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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK



MARKS AND STANDARDS EXAMINATIONS 2025-2026

Centre for the Integration of Research Teaching and Learning (CIRTL)

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION	
Time:	Marks for all taught modules including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the taught modules, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
Modules:	Students take modules to a total of 30 credits as detailed at: Academic Programme Catalogue University College Cork, Ireland
Marks Maxima:	30 ECTS will be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Formal Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass Standard (module level):	The modules are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	To pass the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, a candidate must pass each taught module to the value of 30 credits.
Honours Standard:	Honours are not awarded in the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.
Autumn Supplemental Exams:	Please refer to the Book of Modules for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules. Students who fail individual taught modules at the Summer Examination must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is a provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board.
Five Year Rule	Candidates must pass/progress within 5 academic years of the date of first registration, otherwise they cannot continue on to the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Higher Education.

POSTGRADUTE DIPLOMA IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION	
Time:	Marks for all taught modules including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the taught modules, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
Modules:	Students take modules to a total of 30 credits as detailed at: Academic Programme Catalogue University College Cork, Ireland)
Marks Maxima:	30 ECTS will be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Formal Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass Standard (module level):	The modules are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	To pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, a candidate must pass each taught module to the value of 30 credits, in addition to 30 credits from the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Students who satisfy the pass and progression standard are eligible to submit a dissertation for the MA Award.
Honours Standard:	Honours are not awarded in the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.
Autumn Supplemental Exams:	Please refer to the Book of Modules for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules. Students who fail individual taught modules at the Summer Examination must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is a provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board.
Five Year Rule	Candidates must pass/progress within 5 academic years of the date of first registration, otherwise they cannot continue on to the Masters in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Higher Education.

MA DEGREE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION	
Time:	Part I: Marks for all taught modules including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the taught modules, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board. Part II: Minor dissertation to be submitted in October (Semester 3). Marks will be submitted to the Winter Examination Board. The Dissertation should be submitted to the School/Department on a date specified by the School/Department. The Dissertation will be considered at the Winter Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the Dissertation, or for students who fail to submit, there will be one opportunity to repeat the dissertation in a subsequent year.
Modules:	Students take modules to a total of 30 credits, 10 credits for TL6020 and 20 credits for TL6021. This is in addition to 30 credits from the Postgraduate Certificate and 30 credits from the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education as detailed at: Academic Programme Catalogue University College Cork, Ireland
Marks Maxima:	TL6020 is assessed on a pass/fail basis. TL6021:400 per 20-credit module. Total marks 400.
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Formal Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass Standard (module level):	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/). In cases where a fail mark of not more than 5 percentage points below the pass standard has been returned for a dissertation, the Examination Board may, on the recommendation of the School, agree to permit the student to make amendments to achieve the pass standard for the Dissertation, within six weeks of the publication of examination results. In such cases, a judgement of 'pending' will be recorded for the dissertation. Following resubmission of the dissertation, the Supervisor will confirm to the SREO that ALL amendments have/have not been made and forward details of both the amended Mark and Judgement, as approved by the Supervisor and Examiner(s), to be recorded. Following approval by the Chair of the original Examination Board and the Head of the appropriate Department/School, the student record will be amended accordingly. Where a student fails to resubmit the dissertation within the six-week period, the Supervisor will notify the SREO of same, following which, the 'Pending' judgement previously recorded will be adjusted to a 'Fail' judgement.
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	Part I and Part II must be passed separately. All modules must be passed prior to submitting the dissertation. The pass standard for the dissertation is 40%.

Honours Standard:	Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows: First Class Honours an aggregate of not less than 280/400 marks (i.e. 70% and above) Second Class Honours Grade 1 an aggregate of not less than 240/400 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%) Second Class Honours Grade 2 an aggregate of not less than 200/400 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%) Students are eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Summer, Autumn Supplemental and Winter Examination Boards. To be eligible for honours, students must pass all modules. Note: for rules governing the award of honours at the Autumn Supplemental Examinations and/or in a Repeat Year, please see under ‘Supplemental Examinations; and Repeat Year Examinations’ below.
Autumn Supplemental Exams:	Please refer to the Book of Modules for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/). Students who fail individual taught modules at the Summer Examination must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is a provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board. Please refer to the Book of Modules ((http://www.ucc.ie/modules/) for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules. Note: For some modules there is no Supplemental Examination. Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Summer Examination Board must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Supplemental Examination, where there is provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board. Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination Board. The pass/progression rule is then applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed modules and marks achieved in repeated modules. Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Examination: In determining aggregation and progression, the maximum mark that will be taken into account is a pass 40%. The actual mark achieved by the candidate will be recorded on the student record.
Repeat Year Examinations	If a candidate fails (which includes fails to present) the Dissertation, the candidate shall have the option of repeating the failed Dissertation in the following academic year. The marks obtained in any Dissertation shall be capped at the pass mark, Students who fail the Dissertation in a subsequent year must withdraw from the programme.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION	
Time:	Marks for all taught modules (30 credits per year) including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the taught modules, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
Modules:	Students take 30 credits: (Academic Programme Catalogue University College Cork, Ireland)
Marks Maxima:	200 marks per ten-credit module, 100 marks per five-credit module. Total Marks 600.
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Formal Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass Standard (module level):	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	All modules must be passed. Compensation is not permitted.
Exit Award:	N/A
Honours Standard:	Students are eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the aggregate marks achieved over the Summer, Autumn Supplemental and Winter Examination Boards. To be eligible for honours, students must pass all modules. Note: For rules governing the award of honours at the Autumn Supplemental Examinations and/or in a Repeat Year, please see under 'Supplemental Examinations' and/or 'Repeat Year Examination' below. The grade of honours shall be determined as follows: <u>First Class Honours:</u> an aggregate of not less than 420/600 marks (i.e. 70% and above) <u>Second Class Honours Grade 1:</u> an aggregate of not less than 360/600 marks (60% and above but less than 70%) <u>Second Class Honours Grade 2:</u> an aggregate of not less than 300/600 (50% and above but less than 60%)

Autumn Supplemental Exams:	Please refer to the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/) for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules. Students who fail individual taught modules at the Summer Examination must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is a provision to do so and if not allowed by the Examination Board. Capping of Marks at the Autumn Supplemental Examination: In determining progression and the calculation of honours, the maximum mark that will be taken into account is a pass – 40%. The actual mark achieved by the candidate will be recorded on the student record.
Five Year Rule	Candidates must pass/progress through all required modules within 5 academic years of the date of first registration, otherwise they cannot receive the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice and Leadership

CERTIFICATE IN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN DIGITAL EDUCATION	
Time:	Marks for all taught modules including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard in the taught modules, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
Modules:	Students take modules to a total of 10 credits as detailed at: (Academic Programme Catalogue University College Cork, Ireland)
Marks Maxima:	TL6200 is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Formal Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass Standard (module level):	The modules are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the Book of Modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/).
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	To pass the Introduction to Digital Education CPD module, a candidate must pass the module to the value of 10 credits.
Honours Standard:	Honours are not awarded in the Introduction to Digital Education.
Autumn Supplemental Exams:	Please refer to the Book of Modules for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules (http://www.ucc.ie/modules/). Students who fail individual taught modules at the Summer Examination must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is a provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board