

Marking Sheet - Honours Dissertation

First Marker



Student:.....

Title of Dissertation:.....

Name of First Marker:.....

***Refer to course grade descriptors for marking guidance**

Assessment Criteria	Comments	*Mark Awarded %
<p>Practical work including the Plan and the use of literature: Does the student have a clear idea of the aims/objectives and is there a realistic assessment of success? Has the experimental design and the data analysis been considered <i>a priori</i>? Is the work framed in the context of a testable hypothesis? Is the student aware of the literature which provides the context for the work? Is the literature reviewed and used coherently with critical comment of previously published work?</p> <p>Is the amount of work reported in the dissertation appropriate for the time available? Was the student diligent in the pursuit of his/her research? Were there any particular problems which were overcome or have manifestly affected the success of the project? How much supervision was necessary?</p>		
<p>Methods and Results: Are the methods of data collection and analysis appropriate, including numerical and statistical techniques? If calculations have been made, are they correct? If a computer package has been used, was it used with discretion and appropriately?</p> <p>Are the data displayed in a way which makes the results clear? Are the results adequately described in the text in such a way as to suggest the student has understood their value?</p>		
<p>Discussion and Conclusions: Did the student achieve the stated aims? Is there a sense that the student actually solved the problem, added to the body of scientific knowledge or achieved something worthwhile? Are the results placed in the wider context of similar, published research? Are there any suggestions for how the work could be improved or extended? Did the student demonstrate imagination over and above routine skill and competence? Did the student stick closely to the prescribed methodology or develop new methods? Does the student display innovation and imaginative insight?</p>		
<p>Presentation of Dissertation: Is there a logical succession of chapters? Are figures and tables presented appropriately, <i>i.e.</i> with proper titles, legends and axis labels? Have S.I. units been used throughout? Would it be clear to someone unconnected with this work exactly what the student did? Has the thesis been carefully produced and is it free of errors? Are the in-text citations and the reference list complete and correct?</p>		

General summing-up of dissertation:

Specific information that should be drawn to the attention of the External Examiner:

First and second markers should mark the dissertation independently using the assessment criteria overleaf. The criteria are guidelines - they are not simply a 'check-list' against which markers can tick off an activity or achievement. Markers should use the comments box as fully as possible. Each marker should first give an overall mark for the dissertation and then allocate marks to the four sections. After the independent marking, the two markers should meet to agree one final set of marks for the dissertation and these marks are to be entered in the Table on the marking sheet of the first marker, along with an explanation of how agreement was reached. The final marks should not be the result simply of averaging the two sets but should be the result of a consensus between the two markers. In cases where it is impossible to resolve differences between the markers, the Convener of the appropriate Honours School or his/her delegated representative shall be asked to make a third independent assessment. All three markers must then arrive at one final set of marks and explain below how agreement was reached.

Commentary on how the agreed marks were reached by the first and second markers:
[If agreement was not reached and a third marker used, state the name of the third marker and explain how the agreed marks below were reached]

AGREED MARKS FOR DISSERTATION (%)

	Practical	Methods & Results	Discussion & Conclusions	Dissertation Presentation	Oral Presentation
Agreed Grade					
Points	10	10	10	5	5