



**Department of Hebrew & Jewish Studies**

**Marking criteria for language assessments (BA and MA levels)**

**These marking criteria apply to all assessments for modern and ancient language courses taught in the Department, including:**

- oral exams
- oral presentations
- written coursework
- written tests and exams

**70-80 (BA: First Class; MA: Distinction)**

This is work of the highest standard.

A mark in this range is awarded to work displaying the following characteristics:

- very accurate grammar
- employing an impressive range of grammatical forms and constructions\*
- employing an impressive range of vocabulary\*
- very accurate pronunciation
- very coherent sentence and discourse structure
- very precise and accurate translation (where relevant)
- very precise and accurate grammatical analysis (where relevant)

**60-69 (BA: Upper Second Class; MA: Merit)**

This is work of a good standard.

A mark in this range is awarded to work displaying the following characteristics:

- relatively accurate grammar, though with some mistakes
- employing a good range of grammatical forms and constructions\*
- employing a relatively broad range of vocabulary\*
- relatively accurate pronunciation
- coherent sentence and discourse structure
- relatively accurate translation, with some mistakes (where relevant)
- relatively precise and accurate grammatical analysis (where relevant)

**50-59 (BA: Lower Second Class; MA: Pass)**

This is work of an acceptable standard.

A mark in this range is awarded to work displaying the following characteristics:

- relatively inaccurate grammar with frequent mistakes
- a relatively limited range of grammatical forms and constructions\*

- employing a relatively limited range of vocabulary\*
- problems with pronunciation
- problems with sentence and discourse structure
- frequent mistakes in translation (where relevant)
- mistakes and inaccuracies in grammatical analysis (where relevant)

**40-49 (BA: Third Class; MA: Fail)**

This is work of the minimum acceptable standard for passing the assessment at the BA level; it is below the minimum acceptable standard for passing at the MA level.

A mark in this range is awarded to work displaying the following characteristics:

- inaccurate grammar with frequent mistakes
- a limited range of grammatical forms and constructions\*
- employing a limited range of vocabulary\*
- substantial problems with pronunciation
- substantial problems with sentence and discourse structure
- serious mistakes in translation (where relevant)
- serious mistakes and inaccuracies in grammatical analysis (where relevant)

**39 and below (BA and MA: Fail)**

This is work that does not meet the minimum requirements for a pass mark at the BA level (as described in the above section on work in the 40-49 category).

\*as appropriate for the level of study