3.4 DEGREE CLASSIFICATION (Fourth Year Students only)

All students who commenced their studies before September 2012 (and have not interrupted, repeated a year or transferred from a different School) will be subject to the Undergraduate Degree Regulations given in Appendix C of this Handbook. These rules are described briefly in Section 3.4 of this Handbook. In the academic year 2014-2015, they will only apply to Fourth Year students in the School of Mathematics.

Marking Scheme for Examined Course Units (Lecture Courses)

Examination papers and assessed coursework are graded by the examiners into categories which relate to those used for final degree classification i.e. 1st, 2.1, 2.2, 3rd. A _notional_ guide to the standard required is that the average mark lies in the band stated below.

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<th>Percentage Range</th>
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<td>70% and over</td>
<td>First class honours (1st)</td>
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<td>60% - 69%</td>
<td>upper second class honours (2.1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>50% - 59%</td>
<td>lower second class honours (2.2)</td>
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<td>40% - 49%</td>
<td>third class honours (3rd)</td>
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<tr>
<td>30% - 39%</td>
<td>compensatable fail</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 30%</td>
<td>Non-compensatable fail</td>
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The examiners use their professional judgement to scale the raw marks achieved for each unit of assessment (usually an examination paper plus coursework; sometimes a unit of assessment consists of an examination paper only or coursework only).

The marks attained in the First Year do not count towards the final degree classification.

The overall mark for degree classification is a weighted average of the overall marks for each year of the programme in the following proportions:

For the MMath programmes:

Year 1 : Year 2 : Year 3 : Year 4 = 0 : 1 : 2 : 2.

For the three-year BSc programmes:

Year 1 : Year 2 : Year 3 = 0 : 1 : 2.

For the BSc programme in Mathematics with a Modern Language:

Year 1 : Year 2 : Year 3 : Year 4 = 0 : 1 : 0 : 2.

A student who obtains an overall mark in the range required for class 1, 2.1 or 2.2 and obtains at least two-thirds of the credits for the final year with a mark not less than 40.0%
will be awarded that class of degree. A student who obtains an overall mark in the range required for class 3 and obtains at least half of the credits for the final year with a mark not less than 40.0% will be awarded that class of degree. Full details of the method used to determine your degree classification are given in Paragraphs 32 to 40 of the Regulations for Undergraduate Awards, reproduced in Appendix C of this Handbook. (With reference to Paragraph 37 of Appendix C, note that the School of Mathematics uses Method B.)

Students are not normally permitted to repeat the Fourth Year.

**Note that there are no resits for Fourth Year students.**

If you miss an examination, then you should submit electronically a School of Mathematics Mitigating Circumstances Form, obtainable from the School’s website:

http://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/information-for-current-students/student-support/mitigating-circumstances/

You should also provide independent documentary evidence (such as a medical note) to support your case, whenever possible. (See Section 5.8 of this Handbook for further information about sickness and absence.) Further information about missing examinations can be found at the website:

http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/crucial-guide/academic-life/exams/missing-examinations/

### 3.5 ACADEMIC MALPRACTICE  
**(PLAGIARISM, COLLUSION AND FABRICATION)**

**Introduction**

1. As a student, you are expected to cooperate in the learning process throughout your programme of study by completing assignments of various kinds that are the product of your own study or research. For most students this does not present a problem, but occasionally, whether unwittingly or otherwise, a student may commit what is known as plagiarism or some other form of academic malpractice when carrying out an assignment. This may come about because students have been used to different conventions in their prior educational experience or through general ignorance of what is expected of them.

2. This guidance is designed to help you understand what we regard as academic malpractice and hence to help you to avoid committing it. You should read it carefully, because academic malpractice is regarded as a serious offence and students found to have committed it will be penalized. At the very least a mark of only 30% would be awarded for the piece of work in question, but it could be worse; you could be awarded zero (with or without loss of credits), fail the whole unit, be demoted to a lower class of degree, or be excluded from the programme.