

# UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

## UNDERGRADUATE RULES OF ASSESSMENT

### Applicable to Students Starting in Academic Year 2023-24

## 2. Foundation Year

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### **Requirement to Pass the Foundation Year**

- 2.1. To pass the Foundation Year and proceed to the next Year, you must:
- a) Pass all modules and achieve 120 credits in the Year at Level 3;
  - b) Meet any [variations to the Rules of Assessment](#) which may apply to your course.

### **Pass With Distinction**

- 2.2. To achieve a Distinction in the Foundation Year, you must have the following, either:
- a) A Year Mark of 70 or above; or
  - b) 60 credits at 70 or above with a Year Mark of 68 or 69.

### **Reassessment: General Principles**

- 2.3. If you have failed any module(s) after you have completed all your assessments, but have a Year Mark of 20 or above, you will need to take reassessment before you can progress to the next Year of study. It is not possible to progress and take the reassessment or repeat the module while you are studying in the next Year.
- 2.4. The Board of Examiners can permit up to two further attempts at any module. However, your Module Mark(s) for those further attempts will be capped at 40.
- 2.5. The Board of Examiners will offer you all the reassessment opportunities that are available to you.
- 2.6. If you have attempted the reassessment of a module in the resit period or without attending the University and your Module Mark is lower than your previous attempt, the Board of Examiners will use the previous higher mark to determine whether or not you can progress. However, if you repeat the Year (either full-time or part-time), the marks you achieve during your repeat year will be the marks that are used by the Board of Examiners to determine whether or not you can progress. They will not take account of marks from a previous year or attempt, even if they are higher.

- 2.7.** If you have a Tier 4 or Student Route visa your options for reassessment may be limited due to the Home Office rules and guidance.

### **Reassessment Opportunities at the End of the Year**

- 2.8.** If you do not pass the Year, but have a Year Mark of 20 or above, you may be offered reassessment.
- 2.9.** If you fail up to 60 credits you will be offered compulsory reassessment before the start of the next Year. Your Module Mark(s) will be capped at 40.
- 2.10.** If you fail more than 60 credits you will be offered one or more of the following:
- a) A full-time repeat year for uncapped Module Marks;
  - b) A part-time repeat year for up to 105 credits for uncapped Module Marks;
  - c) Reassessment in the following Year without attending the University for capped Module Marks.

### **Reassessment Opportunities Following the Resit Assessment Period**

- 2.11.** Following reassessment, if you have not passed the Year, but have a Year Mark of 20 or above, you may be offered one or more of the following opportunities:
- a) A full-time repeat year for uncapped Module Marks;
  - b) A part-time repeat year for up to 105 credits for uncapped Module Marks;
  - c) Reassessment in the following Year without attending the University for capped Module Marks.

### **Withdrawal**

- 2.12.** You will be required to leave the University if:
- a) Your Year Mark is less than 20; or
  - b) You were required to take compulsory reassessment and you undertook none of the reassessment; or
  - c) You have failed the same module after three attempts; or
  - d) You cannot complete your studies in your maximum period.

### Extenuating Circumstances

- 2.13.** If you submit Extenuating Circumstances and they are accepted as valid, the Board of Examiners may be able to offer additional attempts at assessment, such as reassessment for uncapped Module Marks or voluntary reassessment, in line with the Extenuating Circumstances [policy](#) and [guidelines](#).

### Progression to a Three-Year or Four-Year Honours Degree

- 2.14.** When you proceed to the next Year following successful completion of the Foundation Year, the relevant Three-Year or Four-Year Honours Degree Rules of Assessment will apply.

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