

SCHEDULE A: GRADING SCHEMA FOR ASSESSMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES AND

CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE MARK (approved by Academic Board on 15 December 2020 and applies to all grading of assessment in higher education courses for all study periods that commence on or after 1 January 2021)

This schedule is made pursuant to the [Assessment \(Higher Education Courses\) procedure](#).

Grading Schema for Assessment in Higher Education Courses

Result grades, enrolment status indicators and percentage marks for units of study		
Notation	Grade / Enrolment status indicator	Percentage (When marks are used in determining the final result, the percentage mark will be)
HD	High Distinction	80% and over
D	Distinction	70% – 79%
C	Credit	60% – 69%
P	Pass	50% – 59%
N	Fail	below 50%
UP	Ungraded pass (used when pass or fail are the only possible outcomes for the unit)	
UN	Ungraded fail (used when pass or fail are the only possible outcomes for the unit)	
PC	Pass conceded (a grade that may be awarded by the relevant Faculty Committee for one unit in any course to enable a student to satisfy the requirements of the course in which they are enrolled, provided that the student has achieved a minimum of 45% in the unit and satisfied any other requirements as specified in the Assessment (Higher Education Courses) procedure)	
EP	External Institution pass (used when a student obtains a pass or a higher grade in a unit completed at another institution under a cross-institutional enrolment arrangement)	
EN	External Institution fail (used when a student obtains fail grade in a unit completed at another institution under a cross-institutional enrolment arrangement)	
XN	Fail (not assessed) (for those students who did not submit any of the required assessment)	
WN	Fail (withdrawn after deadline for withdrawing: academic penalty incurred) (default zero mark)	
SAE	Assessment pending (supplementary assessment task (examination) awarded by the relevant Faculty Committee)	
SAA	Assessment pending, supplementary assessment task awarded by the relevant Faculty Committee	
RI	Result not finalised (should only be used where it is not possible to finalise an individual student's result at the time of submission of results)	
RIA	Assessment pending (special assessment task granted in response to application for special consideration) (outcome 4)	
RIC	Result incomplete (in 2021 practicum unit due to COVID-19 related restrictions)	
RIE	Assessment pending (special assessment task (examination) granted in response to application for special consideration) (outcome 3)	
RP	Result not applicable (for a unit that commences in one academic year and is completed in another academic year or for linked units that are studied concurrently or in subsequent)	
RW	Result withheld	
XA	Not to be assessed yet (should only be used where it is not possible to finalise results for all students in a unit at the time of submission of results due to the particular requirements of the unit)	

WE	Withdrawn by relevant census date
WL	Withdrawn without academic penalty
WR	Withdrawn, debt remission without academic penalty

Grades for honours units and courses		
Abbreviation	Grade	Percentage
H1	First Class Honours	80% and over
H2A	Second Class Honours Division A	70 – 79%
H2B	Second Class Honours Division B	60 – 69%
H3	Third Class Honours	50 – 59%

Calculation of the Weighted Average Mark

The Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for a course is calculated as follows:

Sum of (number of credit points for unit x mark for unit)/ total number of credit points.

For the purposes of the calculation:

- Only units studied by a student at Deakin University will be included. This excludes units completed at another institutions under a cross-institutional study arrangement or for which credit towards a Deakin course has been granted.
- Units will be included where any of the following grades are achieved: HD, D, C, P, N, PC, XN, WN.
- The following marks will be used for the purposes of the calculation:

Grade	Mark used
HD, D, C, P and N	Assigned mark
PC	50
XN and WN	0

For Combined courses:

The calculation of the WAM for a course that is a component of a combined or dual course only includes the units¹ that are undertaken as part of that component course. For example, for a combined Bachelor of A/Bachelor of B consisting of 32 credit points in total, the calculation of the WAM for course A will include the units² (16 credit points) that are undertaken as part of course A and the calculation of the WAM for course B will include the units² (16 credit points) that are undertaken as part of Course B.

For combined courses which consist of 40 credit points in total the calculation would be based on a 16/24 split.

There may be some variations to the 16/16 or 16/24 splits depending on the combined course structure as outlined in relevant accreditation documents.

¹ Units will be included in calculations where any of the following grades are achieved: HD, D, C, P, N, PC, XN, WN.