

## SUB-BOARD 'LOCAL RULES' FOR ALL TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENTS DUE TO GRADUATE IN 2019/20

Each Department Sub-Board of Examiners can establish 'local rules' setting out if a student is required to achieve additional criteria than those set out in Section 3 'Calculation of Award'. This criteria may be needed to compensate for failed courses, or in order to be awarded an overall Pass, Merit or Distinction

For example, where a student has one unit of good fail marks, the local rule might state a student is required to achieve a higher or lower 'compensation aggregate' than that stated in the classification scheme. Equally, for the award of Merit or Distinction the local rule might dictate students need to achieve an additional minimum aggregate or higher aggregate than that set out in the classification scheme.

These local rules could also include designating a course as 'critical to assessment' for a programme, meaning that a course will be given special consideration in the awarding of the degree. For example, the degree cannot be awarded unless the designated course has been passed, or the award classification cannot be higher than the result achieved in the designated course.

Local rules will always supersede the requirements set out in the classification scheme relevant for the programme. Where the local rule states 'Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student as long as there are no fail marks', the conditions set out in the relevant classification scheme will determine the award.

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N.B if you cannot find the local rules for your programme below you can find them in the archived [2019/20 Academic Regulations](#))

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## DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

### **MSc ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

#### **MSc ACCOUNTING, ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS**

- Course critical to assessment: None
  - Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student
  - Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
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## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

### **MSc ANTHROPOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **MSc ANTHROPOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

#### **MSc CHINA IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

#### **MSc LAW, ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

#### **MSc SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY (RELIGION IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD) (FORMERLY MSc RELIGION IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD)**

#### **MSc SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

#### **MSc SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY (RESEARCH)**

#### **MSc SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY (LEARNING AND COGNITION) (FORMERLY MSc PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND MSC ANTHROPOLOGY OF LEARNING AND COGNITION) (WITHDRAWN 2019/20)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
  - Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): 3.3.2 (c) marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units and a mark of a Merit grade in a course of 0.5 unit value will obtain an overall classification of a Distinction; 3.3.2 (d) marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units and marks of a Merit grade of at least 65 in courses to the value of 2.0 units; OR, marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units, marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units, and an overall aggregate mark of at least 275 will obtain an overall classification of a Distinction.
  - Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): 3.3.4 (h) marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units will obtain an overall classification of a Merit; 3.3.4 (i) marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of unit, marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit, and marks of a Pass grade of at least 55 to the value of 2.0 units will obtain an overall classification of Merit.
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## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

### **MRes ECONOMICS (TRACK 1)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **MSc ECONOMETRICS AND MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS**

### **MSc ECONOMETRICS AND MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS (TWO-YEAR PROGRAMME) (WITHDRAWN 2016/17)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Distinction if the student has achieved an aggregate score of 280.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **MSc ECONOMICS**

### **MSc ECONOMICS (TWO YEAR PROGRAMME) (TO NOTE: FINAL CLASSIFICATION OF MSc ECONOMICS (TWO YEAR PROGRAMME) IS BASED ON RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 4 UNITS TAKEN IN YEAR 2 OF THE PROGRAMME.)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): A Distinction will not be awarded for students with a mark profile of 3.3.2 (c)
- A Distinction will not be awarded for students with a mark profile of 3.3.2 (d)
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): (h) Students are unable to obtain a mark profile falling in to this range. See note below.
- Students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Merit if the student has achieved an aggregate score of 240.

Note: For students who undertake the Finance options under Paper 4 of the Programme Regulations (courses starting FM), the final mark for the purpose of classification will be determined by calculating the average of the marks of the exam and the essay of each course taken, producing a single final mark.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC HISTORY**

### **MSc ECONOMIC HISTORY**

### **MSc ECONOMIC HISTORY (RESEARCH)**

### **MSc GLOBAL HISTORY (WITHDRAWN 17/18)**

### **MA GLOBAL STUDIES: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE (THESE RULES APPLY ONLY TO THE PROGRAMME STUDENTS STUDY WHILE AT LSE)**

### **LSE-SCIENCES PO DOUBLE DEGREE IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND ECONOMIC HISTORY (THESE RULES APPLY ONLY TO THE PROGRAMME STUDENTS STUDY WHILE AT LSE) (WITHDRAWN)**

