

Addendum to Appendix C of the Code of Practice on Assessment for MRes Programmes in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

In order to recognise the impact of Covid19 restrictions on students' proposed research methodologies, in accordance with the approved Safety Net principles, changes to the degree classification algorithms for the following four named programmes have been approved:

- MRes Advanced Biological Sciences
- MRes Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine
- MRes Clinical Sciences
- MRes Musculoskeletal Ageing

The revised criteria are applicable only to students who commenced the programmes in the 2019-20 Academic Year, with the exception of those students who opted to suspend studies in 2019-20 in order to return when they will have access to the labs to complete their research projects as initially planned, and for whom the usual criteria for determining the award classification as set out in Appendix C will apply.

The revised criteria shall remain in force until all students who commenced in 2019-20 and opted to continue with their studies in 2019-20 have completed their programme of study.

MRes Advanced Biological Sciences: The programme comprises 60 credits of taught modules which normally take place in semesters 1 and 2 and one 120 credit research project module, which normally takes place in semesters 1-3. The number of credits of taught provision deemed unaffected ranges from 30 and 60 (depending on students' selection of modules). For the research component there are only 12 credits of unaffected assessment. Therefore, to apply the safety net:

To be awarded a DISTINCTION grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 70% in the 30 - 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 70% in the 12 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a MERIT grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 60% in the 30 - 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 60% in the 12 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a PASS grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 50% in the 30 - 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 50% in the 12 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

MRes Biomedical Sciences and Translational Medicine: The programme comprises 45 credits of taught modules which normally take place in semesters 1 -3 and 135 credits of research project modules (3 x 45), which normally take place in semesters 1-3. The number of credits of taught provision deemed unaffected are 18. For the research component there are 45 credits of unaffected assessment. Therefore, to apply the safety net:

To be awarded a DISTINCTION grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 70% in the 27 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 70% in the 45 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a MERIT grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 60% in the 27 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 60% in the 45 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a PASS grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 50% in the 27 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 50% in the 45 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

MRes Clinical Sciences: The programme comprises 60 credits of taught modules which normally take place in semesters 1 -3 and 120 credits of research project modules (3 x 40), which normally take place in semesters 1-3. The number of credits of taught provision deemed unaffected are 30. For the research component there are 40 credits of unaffected assessment. Therefore, to apply the safety net:

To be awarded a DISTINCTION grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 70% in the 30 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 70% in the 40 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a MERIT grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 60% in the 30 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 60% in the 40 research credits, and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

To be awarded a PASS grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 50% in the 30 credits of unaffected taught modules and at least 50% in the 40 research credits and a pass (50% or greater) in the remaining affected credits for the taught and research modules.

MRes Musculoskeletal Ageing: This programme comprises 60 credits of taught modules which normally all take place in semester 1 and one 120 credit research project module in semester 2 and 3 (all assessment tasks taking place after the 15th March). Thus, this programme has 60 credits of unaffected taught modules but NO unaffected research module credits. Therefore, to apply the safety net:

To be awarded a DISTINCTION grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 70% in the 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and a pass (50% or greater) in the affected research modules.

To be awarded a MERIT grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 60% in the 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and a pass (50% or greater) in the affected research modules.

To be awarded a PASS grade, candidates must achieve:

- an overall average mark of at least 50% in the 60 credits of unaffected taught modules and a pass (50% or greater) in the affected research modules.