

# Northumbria University 2021/22

For students currently studying:

**Levels 3, 4, 5 and new students at Level 7**

*How your bachelors degree is classified*

This is a simplified explanation – for more detail see our [regulations](#)

# Degree Classification: Method

The calculation for the classification Degree (Hons) Programmes is based on:

- the average mark of Levels 6 and 5 (weighted 60%:40%).

# Degree Classification: Important Notes

- All level 5 and level 6 results are considered, whether you pass your modules/credits outright or whether you pass after a resit or are compensated. \*\*
- You MUST complete ALL credits.
- Also:
  - all grades for all modules will be listed on your transcripts
  - In borderline cases all grades will be considered to make a final classification

\*\*Compensation is when you fail a module but, because you have passed other modules this 'compensates' for the fail and you don't have to do a resit. *Subject to ARTA regulations*

# Degree Classification: “Borderline” Cases

- You have to get 70%+ overall for a 1<sup>st</sup> class; 60%+ overall for a 2:1; 50%+ for a 2:2; 40%+ for a 3<sup>rd</sup>
- We look at anyone who is borderline – i.e. if your overall mark (based on the method described above) is within 2% of a class of degree class.
- You will be awarded the Higher classification :
  - if the majority of your marks at level 6 lie on or above the boundary.

# Degree Classification: Worked Example

- Your Level 4, 5 and 6 modules are graded as follows:

	Module 1 (20 credits)	Module 2 (20 credits)	Module 3 (20 credits)	Module 4 (20 credits)	Module 5 (20 credits)	Module 6 (20 credits)
Level 4	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
Level 5	40%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Level 6	40%	70%	70%	70%	70%*	

- Level 4 Modules are not included in the classification calculation.
- Classification is based on:
  - Levels 6 and 5 (weighted 60%:40% = **58%**)
- Classification outcome: Second Class Upper Division (2:1)
  - 58% falls within the borderline range (within 2% of the higher class)
  - The majority of level 6 credit is either on or above the higher class boundary which qualifies for higher classification.

# Questions?

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