### **MSc POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LATE DEVELOPMENT**

### **MSc QUANTITATIVE ECONOMIC HISTORY**

### **MRes IN QUANTITATIVE ECONOMIC HISTORY**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Distinction if the student has achieved an average of > 67.5%
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## EUROPEAN INSTITUTE

**EXECUTIVE MSc POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPE (WITHDRAWN 2016/17)**

**MSc POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EUROPE (FORMERLY MSc EUROPEAN POLITICAL ECONOMY)**

**MSc EUROPEAN STUDIES: IDEAS, IDEOLOGIES AND IDENTITIES (FORMERLY MSc EUROPEAN STUDIES: IDEAS AND IDENTITIES) (WITHDRAWN 2017/18)**

**MSc EUROPEAN STUDIES (RESEARCH)**

**MSc EU POLITICS (FORMERLY MSc POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION) (WITHDRAWN 2019/20)**

**MSc CULTURE AND CONFLICT IN A GLOBAL EUROPE (FORMERLY MSc GLOBAL EUROPE: CULTURE AND CONFLICT)**

**LSE-FUDAN DOUBLE DEGREE IN THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CHINA AND EUROPE**

**LSE-SCIENCES PO DOUBLE DEGREE IN EUROPEAN STUDIES**

**MSc EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY**

**MSc EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY (SCIENCES-PO)**

**LSE-BOCCONI DOUBLE DEGREE IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY & POLITICS**

- Course critical to assessment: None except MSc European Studies (Research) Students must pass either MY4M1 or MY4M2 in order to be awarded the degree.
  - Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
  - Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
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## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

**MRes FINANCE (FORMERLY MRes FINANCE (ROUTE 1))**

**MRes FINANCE (TRACK 2) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

- Penalty rules (scheme paragraph 3.2.3. (1)):
- A Fail (but not a Bad Fail) in a course(s) to the value of 1.0 unit will result in an overall Fail unless compensated either: (i) by a mark of at least 55% in one full unit course; or ii) by a compensation aggregate mark of 220 (Track 1) or 165 (Track 2) in the non-failed courses.
- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

**MSc FINANCE (FULL-TIME)**

**MSc FINANCE (PART-TIME)**

**MSc FINANCE AND PRIVATE EQUITY**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Distinction if the student has achieved an aggregate score of 275.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Merit if the student has achieved an aggregate score of 240.

## **MSc FINANCE AND ECONOMICS**

### **MSc FINANCE AND ECONOMICS (RESEARCH) (*WITHDRAWN 2017/18*)**

From 2017/18 for students on MSc Finance and Economics; half units EC4B5 and EC4B6 shall be paired together and that average mark used when considering the classification.

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Condoning a Fail Mark (scheme paragraph 3.2.4):
- Students can condone up to full-unit fail mark with a compensation mark of 55% in one of the core courses in respect of 3.2.3 (i), or by an aggregate mark of 160 in respect of 3.2.3 (ii).

## **DEPARTMENT OF GENDER STUDIES**

### **MSc GENDER**

### **MSc GENDER, DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBALISATION**

### **MSc GENDER, MEDIA AND CULTURE**

### **MSc GENDER, POLICY AND INEQUALITIES (*FORMERLY MSc GENDER AND SOCIAL POLICY*)**

### **MSc GENDER (RESEARCH)**

### **MSc GENDER (SEXUALITY)**

### **MSc WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY**

- Course critical to assessment: None except for MSc Women, Peace and Security: GI425 critical to assessment.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **MSc ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **MSc ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE MSc ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND REGULATION**

### **MPA/MSC JOINT ENVIRONMENT MASTER'S PLAN (*THESE RULES APPLY ONLY TO THE PROGRAMME STUDENTS STUDY WHILE AT LSE*)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): A Distinction will be awarded if an overall aggregate mark of 270 or above [an average mark of 67.5% or above] is achieved, if an aggregate mark of below 270 [an average mark of below 67.5%] is achieved then a Merit will be awarded. (NB Half units are weighted).
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): A Merit will be awarded upon achieving marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units and overall aggregate mark of at least 230. Or marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 1.00 unit and an overall Merit aggregate mark of at least 230.

### **LSE AND SCIENCES Po DOUBLE DEGREE IN URBAN POLICY**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **MSc HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AND URBAN STUDIES (RESEARCH)**

### **MSc LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **MSc REGIONAL AND URBAN PLANNING STUDIES**

### **MSc URBANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Distinction awarded if student achieves marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units and a mark of a Merit grade in a course of 0.5 unit value. Or marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of at least 1.0 and an overall Distinction aggregate marks of at least 260. From 2016/17 MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies students are required to achieve a Distinction aggregate of at least 270.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Merit awarded if student achieves marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units. Or marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit.

