

ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS (POSTGRADUATE)

For full information on assessment regulations, see the QMU website:
<http://www.qmu.ac.uk/quality/gr/default.htm#reg>

A summary of key regulations is set out below.

- The pass mark for a module is 50%.
- Where there is more than one component of assessment, students must achieve at least 40% in each component and an overall aggregate mark of 50%.
- To be eligible for the award of the degree, students must pass all modules.
- To be eligible for the award of the degree with distinction, students must pass all modules with an overall average mark of 70% or better.
- All reassessment results shall be based only upon performance in re-assessments; no marks may be carried forward from a student's first attempt at the assessments.
- A student who is reassessed for a module failure in an undergraduate module, where there are no clear extenuating circumstances, shall be awarded no more than 50% on passing the re-assessment.
- A student who has been absent from an assessment or who has performed badly due to illness or other good cause acceptable to the Board of Examiners shall be allowed to take the assessment and it shall be treated as a first assessment.
- A student will normally be required to withdraw from a postgraduate award if he or she accumulates four or more failures, whether or not these have been later redeemed through reassessment, on any standard taught modules (15 credits). A failure is defined as an unsuccessful attempt at the assessment for a module. For example, this could be failures in four separate modules at the first attempt, or failure at first and second attempt in one module and failures at first attempt in two other modules.
- In the event of a failure after reassessment in a module, the Board of Examiners may exceptionally permit a student to repeat the module, with full re-assessment facilities. No parts of the previous assessment may be carried forward. The regulations for attendance shall apply to the repeated module unless otherwise specified by the Board of Examiners. A student may repeat a

failed module only once. The maximum overall mark that can be achieved when repeating an postgraduate module is 50%.

- A piece of written work which exceeds the specified word limit by 10% or more will receive a maximum mark of 50%.
- Any student who submits work to be assessed after the assessment submission date, without the prior agreement of the Programme Leader and the Module Co-ordinator, or without good or agreed cause, will have marks deducted according to the following criteria:
 - if submitted, in a first diet, after the due date but within one calendar week (i.e. up to 6 days after submission date) a maximum mark of 50% can be achieved for undergraduate programmes
 - if submitted, in a first diet, after one calendar week (i.e. 7 days or more) a mark of 0% will be awarded
 - if coursework is submitted after the due date for a re-assessment a mark of 0% will be awarded.