

Marks and Standards: Third Year

Grading System

Marks awarded for individual modules are divided into the following grades:

- First Class Honours: 70% and higher
- Second Class Honours Grade I: 60-69%
- Second Class Honours Grade II: 50-59%
- Third Class Honours: 45-49%
- Pass 40-44%
- Fail < 40%
- Non-compensatable fail < 35%

You should refer to the Maynooth University Marks and Standards document for full information.

To pass Geography as a subject, you must:

- Obtain 40% on aggregate in the subject (all grades obtained in modules divided by number of modules)
- Have marks of 40% or higher for at least half of credits taken
- Not have below 35% in any module

The default compensation mark on a module is 35%. That means that if you get a module mark of under 35%, in principle you cannot pass the module 'by compensation' and must repeat it or substitute another module.

Composition of the final mark in your degree

The final mark in your degree is calculated from a combination of annual marks obtained in second and final year. Third year contributes 70% of the final mark, as shown in the table below.

Three year degree		Three year degree with study abroad	
Second year	30%	Second year	30%
Final year	70%	Study abroad	Excluded
		Final year	70%

For the full regulations see the [University Marks and Standards](#) and the [guide for students](#). For more information in relation to Geography, see the document on [Grade Related Criteria for Second and Third Years](#).

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