### **MSc REAL ESTATE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): A Distinction will be awarded if an overall aggregate mark of 270 or above [an average mark of 67.5% or above] is achieved, if an aggregate mark of below 270 [an average mark of below 67.5%] is achieved then a Merit will be awarded. (NB Half units are weighted).
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): A Merit will be awarded upon achieving marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units. Or marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 1.0 unit.

## **DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

### **MSc COMPARATIVE POLITICS (ALL STREAMS)**

### **MSc CONFLICT STUDIES**

### **MSc GLOBAL POLITICS**

### **MSc GLOBAL POLITICS (GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY) (*WITHDRAWN 16/17*)**

### **MSc POLITICAL THEORY**

### **MSc POLITICAL SCIENCE AND POLITICAL ECONOMY**

### **LSE-PKU DOUBLE DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT**

### **MSc PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **MSc REGULATION**

### **MRes IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- Course critical to assessment: For all programmes except MRes in Political Science - A degree cannot be awarded unless GV499 Dissertation has been passed (LL499 Dissertation for MSc Regulation)
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY

**EXECUTIVE MSc IN EVALUATION OF HEALTH CARE INTERVENTIONS AND OUTCOMES, IN COLLABORATION WITH NICE**

**MSc GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY (*formerly MSc Global Health*)**

**EXECUTIVE MSc HEALTH ECONOMICS, OUTCOMES AND MANAGEMENT IN CARDIOVASCULAR - FOR ALL STUDENTS STARTING BEFORE OR AFTER THE 2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SCIENCES EXECUTIVE MSc HEALTH ECONOMICS, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT LSE-CHICAGO DOUBLE EXECUTIVE MASTER'S IN HEALTH POLICY**

**MSc HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING AND FINANCING**

**MSc HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING AND FINANCING - FOR ALL STUDENTS STARTING IN OR AFTER THE 2018/19 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**MSc HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING AND FINANCING - FOR ALL STUDENTS STARTING IN OR AFTER THE 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL HEALTH POLICY**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL HEALTH POLICY (HEALTH ECONOMICS)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

Students on the following programmes may be eligible for the following exit awards:

**EXECUTIVE MSc HEALTH ECONOMICS, OUTCOMES AND MANAGEMENT IN CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES, EXECUTIVE MSc HEALTH ECONOMICS, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, EXECUTIVE MSc IN EVALUATION OF HEALTH CARE INTERVENTIONS AND OUTCOMES, IN COLLABORATION WITH NICE**

### DIPLOMA

Students may be eligible for the award of a Diploma if, as a result of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, they must leave the programme early or once they have completed the programme if they are not eligible for the award of the degree after either completing all their first attempts or all second attempts at all courses. Students in this position must achieve passing grades (50 and above) in courses to the value of at least 3.0 units to be eligible for the award of Diploma. The Diploma is classified according to the Scheme for the Award of a Diploma. The Diploma is a final exit award with no option to be subsequently awarded the degree.

### CERTIFICATE

Students may be eligible for the award of a Certificate if, as a result of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, they must leave the programme early or once they have completed the programme if they are not eligible for the award of the degree after either completing all their first attempts or all second attempts at all courses. Students in this position must have achieved passing grades (50 and above) in courses to the value of at least 2.0 units to be eligible for the award of Certificate. The Certificate is classified on a Pass/Fail basis only. Higher marks in one course cannot compensate a Fail mark in another course. The award of a Certificate or Diploma is subject to the application of the General Academic Regulations and the Certificate/Diploma regulations and classification schemes. The Certificate is a final exit award with no option to be subsequently awarded the degree.

