

St Andrews Grading System for Taught Postgraduates from 2005/6

The following Grade Scale for assessing the taught element has been adopted:-

16.50 or above	Distinction
13.50 to 16.49	Automatic progression to dissertation
12.00 to 13.49	Discretionary progression to dissertation
5.00 to 11.99	Award Postgraduate Diploma
0 to 4.99	Fail

A twenty point scale is also used for assessing the M.Litt./M.Res./M.Sc. dissertation. The dissertation has a weight of one-third in the overall assessment of the M.Litt./M.Res./M.Sc.

There are two requirements for the award of the M.Litt./M.Res./M.Sc.: -

- i) Students must achieve a combined mean of 12.00 or more in the taught element of the programme to secure progression to dissertation;

AND

- ii) The grade achieved in the dissertation itself must be 13.5 or more.

The examiners may recommend that the M.Litt./M.Res./M.Sc. be awarded with a distinction. They may also recommend that a distinction be awarded in coursework alone or in the dissertation alone.

A distinction overall is awarded only if both coursework and dissertation have achieved the level required for the distinction in each. The grade required for a distinction in the dissertation is 16.5, the same as that required for a distinction in coursework.