Global Health Policy and Innovation Unit
Centre for Primary Care and Public Health

MSc International Health Programmes

Academic standards and corresponding grade boundaries 2012-2013

Class	Grade	Mark	Description
Distinction	A1	90-100	**Brilliant**. Exceptional work based on comprehensive knowledge of the topic and developing a critical analysis of striking originality. A paper of this standard would be extremely likely to be published in a high-impact journal with little or no modification.
Distinction	A2	80-89	**Excellent.** Outstanding work which delivers insights and depth of analysis that are illuminating and challenging. Clear evidence of critical judgement in selection and discussion of relevant material. Thoroughly documented and shows convincing command of relevant literature. Logical and balanced argument, with evidence of original thought
Distinction	A3	70-79	**Satisfactory for a distinction**. Significantly and consistently above the average for postgraduate work. Effectively and convincingly argued, with a high scholarly standard of presentation and showing a critical awareness of conflicting theories and evidence. Minor defects are allowable if compensated by other factors. Methodology must be appropriate and applied correctly.
Merit	B	65-69	**Very good**. Work of high quality, displaying substantial if not comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the concepts and theories relating to the topic. Material is relevant and well presented and analysed. Good critical grasp & discussion of subject.
Pass	C	50-59	**Good.** Work which shows some solid knowledge of the topic but where they may be significant gaps, errors and/or misunderstandings. Satisfactory though improvable in its presentation. The argument may occasionally be unclear or sometimes not quite convincing in its use of evidence.
Fail	F	<49	Fundamentally flawed in its understanding of the topics, showing poor awareness of the sources and unconvincing in its approach and grasp of the issues. Not of a standard appropriate to a graduate with a good honours degree.