SCHEME OF AWARD

UCL’s Australian MSc, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate and PhD are approved programmes of UCL and also meet the standards required by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) for a Masters, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate and PhD degree.

The Academic Regulations for Students (www.ucl.ac.uk/academic-manual/part-j) is the source of reference for all matters relating to overarching UCL regulations concerning the rules of examinations and schemes of award.

Subject to the UCL Academic Regulations for Students, UCL’s Australian Board of Examiners may amend these principles and may exercise its discretion in their application according to the circumstances of each candidate.

This Scheme of Award applies only to students being considered for an award by Boards of Examiners meeting after 12 June 2015, the last day of term 3 of the 2014/15 session, irrespective of when the student first registered at UCL.

1. Masters of Science (MSc) in Energy and Resources Management

In addition to UCL’s minimum requirements as set out in the UCL Academic Manual, the Programme Board of Examiners has prescribed the following requirements:

1.1 Award dependent details:
Students take the following elements:

- **Research Stream**
  - 8 taught courses, each with a weighting of 20 UCL credits, 8 ECTS (total weighting 160 UCL credits, 64 ECTS), and
  - 1 individual research project, often industry based, concluding with a dissertation (total weighting of 160 UCL credits, 64 ECTS).

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- **Coursework Stream**
  - 12 taught courses, each with a weighting of 20 UCL credits, 8 ECTS (total weighting 240 UCL credits, 96 ECTS)
  - 2 individual research projects, each with a weighting of 40 UCL credits, 16 ECTS (total weighting 80 UCL credits, 32 ECTS)

1.2 Award independent rules:
In year 1, students must take the 4 core courses, each with a weighting of 20 UCL credits, 8 ECTS, together with any other 4 taught courses offered at the time of enrolment (total weighting 160 UCL credits, 64 ECTS) ¹

In year 2 students choose either the Research stream or the Coursework stream.

- **Research Stream**
  - Pass eight courses and the individual research project (dissertation) at 50% or above.

- **Coursework Stream**
  - Pass 12 taught courses and two research projects at 50% or above.
For an award of a Masters degree, students must have completed 320 UCL credits, 128 ECTS or the equivalent 3200 learning hours and obtained an overall average mark of 50% or greater which must include a mark of 50% or greater for the dissertation.

1.3 Classifications
The award of Pass must be given to students on Masters programmes if they have satisfied all of the following criteria:

a) the overall average mark, based on 320 UCL credits or equivalent, is 50% or greater; and
b) the mark for each dissertation is 50% or greater; and

c) there are no marks below 50%.

The award of Merit must be given to students on Masters programmes if they have satisfied all of the following criteria, but do not meet the criteria for an award of distinction:

a) The overall weighted average mark over 320 credits or equivalent is 60% or higher; and
b) The mark for each dissertation is 60% or higher; and.
c) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.

The award of Distinction must be given to students on Masters programmes if they have satisfied all of the following criteria:

a) The overall weighted average mark over 320 credits or equivalent is 70% or higher; and
b) The mark for each dissertation is 70% or higher; and

c) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.

1.4 Study Options
In the event that students enrolled in the MSc do not/cannot complete the full programme, they are able to apply to withdraw from the MSc and apply for the Graduate Certificate or the Graduate Diploma. Provided they meet the conditions as detailed in the Scheme of Award, they will be able to graduate.

Alternatively, students are able to apply for direct admission to the Graduate Certificate or the Graduate Diploma and, subject to satisfactory performance, may be eligible to progress to the MSc.

2. Graduate Diploma (Grad Dip)
In addition to UCL’s minimum requirements, as set out in the UCL Academic Manual, the Programme Board of Examiners has prescribed the following requirements:

2.1 Award dependent details:
Students take the following elements:

any 8 taught courses, each with a weighting of 20 UCL credits, 8 ECTS (total weighting 160 UCL credits, 64 ECTS) with at least 3 of the taught courses taken from the core offerings.

2.2 Award independent rules:
For an award of a Graduate Diploma, students must have completed 160 UCL credits, 64 ECTS, or the equivalent 1600 learning hours and obtained an overall average mark of 50% or greater.

2.3 Classifications
The award of Merit must be given to students on Graduate Diploma programmes if they have satisfied both of the following criteria, but do not meet the criteria for an award of distinction:

a) The overall weighted average mark over 160 credits or equivalent is 60% or higher; and
b) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.

The award of Distinction must be given to students on Postgraduate Diploma programmes if they have satisfied both of the following criteria:

a) The overall weighted average mark over 160 credits or equivalent is 70% or higher; and
b) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.
3. **Graduate Certificate (Grad Cert)** \(^2\)

In addition to UCL’s minimum requirements as set out in the UCL Academic Manual, the Programme Board of Examiners has prescribed the following requirements:

### 3.1 Award dependent details:
Students take the following elements:
- any 4 taught courses, each with a weighting of 20 UCL credits, 8 ECTS (total weighting 80 UCL credits, 32 ECTS). \(^1\)

### 3.2 Award independent rules:
For an award of a Graduate Certificate students must have completed 80 UCL credits, 32 ECTS or the equivalent 800 learning hours and obtained an overall average mark of 50% or greater.

### 3.3 Classification
The award of Merit must be given to students on Graduate Certificate programmes if they have satisfied both of the following criteria, but do not meet the criteria for an award of distinction:
- a) The overall weighted average mark over 80 credits or equivalent is 60% or higher; and
- b) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.

The award of Distinction must be given to students on Graduate Certificate programmes if they have satisfied both of the following criteria:
- a) The overall weighted average mark over 80 credits or equivalent is 70% or higher; and
- b) There are no marks below 50%, no re-sit marks, and all marks are first attempts.

**Notes:**

\(^1\) Research projects are not considered a taught course. Research projects cannot be taken by students enrolled in either the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma programmes.

\(^2\) In the Australian HE system a Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma are equivalent level awards of the UK FHEQ level 7 Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma awards.

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