End of Programme Transcript Notes (from 1 September 2026)

Recommended Awards

The award of Pass, Merit and Distinction at Undergraduate Level may be made for the following:
Certificate of Higher Education
Diploma of Higher Education
Ordinary Degree
Foundation Degree
Graduate Diploma

Classification of Degrees with Honours are:
First Class (also known as a 1st)
Second Class, Upper Division (also known as a 2 1)
Second Class, Lower Division (also known as a 2 2)
Third Class (also known as a 3rd)

The award of Pass, Merit and Distinction at Postgraduate Level may be made for the following:
Postgraduate Certificate
Postgraduate Diploma
Taught Masters Degree
Integrated Masters Degree

Levels

The level refers to the level of achievement expected for all students gaining an award as described in the Framework of Higher Education Qualifications (or FHEQ).

Standard Mark and Classification Schemes

Foundation Degree
70 to 100 is a Distinction
60 to 69 is a Merit
40 to 59 is a Pass
0 to 39 is a Fail

Undergraduate Awards
70 to 100 is a First Class (also known as a 1st)
60 to 69 is a Second Class, Upper Division (also known as a 2 1)
50 to 59 is a Second Class, Lower Division (also known as a 2 2)
40 to 49 is a Third Class (also known as a 3rd)
0 to 39 is a Fail

Postgraduate Awards
70 to 100 is a Distinction
60 to 69 is a Merit
50 to 59 is a Pass
0 to 49 is a Fail

The standard scheme may not apply for those students studying at Collaborative Partner Institutions. The above standard scheme applies to the majority of courses. However, some courses may have an approved exemption to the University's standard pass threshold mark and apply a different pass threshold. Please consult your administration team for further information.

Modules taken at Edith Cowan University were marked under a different grading scheme but were then converted to the University of Portsmouth grade scheme before the award was issued.

Pass / Fail Modules

Pass / Fail modules will be identified by the suffix of an * against the module code. Where 'Pass' is indicated under "Decision" the student has met the learning outcomes of the module, therefore no percentage mark or grade is awarded.

Decisions

Pass means the learning outcomes of the module have been met
Passed after Referral means did not pass the module at the first attempt but has passed after submission of a second attempt
Passed after Repeat means did not pass the module at the first attempt but has subsequently passed
Compensated Pass means did not meet the learning outcomes through assessment but judged to have met the standard of the award due to strength of overall performance at this level of study.

Recognition of Prior Learning (or RPL) Module

No mark, grade or decision is displayed for modules marked as "RPL". RPL means that the student has met the necessary learning outcomes as a result of previous study or relevant experience.

Credits

The European Credit Transfer System (or ECTS) compares credit values for students studying at institutions in other European Union countries.

Additional Modules
Modules that have been passed but are not included in the award calculation are listed separately on the transcript and are not included in the credits gained for award total but will show in the Total Credits Gained.

You have reached the end of the End of Programme Transcript Notes.