**See relevant programme regulations for details of progression rules.**



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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**MRes INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MSc AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (*WITHDRAWN 2019/20*)**

**MSc DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

**MSc DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (RESEARCH)**

**MSc DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**MSc HEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY (PREVIOUSLY MSc DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY)**

**MSc POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (*WITHDRAWN 2018/19*)**

- Course critical to assessment:  
MRes International Development: None  
MSc Population and Development: students must pass DV459 to be awarded the degree. The mark in this course does not impact the award of a Distinction.  
From 2017/18 students must achieve a mark of 65 in the following programmes in order to achieve an overall Distinction:  
MSc African Development: DV410 (mark of at least 65)  
MSc Development Management: DV410 (mark of at least 65)  
MSc Development Studies: DV410 (mark of at least 65)  
MSc Health and International Development: DV410 (mark of at least 65)  
MSc International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies: DV410 (mark of at least 65)
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

**MSc EMPIRES, COLONIALISM AND GLOBALISATION (*FORMERLY MSc HISTORY OF EMPIRES*)**

**MA/MSc HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**MSc THEORY AND HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LSE-COLUMBIA**

**UNIVERSITY DOUBLE DEGREE MA IN INTERNATIONAL AND WORLD HISTORY**

**LSE-PEKING UNIVERSITY DOUBLE DEGREE MSc INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless HY499 Dissertation (or HY458 in the case of LSE-Columbia Double MA in International and World History; or HY498 in the case of LSE-PKU Double Degree in International Affairs) has been passed.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula:  
Discretion in Regulation 3.3.2 d), International History will have its own aggregate rule: Distinction+ Distinction+ Merit +Pass = DISTINCTION with an aggregate of 267 or more  
Distinction+ Distinction+ Merit +Pass = MERIT with an aggregate of 266 or less  
Distinction+ Distinction+ Merit +Merit = DISTINCTION (without the need for a minimum aggregate) [N.B. 3.3.2 c) - to the advantage of the student]
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.



## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**MSc INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (RESEARCH)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (RESEARCH)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY**

**LSE-SCIENCES-PO DOUBLE DEGREE IN AFFAIRES INTERNATIONALES**

- Course critical to assessment: Students must obtain a mark in the Merit range or above in the following courses in order to obtain a Distinction overall in the degree:  
MSc International Political Economy: IR485 (formerly IR499)  
MSc International Political Economy (Research) IR485 (formerly IR499) MSc International Relations: IR499  
MSc International Relations (Research): IR486 (formerly IR499)  
MSc International Relations Theory: IR486 (formerly IR499)  
LSE-Sciences-Po Double Degree in Affaires Internationales: IR499.
  - Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
  - Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
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## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

**EXECUTIVE LLM**

**LLM**

**MSc LAW AND ACCOUNTING**

**MSc LAW, ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

- Course critical to assessment: None except non-Executive LLM in order to be awarded an overall Distinction, students must achieve at least a Merit in the dissertation LL4F9 Legal Research and Writing Skills
  - Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
  - Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
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## DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

**MSc EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AND ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR (RESEARCH)**  
**(WITHDRAWN)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**  
**(WITHDRAWN 2015/16)**

**MSc MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES (FORMERLY MSc HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT) (WITHDRAWN 2015/16)**

**MSc ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR (WITHDRAWN 2015/16)**

**MSc HUMAN RESOURCES AND ORGANISATIONS**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless the designated course MG493 (formerly ID499)
- Dissertation or ID496 Dissertation) had been passed.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: Distinction if aggregate > 260
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this

range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: Merit awarded if aggregate > 240

**EXECUTIVE GLOBAL MSC MANAGEMENT (EGMIM)**

**EXECUTIVE MSc SOCIAL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**MSc MANAGEMENT (1 YEAR PROGRAMME – 5 UNIT PROGRAMME)**

**MSc MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND DIGITAL INNOVATION (FORMERLY MSc MANAGEMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND INNOVATION)**

**MSc MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNANCE (*WITHDRAWN 2017/18*)**

**MSc MARKETING**

**MSc MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY**

**MSc PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE (*WITHDRAWN 2017/18*)**

**MSc SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

- Course critical to assessment: None except for: MSc Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation – the overall classification cannot be higher than the result achieved in the designated course MG4D7 Dissertation: MSc MISDI (formerly IS499 or MG4D9); MSc Management, Organisations and Governance - from 2015/16 students must pass MG416 (Dissertation) to be awarded the degree
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

