

St Andrews Grading System for Postgraduates

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

5 – 20	Graduate Diploma
17 – 20	Distinction
14 – 20	Right of Progression to M. Litt./M.Res./M.Sc.
12 – 13	Discretionary Progression to M.Litt./M.Res./M.Sc.
1 – 4	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) The overall grade achieved in taught element and dissertation combined must be 14 or more

AND

- (ii) The grade achieved in the Dissertation itself must be 14 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 17, the same as that required for a distinction in coursework.