

Marks and Standards: Second 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

Compensation and progression beyond Second Year

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 if repeating in the following year). If you do not meet the required progression standard but are within the compensation parameters, you may be rated as “restricted” and allowed to progress, if the subjects to be continued with have been passed, and any other subject-specific progression requirements have been met.

A “restricted deficit” rating will be given where:

- The modules with marks below 35% amount to no more than 5 credits;
- The weighted average mark in the remaining modules, excluding the deficit modules, is over 40%;
- At least half of the credits taken in the period have marks of 40% or above.

The missing credits must be secured in third year by taking additional modules.

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Composition of the final mark in your degree**Second year is important!**

The final mark in your degree is calculated from a combination of annual marks obtained in second and final year. **Second year contributes 30% 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%

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](#). For more information in relation to Geography, see the document on Grade Related Criteria for Second and Third Years.

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