**MSc MANAGEMENT (2 YEAR PROGRAMME) (*WITHDRAWN 17/18*)**

**MSc MANAGEMENT (CEMS MIM) (*WITHDRAWN 17/18*)**

**MSc MANAGEMENT (MIM EXCHANGE) (*WITHDRAWN 17/18*)**

**GLOBAL MSc MANAGEMENT (GMIM)**

**GLOBAL MSc MANAGEMENT (CEMS GMIM)**

**GLOBAL MSc MANAGEMENT (MBA EXCHANGE)**

For students starting the Global MSc Management, Global MSc Management (CEMS MIM) or Global MSc Management (MBA Exchange) programmes from 2017/18, the classification scheme sets out which courses are critical to assessment. Candidates will be awarded the highest classification according to the application of Paragraph 3.3 of the classification scheme depending on the results they have achieved. For all other students please see below:

- Course(s) critical to assessment: From 2015/16, for MSc Management (CEMS MIM), MSc Management (MiM Exchange), Global MSc Management (CEMS MIM) and Global MSc Management (MBA Exchange) students; a degree cannot be awarded unless the MG420 Dissertation and the MG410 Term Abroad courses have been passed. From 2019/20, for Global MSc Management (CEMS MIM) and Global MSc Management (MBA Exchange) students; a degree cannot be awarded unless the MG410 Term Abroad course has been passed.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2 for students starting in or after 2015/16 or 3.4.2 for students starting before 2015/16): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4 for students starting in or after 2015/16 or 3.4.4 for students starting before 2015/16): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

**MSc MANAGEMENT SCIENCE (DECISION SCIENCES) (*SUSPENDED 2019/20, WITHDRAWN 2020/21*)**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless MA425 Project in Operations Research & Analytics (formerly MG4C7) or MA426 Dissertation in Operations Research & Analytics (formerly MG4C9) have been passed and the mark in the course must be Merit or above for an overall classification of Distinction to be awarded.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: 270 for 4 units (540 for 8 half units) and subject to the critical course mark being Merit or above for an overall classification of Distinction.

- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula of 240 for 4 units (480 for 8 half units).

### **MSc ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (FORMERLY MSc IN MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Students with a mark profile of 3.3.2 (c) will be awarded a
- Distinction overall: A Distinction will not be awarded for students with a mark profile of 3.3.2 (d)
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be awarded a Merit degree.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

### **MSc APPLICABLE MATHEMATICS**

### **MSc FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS**

### **MSc OPERATIONAL RESEARCH AND ANALYTICS**

- Course critical to assessment: None except for MSc Operational Research and Analytics; students starting before 2018/19 must pass both MA425 and MA426 in order to be awarded the degree.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Distinction if the student has achieved either an aggregate score of 280 or marks of 80 or above in one unit's worth of MA courses
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: a Merit if they have achieved an aggregate score of 240.

## DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

### **MSc GLOBAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS (WITH FUDAN OR USC OR UCT)**

### **MSc MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **MSc MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **MSc MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS (RESEARCH)**

### **MSc MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS (DATA AND SOCIETY)**

### **MSc MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS (MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE)**

### **MSc POLITICS AND COMMUNICATION**

### **MSc STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless the designated course (MC499 Dissertation: Media and Communications) have been passed. For MSc Media and Communications Research - the designated courses MC499 and either MC4M2 or MC4M8 have been passed.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.  
Exceptionally, for joint degrees students are permitted to resit failed courses where they cannot achieve an LSE or other degree based on a partner institutions' requirements.  
Such additional marks cannot be used to improve an LSE award where this has already been conferred in line with the LSE classification scheme. Such additional marks will not be included on a student's official LSE transcript.

## DEPARTMENT OF METHODOLOGY

### **MSc APPLIED SOCIAL DATA SCIENCE**

- Course critical to assessment: None.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **MSc SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS**

- Course critical to assessment: For students entering from 2013/14 a Fail in either MY421 or MY452 shall result in a drop of one class in the overall award classification where a Distinction or Merit would otherwise have been awarded. It shall have no further impact where a Pass is to be awarded.  
A Fail in courses to the value of 1.0 unit which includes a Fail in MY421 and/or MY452 cannot be compensated under rules 3.2.3(i) or 3.2.3(ii), and shall result in an overall Fail. Where a student has substituted a more advanced course for MY452 and/or MY421, rule 1 shall apply to the substituted course(s) in place of the course(s) they replace. Any such substitution must be approved by both the MSc Programme Director and the Chair of the Sub-Board of Examiners.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: Distinction if aggregate is 270 or higher.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: Merit if aggregate is 240 or higher.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, LOGIC AND SCIENTIFIC METHOD

