

Academic Quality, Standards and Conduct
Student and Education Services

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Note: During the academic year 2020-21, the number of OSCE stations was reduced for students in years 2 and 3 in mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the academic year 2021-2022, the number of OSCE stations was reduced for students in year 2 in mitigation of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the academic year 2022-23, for the Year 4 Summative OSCE only, the number of stations was reduced to 10 stations (students had to pass 7 out of 10 stations) due to the impact of Junior Doctors' strike action on the delivery of this assessment. The Year 4 Resit OSCE remained at 14 stations.

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- MD 3.1 Work submitted up to three days late without an agreed extension will receive
 - (a) a penalty of 10 percentage points; and
 - (b) a deduction of 1 ranking point.

If, after the 10 percentage point reduction, the penalised mark remains in the same band, 1 ranking point will be deducted. If the penalised mark is in a lower band, no further ranking point will be deducted.

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Where denotes individual pieces of assessment in years 1-3 (these are all added together and then divided by the number of completed assessments) and denotes the mean score for year 4 (i.e. total points score over all assessments for year $4 \div$ number of assessments).

- MD 5.5 The score for an individual assessment is calculated as follows.
 - (a) The standard-set pass mark for an individual written exam is adjusted to a 60% pass mark by arithmetic scaling. The new mark is then banded according to the following ranges:

80-100%	85%Band
70-79%	75%Band
60-69%	65%Band
50-59%	55%Band
Less than 50%	45%Band

(b) The percentage mark which the student has obtained in the OSCE is banded according to the following ranges:

> cut score + 2 standard deviations 85% Band
between >cut score + 1 s/d and cut score + 2 s/d 75% Band
between cut score and cut score + 1 s/d 65% Band
Failed (below cut score and/or failed on no. of stations) 55% Band

(c) Points are then assigned to the banded marks according to the following table:

Year of study	Written examinations, OSCEs	Coursework
1-4	Band 85 = 3 points	80% or over = 3 points
	Band 75 = 2 points	65-79%=2 points
	Band 65 = 1 point	50-64%=1 point
	Fail (first attempt) (bands 55 and 45) = 0 points	Fail <50%(first attempt) = 0 points

(a) BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences will be awarded to a student who has passed all of the components of years 1-3 of the programme but will not progress into year 4, or does not successfully complete year 4, for the following reasons:

poor academic performance not wishing to continue with a career in medicine being found not fit to practise medicine

(b) converted to a score using the formula where x_1 , x_2 and x_3 are calculated as described under MD 5.4 MD 5.6. The scores of all students in the cohort are ranked and then divided into deciles. The BSc (Hons) degree will be classified according to the decile as:

Deciles 1 and 2 first class

Deciles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 upper second class

Deciles 8 and 9 lower second class

Decile 10 third class

(c) BSc (Hons) Advanced Medical Sciences will be awarded to a student who has passed all of the components of years 1-4 of the programme but will not progress into year 5, or does not successfully complete year 5, for the following reasons:

> poor academic performance; not wishing to continue with a career in medicine;

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to attend an examination, or submit coursework at or by the due time, or otherwise satisfy the requirements of the scheme of assessment of the MBChB programme; or,

manifestly prejudiced.

MD 7.3 A chronic medical condition, for which due allowance has already been made, will not itself be considered a good cause although a short-term exacerbation of such a condition might be so judged.

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personal circumstances which are advanced by the student for consideration as

(d) in the event of the student having submitted work for assessment by examination or otherwise, it will be determined whether such work has been manifestly prejudiced by good cause. If such prejudice is established the work affected will normally be deemed not to have been submitted.

Students who have not passed all year 4 assessments after the resit examination period have an automatic right to repeat the whole year of study once. In a repeat year, students sit any failed assessment components in the summative exam period with this counted as a third attempt. In the event of failure, students are granted the opportunity for a final attempt in the resit examination period which would be counted as a fourth attempt.² If the OSCE examination had been previously passed, students must pass this again before progressing to the next academic year, in order to demonstrate continuity of clinical skills. Students who have repeated the year and exhausted all resit opportunities without passing all assessments as required will have their studies terminated with the right to appeal. If an appeal is su801/Lap

defined in the chapter on <u>Academic Appeals</u>. Where the Examination Board has exercised its discretion in a particular case, as provided by these Regulations, the Committee of Senate via the Classification and Assessment Review Board will normally uphold its decision providing it had the support of the majority of the external examiners present at that Examination Board.

- MD 9.1 The determination of results and the classification of University degrees are subject always to ratification by the Committee of Senate and will be regarded as provisional until ratified.
- MD 9.2 Immediately after the meeting of the relevant Examination Board, Lancaster Medical School may notify students of their provisional degree results.
- MD 9.3 Within forty days of the ratification of degree results, students will be sent a transcript of their results together with a Higher Education Achievement Report, both of which will conform in scope and layout to principles agreed by Senate.
- MD 10.1 Students who, after undertaking agreed reassessment opportunities, fail to meet the stipulated criteria for progression or final award will be excluded from the University. Students are entitled to appeal against exclusion under Academic Appeals procedures.