UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE

NEW ASSESSMENT SCALES – SESSION 2005/06

1. With effect from the start of session 2005/06 the University will introduce a new alpha-numeric assessment scale to replace the previous percentage scale as part of its new assessment policy for all taught programmes.

2. The new scale is reproduced below and applies to all modules which were graded previously in percentages. This scale will be used for reporting grades to students via SITS and will be used on all official University transcripts.

Alpha-Numeric Reporting Scale

Reporting Scale	**Descriptor**	**Honours class (where appropriate)**	**Berry College Equivalent**
A1 A2 A3	Excellent	1st	A
B1 B2 B3	Very good	2(i)	A- B+ B
C1 C2 C3	Good	2(ii)	B B- C+
D1 D2 D3	Satisfactory	3	C C- C-
MF	Marginal fail	Marginal fail	
CF	Clear fail	Clear fail	
BF	Bad fail	Bad fail	
***Note**	see below	see below	

*** Note:** relevant descriptor selected from CA (Certified Absence), AB (Unauthorised Absence), MC (Medical Certificate), WD (Withdrawn), DC (Discounted), ST (Stopped)

3. The alpha-numeric reporting scale will be associated with an aggregation scale, reproduced below, which will be used to aggregate elements of assessment together to obtain an overall module grade and will also be used in the Honours classification process.

Aggregation Scale

Reporting Scale	**Descriptor**	**Honours class**	**Aggregation Scale**

A1 A2 A3	Excellent	1st	21 20 19
B1 B2 B3	Very good	2(i)	18 17 16
C1 C2 C3	Good	2(ii)	15 14 13
D1 D2 D3	Satisfactory	3	12 11 10
MF	Marginal fail	Marginal fail	8
CF	Clear fail	Clear fail	5
BF	Bad fail	Bad fail	2
***Note**	see below	see below	0

* **Note:** relevant descriptor selected from CA (Certified Absence), AB (Unauthorised Absence), MC (Medical Certificate), WD (Withdrawn), DC (Discounted), ST (Stopped)

4. The Honours classification spectrum has been amended to reflect the new reporting and aggregation scales. It can be found at http://www.somis.dundee.ac.uk/academic/spectrum.rtf

5. For those Faculties and Departments which classify Honours degrees on the basis of more than one year's assessments a 'translation' scale has been provided which converts the previous percentage-based method to the new alpha-numeric scale.

Translation Scale

	A1	77-79)	
1st	A2	73-76)	**Note** *
	A3	70-72)	
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	B1	67-69	
2/1	B2	63-66	
	B3	60-62	
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	C1	57-59	
2/2	C2	53-56	
	C3	50-52	
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	D1	47-49	
3rd	D2	43-46	
	D3	40-42	

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MF	35-39
CF	20-34
BF	0-19
N	No attempt

* **Note**: this particular element of the scale relates to those disciplines which commonly use an attenuated percentage scale for 1st class marks. Those disciplines that use the full available mark range from 70 – 100 for 1st class work will need to establish their own translation scale for the three new bands of 1st class performance.

6. The full assessment policy for taught provision can be found at http://www.somis.dundee.ac.uk/academic/assesspolicy.htm Any queries should be directed to the relevant Faculty Office in the first instance.

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