### **MSc ECONOMICS AND PHILOSOPHY**

- Course critical to assessment: Course PH499 is designated as critical to assessment in determining borderline degree classifications, under 3.3.2 of the Five-unit masters classification scheme.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to another local rule: Distinction if and only if mark in dissertation (PH499)  $\geq 65$
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

### **MSc PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (FORMERLY MSc PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY OF SCIENCE)**

### **MSc PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **MSc PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Overall Distinction classification for students with mark profiles falling into this borderline range will be determined according to the following local rule:
  1. marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.5 units and a mark of a Merit grade in a course of 0.5 unit value will result in a Distinction if and only if the mark in the dissertation (PH499) is at least 65
  2. marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of at least 1.0 unit and an overall aggregate mark of at least 260 will result in a Distinction if and only if the mark in the dissertation (PH499) is at least 65.
 Note: for students that started before 2017/18 the following rules will apply:
  1. marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 3.0 units and 1.0 unit of at least Pass will result in a Distinction if and only if the mark in the dissertation (PH499) is at least 58
  2. marks of a Distinction grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units and marks of a Merit grade in courses to the value of 2.0 units will result in a Distinction if and only if the mark in the dissertation (PH499) is at least 65
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

### **MSc BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE**

### **MSc ORGANISATIONAL AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY**

### **MSc PSYCHOLOGY OF ECONOMIC LIFE**

### **MSc SOCIAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

### **MSc SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless the designated course PB410 Dissertation (formerly PS497) has been passed. (Pre-2012/13 students had to pass PS434).
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined according to the result in a specific course: To achieve a Distinction students must achieve a Distinction in PB410 (formerly PS497) or:

PB402 (formerly PS404) in MSc Organisational and Social Psychology PB403 (formerly PS465) in MSc Psychology of Economic Life PB404 (formerly PS429) in MSc Social and Public Communication  
PB401 (formerly PS400) in MSc Social and Cultural Psychology  
PB410 (formerly PS497) or PB415 (formerly PS467) in MSc Behavioural Science

- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **EXECUTIVE MSc BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE**

- Course critical to assessment: For all students: The degree cannot be awarded unless PB451E (formerly PS471E or SA4M5E) has been passed.
- For students starting in or after 2017/18: For the award of an overall Distinction, students must achieve a high Merit (65 or above) in their dissertation.
- Or, for the award of an overall Merit these students must achieve a high Pass (55 or above) in their dissertation.  
Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2):  
For students starting before 2017/18: Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4):  
For students starting before 2017/18: Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY**

### **EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY**

##### **MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 5.4.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 5.4.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

##### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

##### **MPA DUAL DEGREE**

##### **MPA EUROPEAN POLICY-MAKING (FORMERLY MPA EUROPEAN PUBLIC AND ECONOMIC POLICY) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

##### **MPA EUROPEAN PUBLIC AND ECONOMIC POLICY (WITHDRAWN 2017/18)**

##### **MPA INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

##### **MPA PUBLIC AND ECONOMIC POLICY**

##### **MPA PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **MPA PUBLIC AND SOCIAL POLICY**

##### **MPA SOCIAL IMPACT**

Note: for students starting before 2019/20 the full degree title is determined as one of the MPA headings listed above. For students starting in 19/20 the full degree title shall be determined based on the combination of courses taken over the course of the programme, with a particular specialism noted on the degree certificate and transcript once the programme is complete. For both sets of students the following classification scheme shall be used to calculate the level of award.

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.4.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.4.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL POLICY

**MSc CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY**

**MSc GLOBAL POPULATION HEALTH (FORMERLY MSc HEALTH, POPULATION AND SOCIETY)**  
**(WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY**  
**MSc INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY (DEVELOPMENT)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY (MIGRATION)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY (NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS)**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL & PUBLIC POLICY (RESEARCH)**

**MSc SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

**MSc SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**  
**(FORMERLY MSc NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

**MSc SOCIAL POLICY (EUROPEAN AND COMPARATIVE SOCIAL POLICY) (FORMERLY MSc EUROPEAN SOCIAL POLICY) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

**MSc SOCIAL POLICY (RESEARCH) (WITHDRAWN 2019/20)**

**MSc SOCIAL POLICY (SOCIAL POLICY AND PLANNING) (FORMERLY MSc SOCIAL POLICY AND PLANNING) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

