

DLI GRADING SCHEMA

Section 1 - Grading Schema

- (1) The following grading schema will be used for module assessment in DLI Higher Education Programs:

Notation	Grade / Enrolment status indicator	Percentage (when marks are used in determining the final result, the percentage mark will be)
HD	High Distinction	80.0 – 100.0%
D	Distinction	70.0 – 79.9%
C	Credit	60.0 – 69.9%
P	Pass	50 – 59.9%
N	Fail	0 – 49.9%
UP	Ungraded pass	used when pass or fail are the only possible outcomes for the module.
UN	Ungraded fail	used when pass or fail are the only possible outcomes for the module.
PC	Pass conceded	a grade that may be awarded by the relevant DLI Academic Progress Committee for one module in any program to enable a student to satisfy the requirements of the program in which they are enrolled, provided that the student has achieved a minimum of 45% in the module and satisfied any other requirements as specified in DLI procedure.
XN	Fail	not assessed. For those students who did not submit any of the required assessment.
WN	Fail	withdrawn after deadline for withdrawing: academic penalty incurred (default zero mark).
SAE	Assessment pending	supplementary assessment task (end-of-module assessment or examination) awarded by the Academic Progress Committee.
SAA	Assessment pending	supplementary assessment task awarded by the Academic Progress Committee.
RI	Result not finalised	should only be used where it is not possible to finalise an individual student's result at the time of submission of results.
RIR	Assessment pending	reassessment awarded by the Examination Board (student is eligible for reassessment of an assessment task to support their academic progression)
RIA	Assessment pending	special assessment task granted in response to application for special consideration (outcome 4).
RIE	Assessment pending	special assessment task (end-of-module assessment or examination) granted in response to application for special consideration (outcome 3).
RP	Result not applicable	for a module that commences in one academic year and is completed in another academic year or for linked modules that are studied concurrently or in subsequent trimesters.
RW	Result withheld	
XA	Not to be assessed yet	should only be used where it is not possible to finalise results for all students in a module at the time of submission of results due to the particular requirements of the module.
WE	Withdrawn	by relevant census date.
WL	Withdrawn	without academic penalty.
WR	Withdrawn	debt remission without academic penalty.

Section 2 - Classification

Lancaster University Award Classification

- (2) Each program will have final award criteria detailed and approved through the Lancaster University programs approval process. The DLI Examination Board will determine whether a student has successfully met the final award criteria.
- (3) In order to qualify for the overall award, students must have attained in full the minimum credit requirement for the program (including credit for failed modules which have been awarded pass conceded), and achieved an overall average score of at least 50.00%.
- (4) Where awards are classified the overall mean for the program should be computed from the module aggregation scores in proportion with the approved credit weightings for each module. This overall mean score should be expressed to one decimal place and be used to determine the class of degree to be awarded in accordance with the class boundaries as defined below.
- (5) There will be four classes of honours: first, upper second, lower second and third. A student who is not placed in one of the four classes will not be eligible for the award of an honours degree. This will not prevent the award of an unclassified honours degree within the terms of Lancaster University's regulations. Where the mean overall aggregation score falls within one of the following ranges, the examining bodies will recommend the award stated:

80.0 to 100	first class honours
70.0 to 79.4	upper second class honours
60.0 to 69.4	lower second class honours
50.0 to 59.4	third class honours
00.0 to 49.4	fail

- (6) Where the mean overall aggregation score falls within one of the 'borderline' ranges defined below:

77.0 to 79.4	either first or upper second class honours
67.0 to 69.4	either upper or lower second class honours
57.0 to 59.4	either lower second or third class honours
47.0 to 49.4	either pass degree or fail

The DLI Examination Board will apply the following rubric for deciding the degree class to be recommended.

- a) For all students, where a student falls into a borderline then the higher award should be given where:
 - i. half or more of the credits from year 2 and year 3 are in the higher class; or
 - ii. the final year average is in the higher class.
- b) Borderline students not meeting either of the criteria described in (a) above would normally be awarded the lower class of degree unless (c) applies.
- c) That for all students, borderline or not, DLI Examination Boards should continue to make a special case to the Lancaster University Committee of Senate via the Classification and Assessment Review Board for any student where the class of degree recommended by the

Board deviates from that derived from a strict application of the terms of this document. Such cases would be based around circumstances pertaining to individual students where these circumstances have not already been taken into account.

- (7) Academic judgement does not constitute grounds for appeal; however, students who wish to challenge the process may do so under Student Appeals (DLI) policy.

Deakin University Award Classifications

- (8) Students who satisfy the requirements of a DLI dual award will be awarded the Deakin University Bachelor Degree with distinction where they:
- a) achieve or exceed a weighted average mark (WAM) of 70% across the 210 credit points that contribute to the Deakin University award program, and
 - b) complete a minimum of 240 credits at DLI.
- (9) Combined courses are treated as separate courses for this purpose

Section 3 - Calculation of the Weighted Average Mark

Deakin University Weighted Average Mark

- (10) The Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for a program is calculated as the sum of (number of credit points for module x mark for module)/ total number of credit points.
- (11) For the purposes of the WAM calculation:
- a) Only modules studied by a student at DLI are included. This excludes modules completed at another institution under a cross-institutional study arrangement for which credit towards a DLI program has been granted.
 - b) Modules are included where any of the following grades are achieved: HD, D, C, P, N, PC, XN, WN.
- (12) The following marks are used for the purposes of the calculation:
- a) HD, D, C, P and N grades will use the assigned mark
 - b) PC grades will use 50
 - c) XN and WN grades will use 0.
- (13) The calculation of the WAM for a program that is a component of a dual program only includes the modules that are undertaken as part of that component program where any of the following grades are achieved: HD, D, C, P, N, PC, XN, WN.
- (14) For DLI dual awards consisting of 420 credits, the WAM is based on a 210/210 credit split.
- (15) The calculation of the WAM for the Deakin University award in the dual degree DLI programs only includes:
- a) modules where the following grades are achieved: HD, D, C, P, N, PC, XN, WN; and
 - b) the 14 Deakin University modules (210 credits) undertaken as part of the dual award.