Classification for MSc Programmes in the School of Mathematics: Borderline cases

Results regarded as borderline for the purposes of this document are defined strictly by Regulation 44 in the University's Taught Assessment Regulations.

If either the credit-weighted average mark across taught courses or the dissertation mark falls within a borderline, and the other is higher, the *overall weighted average* of the two marks is considered, with the taught component weighted with 2/3 and the dissertation with 1/3.

- For the award of a Distinction:
    - if the weighted average is at least 71.5%, a Distinction will be awarded;
    - if the weighted average is between 70.0% and 71.5%, a Distinction may be awarded according to the "Assessment Profiling" below;
    - if the weighted average is less than 70%, no Distinction can be awarded.
- For the award of a Merit:
    - if the weighted average is at least 61.5%, Merit will be awarded;
    - if the weighted average is between 60% and 61.5%, a Merit may be awarded according to the "Assessment Profiling" below;
    - if the weighted average is less than 60%, no Merit can be awarded.

Assessment Profiling

The following mark profiles will be considered in the classification of borderlines above:
- a better credit-weighted average mark for courses taken in Semester 2 than in Semester 1 (with full-year courses counted equally in both semesters);
- more than half of the credits for that component receiving a mark at the higher award level (i.e. 70% or higher for Distinction, 60% or higher for Merit).
- A overall strong profile on the taught component, or strong dissertation.

    The board of examiners will use their academic judgment when assessing student profiles or dissertations, meeting one or more of the assessment profiling criteria is not an automatic case for promotion.