

Final Grading System for ICOM Programmes

This document clarifies the final grade award to a student on any programme at ICOM, ensuring consistency while accommodating differences in pass marks across different levels of study.

Degree Classification Boundaries (Honours Programmes)

For Bachelor's Honours programmes, classification boundaries are based on marks out of 100 as follows:

Classification	50% Pass Mark Programmes	40% Pass Mark Programmes
First Class Honours	70% and above	70% and above
Second Class Honours, First Division (2:1)	60-69%	60-69%
Second Class Honours, Second Division (2:2)	50-59%	50-59%
Third Class Honours	Not applicable	40-49%
Fail	Below 50%	Below 40%

For MSc Programmes, grading follows a different structure:

Classification	MSc Programmes
Distinction	70% and above
Merit	60-69%
Pass	50-59%
Fail	Below 50%

Rules for Calculating the Final Programme Mark and Degree Classification

1. **Year Weighting:** Final year marks contribute the most to the classification, with prior years weighted accordingly. Specific weighting structures will be detailed in individual programme specifications.

2. **Exclusion of Pass/Fail Units:** Any pass/fail-only units will be disregarded in the classification calculation.
3. **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL):**
 - **External RPL Credits** (from institutions other than ICOM) will be counted towards qualification requirements but excluded from the final classification calculation.
 - **Internal RPL Credits** (from ICOM) will be counted and included in the classification calculation.
4. **Final Mark Calculation:**
 - The final mark is determined as a weighted average of year marks.
 - The result is rounded to the nearest integer before determining classification.

Non-Accumulative (Threshold) Pass Mark System

For MSc Programmes

- Overall module pass mark: 50% (weighted average across all assessments in the module).
- Minimum mark required for each summative assignment within a module: 40%
- If any summative assignment falls below 40%, the student fails the module, even if the weighted average meets or exceeds 50%.

Example:

- Assignment A: 38% + Assignment B: 65% = Overall 51.5% (Module Fail, as A is below 40%)
- Assignment A: 42% + Assignment B: 60% = Overall 51% (Module Pass, as all components are $\geq 40\%$)

For BSc Osteopathy (BSc Ost) Programmes (40% Pass Mark)

- Overall module pass mark: 40%
- Major categories of assessment must be passed separately in order to achieve an overall pass.
- Failure in any major assessment category results in a module fail, regardless of the overall average.

Example:

- Assessment Category A: 35% + Category B: 50% = Overall 42% (Module Fail, as Category A is below 40%)

- Assessment Category A: 41% + Category B: 50% = Overall 45% (Module Pass, as all major components are above 40%)

For BSc Programmes with a 50% Pass Mark Requirement

- Overall module pass mark: 50%
- Each individual assessment within the module must be passed with at least 50%.
- Compensation between failed and passed assessments is not allowed.

Example:

- Assessment A: 28% + Assessment B: 73% = Overall 50.5% (Module Fail, as Assessment A is below 50%)
- Assessment A: 52% + Assessment B: 60% = Overall 56% (Module Pass, as all assessments meet or exceed 50%)

Summary of Pass Mark Requirements by Programme

Programme Level	Pass Mark for Individual Assessments	Overall Module Pass Mark	Special Requirements
MSc Programmes	≥40% per assessment	≥50% (weighted average)	No component can be below 40%
BSc Osteopathy (BSc Ost)	Major categories must be passed separately	≥40%	Failure in any major assessment results in module fail
Other BSc Programmes (50% Pass Mark)	≥50% per assessment	≥50%	No compensation between failed assessments