

Marks and Standards: First 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%
- Not passed < 40%
- Non-compensable fail < 35%

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

When do I find out my grades for First Year Geography?

The Exams Office will share [Indicative \(provisional\) Results](#) for First Semester modules during the second semester via Student Web. A few days later, you will have an opportunity to discuss specific queries with an academic staff member within the Department.

All grades are officially confirmed by university examination boards and results are released sometime in late-June /early-July. Again, a few days later, you will have another opportunity to consult a designated member of the academic staff.

After the university examination boards have confirmed the results, you can access your results via the university webpage – choose “[Student Web Services](#),” type in your username and password, choose “Student Enquiry,” choose “Exam Results.” The University’s examination policies are managed by the Examinations Office and on their [webpage](#) you can find out about appeals procedures and other related matters.

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What do I need to pass First Year Geography?

A subject mark for Geography is calculated each year. This is the credit weighted average mark in the modules you take in Geography. The possible outcomes are:

Passed: If you pass all the modules you take in Geography, you pass the subject.

Passed by compensation: You may pass Geography by [compensation](#) if:

- a. Your overall mark for Geography is at or over the pass mark (normally 40%).
- b. No Geography module has a mark below 35%.
- c. At least half of the credits you took in Geography have marks of 40% or above.

Incomplete/Not passed: If you do not meet the requirements to pass, or pass by compensation, you are not allowed to progress in Geography.

What happens if I don't pass First Year Geography?

If you don't pass First Geography, you may be able to progress to second year with a deficit. In order to carry a deficit, you need

- An average mark of 40 (39.1%) for First Year Geography
- To have passed 15 credits in Geography (including modules that are passed by compensation)
This effectively limits this option to students who have done either 22.5 credits or 30 credits.
- To have passed at least half your modules (not including modules that are passed by compensation)

Deficits will be allowed to be carried for all First-Year modules - i.e. there will be no special rules for individual modules. You can make up a deficit by *either* retaking the module that students failed in First Year, *or* an extra Second Year module(s) to the same credit weighting (7.5 credits).

Even if a decision is made in June to allow a student to carry a deficit into the following academic, we strongly advise students to re-sit the failed module in the Autumn in order to avoid the extra pressure/expense of taking on an extra module in the following year.

Students who are carrying a deficit at the start of the following academic year should make an appointment with the Head of Department to discuss the implications of this and to plot a way forward as regards timetable pressures and other concerns.

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Supplemental Assessment - August

If you do not pass a module during standard year, you will have an opportunity to register for [Supplemental Assessments](#) which happen in August. While the Department of Geography do not cap marks for resits, not all elements of the modules will be available for resits. Check course outlines and Moodle pages for details.

For the full regulations see the [University Marks and Standards](#) and the [Guide for Students](#).

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