

Marginal Fail Compensation

If you receive a grade within the range 35%-39% in a module, you may qualify for Marginal Fail Compensation. This applies to your results from this semester onwards.

Marginal Fail compensation means that a student who has failed to attain the pass mark (40%) in a module may pass the examined module by compensation. Compensation rules will be applied automatically where a student meets the criteria specified. The mark is noted with a 'P', example '36P'. The GPA is not altered.

This criteria which applies to marginal fail compensation is:

1. You must have been assessed in all modules of the stage.
2. No module in the stage/semester has been failed outright (below 35%).
3. Compensation is applied only to modules up to a one third of the credits in the stage.
i.e. 20 credits in a 60-credit stage; 10 credits in a 30-credit semester; or, 5 credits in a 25-credit semester
4. Double the deficiency is available from the remaining passed modules. This is credit weighted.
5. Your results of all modules in the stage/semester are from your first attempt.
6. In the case of full-time candidates, the results are from the same assessment session (eg. Semester 2 April/May)

Here you will find several scenarios which you may use to help you understand how the Marginal Fail Compensations criteria might be applied to a student's grades for Semester 2

Scenario 1

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6	Academic Standing
Credit Weighting	5	5	5	5	5	5	30 ECTS
Joseph Smyth	82	65	76	35	42	59	Exemptions Granted
Joseph Smyth Grades on Transcript of Results	82	65	76	35P	42	59	Pass

- The student is deficient by 5% in Module 4 and requires double this deficiency (10%) to receive marginal fail compensation.
- Module 4 is changed to 35P (pass by compensation) assuming there are no failed elements eg. insufficient attendance at practical classes. Surplus of 10% is available from the other modules.
- Academic standing is now Pass

Scenario 2:

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6	Academic Standing
Credit Weighting	5	5	5	5	5	5	30 ECTS
Jane Bloggs	40	40	40	46	42	35	Exemptions Granted

- The student is deficient by 4% in Module 6 and requires double this deficiency (8%) to receive marginal fail compensation.
- Compensation cannot happen as 'double the difference' marks are not available (8% over the other 5 passed modules are required).

Scenario 3:

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6	
Credit Weighting	5	5	5	5	5	5	30 ECTS
Sarah Setter	32	56	55	52	45	65	Exemptions granted

- The student has not passed module 1.
- Compensation cannot happen as the module mark is below 35%.

Scenario 4

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6	Academic Standing
Credit Weighting	5	5	5	5	5	5	30 ECTS
Harry Hatter	50	45	39	46	52	37	Exemptions Granted
Harry Hatter Grades on Transcript of Results	50	45	40	46	52	37P	Pass

- The student is deficient by 1% in Module 3 and by 3% in Module 6 and requires double this deficiency (6%) to receive marginal fail compensation.
- Module 3 is automatically raised to 40% as per regulations
- Module 6 is changed to 37P (pass by compensation) assuming there are no failed elements eg. insufficient attendance at practical classes. Surplus of 6% is available from the other modules.
- Academic standing is now Pass

Scenario 5

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 6	Academic Standing
Credit Weighting	5	5	5	5	10	30 ECTS
Harry Hatter	50	45	40	46	37	Exemptions Granted
Harry Hatter Grades on Transcript of Results	50	45	40	46	37P	Pass

- The student is deficient by 3% in Module 5 and requires double this deficiency (6%) to receive marginal fail compensation.
- This module is weighted at 10 credits therefore a surplus of 12% is required from the other 5 credit modules.
- Module 5 is changed to 37P (pass by compensation) A weighted surplus of 6% is available from the other modules
- Academic standing is now Pass