- Course critical to assessment: A pass mark of 50 or above must be achieved in the courses indicated below in order for a student to be eligible for the award of a degree:  
From 2015/16 to 2017/18 MSc Social Policy and Development: SA472 Dissertation.  
From 2015/16 to 2017/18 MSc Social Policy and Development: Non-Governmental Organisations: SA470 Dissertation. For 2018/19 MSc Social Policy (Research): SA47R Dissertation.  
MSc International Social & Public Policy (all streams): SP499 (formerly SA470) Dissertation.  
MSc Criminal Justice Policy: SP498 (formerly SA465) Dissertation.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

**MSc CITY DESIGN AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**MSc CULTURE AND SOCIETY**

**MSc ECONOMY, RISK AND SOCIETY**

**MSc HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICS**

**MSc INEQUALITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**MSc INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**MSc POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**MSc SOCIOLOGY**

**MSc SOCIOLOGY (CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THOUGHT) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

**MSc SOCIOLOGY (RESEARCH) (WITHDRAWN 2018/19)**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless the following designated course has been passed in each respective programme:  
MSc City Design and Social Science = Course critical to assessment: For students registered in or before 2016/17: None



- For students registered in or after 2017/18: Must pass SO449 in order to be awarded the degree.  
MSc Culture and Society = SO493  
MSc Economy, Risk and Society = SO495 MSc Human Rights and Politics = SO4B2 MSc Inequalities and Social Science = SO497  
MSc International Migration and Public Policy = SO499 MSc Political Sociology = SO494  
MSc Sociology = SO499  
MSc Sociology (Contemporary Social Thought) = SO499  
MSc Sociology (Research) = SO499
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.

## **MSc HUMAN RIGHTS**

- Course critical to assessment: A degree cannot be awarded unless the designated course SO424 has been passed.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined according to an aggregate formula: to be awarded a Distinction students must gain an aggregate of 260.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: to be awarded a Merit at both 3.3.4 (h) and 3.3.4 (i) students must gain an aggregate of 235 and achieve at least 55% in both SO424 Approaches to Human Rights and SO496 The Dissertation.

## **EXECUTIVE MSc CITIES**

- Course critical to assessment: Students must also achieve a Pass mark or higher in SO4A7E (formerly SO4A7) in order for an MSc to be awarded.
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will always be determined to the advantage of the student.
- Students starting the programme in 2018/19 may be eligible for the following exit awards as follows: Diploma Students may be eligible for the award of a Diploma if, as a result of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, they must leave the programme early or once they have completed the programme if they are not eligible for the award of the degree after either completing all their first attempts or all second attempts at all courses. Students in this position must achieve passing grades (50 and above) in courses to the value of at least 3.0 units to be eligible for the award of Diploma. The Diploma is classified according to the Scheme for the Award of a Diploma. The Diploma is a final exit award with no option to be subsequently awarded the degree of Executive MSc in Cities.
- Certificate Students may be eligible for the award of a Certificate if, as a result of exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, they must leave the programme early or once they have completed the programme if they are not eligible for the award of the degree after either completing all their first attempts or all second attempts at all courses. Students in this position must have achieved passing grades (50 and above) in courses to the value of at least 2.0 units to be eligible for the award of Certificate. The Certificate is classified on a Pass/Fail basis only. Higher marks in one course cannot compensate a Fail mark in another course. The award of a Certificate or Diploma is subject to the application of the General Academic Regulations and the Certificate/Diploma regulations and classification schemes. The Certificate is a final exit award with no option to be subsequently awarded the degree of Executive MSc in Cities.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS**

### **MSc DATA SCIENCE**

### **LSE-FUDAN DOUBLE MASTER'S IN FINANCIAL STATISTICS AND CHINESE ECONOMY**

### **MSc QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT (FORMERLY MSc RISK AND STOCHASTICS)**

### **MSc STATISTICS**

### **MSc STATISTICS (RESEARCH)**

### **MSc STATISTICS (FINANCIAL STATISTICS)**





**MSc STATISTICS (FINANCIAL STATISTICS) (RESEARCH)**

**MSc STATISTICS (SOCIAL STATISTICS)**

**MSc STATISTICS (SOCIAL STATISTICS) (RESEARCH)**

- Course critical to assessment: None
- Distinction/Merit borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.2): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: for a Distinction the aggregate must be 270.
- Merit/Pass borderline (scheme paragraph 3.3.4): Classification for students with mark profiles falling into this range will be determined according to an aggregate formula: for a Merit the aggregate must be 240.