral presentation of Library Project	10 10	0 0
7.3.	Written Examination: Written Paper 1 Written Paper 2 Written Paper 3	10 20 30	17 33 50
8.	Requirements to Pass Overall and Progress to the Next Stage		
	To have achieved 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 whole written examination (7.3 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 student who has not passed at the end of a repeated year is required to appeal irrespective of any deferrals.		
10.	Honours Classification and Award		
10.1.	The first year of the course contributes 10% of the marks towards 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 1 but does not proceed with study is eligible for the award of Certificate of Higher Education.		
11.	Disclosure of Marks		
	Results will be published by candidate number.		

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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.
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.