

SoSS PG Marking Criteria

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Generic Assignment Guidelines

The following criteria for assessment govern the way in which we mark assignments and dissertations. These guidelines have been established by the School of Social Sciences and, as such, operate across the School's discipline areas:

40 – 49% (40% = Pass at PG Certificate/ Diploma level)	Work should be at a postgraduate level although not reaching the level required for a Masters course. Such work should provide a competent discussion of relevant material, although this may be largely descriptive and lack critical/analytical depth. Work should be well structured, well presented and demonstrate an awareness of relevant literature.
50 – 59% (50% = Pass at MA level)	This represents the minimum performance required on a Masters course. Work should provide a competent discussion of relevant material and some evidence of critical/analytical thought. It should be well structured, well presented, demonstrate an awareness of relevant literature and consistently evidence arguments/assertions by reference to relevant literature/research.
60 – 69% (Merit at MA level)	Work that is competent and well presented, touching very good work at the top end of the range. This work should be critical and comprehensive in its coverage and have a degree of depth and imagination in the presentation and consideration of the material, especially at the top end.
70 – 79%	This is excellent work, showing evidence of comprehensiveness and focus, with critical depth and insight that befits work at graduate level. These grades mean that the student is producing work that fits within a distinction profile.
80% +	This is outstanding work in every respect constituting or approaching publishable work.

The Taught Degree Regulations Glossary of Terms states the following with regard to Compulsory Course units: 'Compulsory Course units are course units which cannot be substituted and must be taken in order to meet the intended learning outcomes of the programme. Compulsory course units are not normally compensatable.' However, programmes in the School of Social Sciences do allow compensation for compulsory course units in line with point 14 of the PGT regulations.