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## GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

**Written Examinations** will be held at the end of each Semester. **Semester 1** Written Examinations will take place in December (Winter); **Semester 2** Written Examinations will take place in April/May (Summer). Written Examinations for programmes with placement will normally take place in March/April (Spring). Written Examinations for **Semester 3** will take place in August (Autumn).

**Publication of Results:** Provisional module marks and results for Semester 1 will be released to students in February subject to approval of the External Examiner(s), the Examination Board and Academic Board. Programme results for Semesters 1 and 2, once approved by the Spring/Summer Examination Boards, will be released provisionally to students and are subject to Academic Board approval in June. Provisional results for Semester 3, once approved by the Winter Examination Boards, will be released provisionally to students and are subject to Academic Board approval in December.

**Awarding of Credits:** Where a student passes the year according to the Pass and Progression Rules s/he shall be awarded credits (e.g. 60 credits in the case of an undergraduate degree programme).

### **Absence from an Examination in a Module:**

Registration at the beginning of an academic year constitutes entry for Examinations.

- A student who is prevented, for medical reasons or other personal circumstances, from attending all or part of the Examination, and who has not withdrawn from the programme, should submit, to the Registrar and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs, a full report (including a medical certificate) or a full report setting out the other personal circumstances as soon as possible and not more than three days following his/her last Examination, for consideration by the Board of Examiners. Students who are pregnant may defer the entire examination to the Autumn.
- Where a student fails to present for an End of Semester Examination in a module, a judgement of "Absent" is recorded for that module. "Absent" is counted as an attempt at an examination. Where a module is examined by a combination of Continuous Assessment and End of Semester Written Examination, and the student does not present for the End of Semester Examination, an "Absent" judgement is recorded. The mark recorded for the module is then based on the mark for Continuous Assessment and a zero mark for the written component, using the rules for obtaining the overall module mark which pertain to the module in question. Where a module is assessed wholly by Continuous Assessment, and the student presents no work, a "Presented No Work" judgement is recorded.

**Supplemental Examinations:** Supplemental Examinations for Semesters 1 and 2 will be held in August (Autumn). Supplemental Examinations for Semester 3 will be held in December (Winter). Please refer to the Book of Modules ( [www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/](http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/)) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules. **Note:** for some modules there is no Supplemental Examination.

A student who fails his/her End of Semester Examination(s), or who fails to present, will be automatically entered for the Autumn Supplemental Examination, unless debarred by the Examination Board. A student who is not so debarred must inform the Student Records and Examinations Office, in writing, before the end of July if s/ he does not intend sitting the Supplemental Examination. Where a student fails to inform the Student Records and Examinations Office of his/her intention not to sit the Supplemental Examination, a judgement of "Absent" is recorded for module(s). "Absent" is counted as an attempt at an examination.

**Repeat Year Arrangements:** Students repeating the year will repeat under the current regulations (i.e. the regulations outlined in the Marks and Standards).

**Application for Waiver of Capping of Marks:** The requirement for the **capping of marks** awarded for a module at a Supplemental Examination or, where applicable, Repeat Year Examination may be waived under certain specified circumstances (see 'Guide to Examinations' for details at: <http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/marksandstandards/>)

The procedures include the following specific regulations:

- Guide to Examinations for Students
- Guide to Examinations for Staff

- Examination Regulations
- Procedure in Examination Halls
- Appeal Regulations and Application Form
- Re-check Regulations and Application Form
- Mitigation Regulations and Application Form
- UCC Plagiarism Policy
- Deferral of Written Examinations: Pregnant Students

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### PROGRAMME LISTING: BSC FOOD SCIENCE, BSC NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, BSC FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NFO LEVEL 7), BSC FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NFO LEVEL 8), DIPLOMA IN FOOD STUDIES (NFO LEVEL 7)

#### Examination Boards

- Marks for all modules taken in Semester I and II, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For candidates failing to achieve the pass standard at the Summer Examination Board, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
- Examination Boards for programmes whose Examination Boards fall outside of this schedule are listed in **Table 1**.
- *Provisional* marks for Semester 1 examinations are released in February of each year. These marks are subject to approval at the University Examination Board held in summer.

**Table 1: Examination Boards for programmes that fall outside of the standard summer (with supplemental at autumn) schedule**

Programme Title	Year	Examination Board	Supplemental Examination Board
BSc Food Science	3	Marks for taught modules will be presented to the Spring Examination Board Marks for work placement module (pass/fail) will be presented at Winter Board	Students who fail or do not undertake FS3001 or FS3100 must repeat or take this module after the BSc (Hons) (Food Science) Degree Examination has been completed. However, no student may graduate until either FS3001 or FS3100 has been passed.

<b>BSc Nutritional Sciences</b>	3	Marks for taught modules will be presented to the Spring Examination Board Marks for work placement module (pass/fail) will be presented at Winter Board	Students who fail or do not undertake FS3001 or FS3100 must repeat or take this module after the BSc (Hons) (Nutritional Sciences) Degree Examination has been completed. However, no student may graduate until either FS3001 or FS3100 has been passed
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### Programme Description

- The Programme Description may be found in the University Calendar (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/>).

### Modules Descriptions/Assessment

- Module Descriptions, including assessment elements and their weightings, are contained in the Book of Modules ([www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/](https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/)).

### Marks and credits

- A maximum of 100 marks may be awarded for every five credits of a programme
- Some modules are assessed on a PASS/FAIL basis only i.e. marks are not awarded ([www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/](https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/)).

### Credits and Marks Maxima

- A maximum of 60 credits, equating to Total Marks of 1,200 may be awarded per year of a programme unless a module is assessed on a PASS/FAIL basis only. For a full list of credits and marks maxima for all years of all programmes that fall outside of the standard Credits and Marks Maxima structure, **see Table 2.**

**Table 2: Details of programmes that fall outside the standard (60) Credits per year and/or (1,200) Marks Maxima.**

Programme Title	Year	Credits	Marks Maxima
BSc Food Science	3	60	1000
BSc Nutritional Sciences			

### 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 ([www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/](https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/)).

### Pass, Pass by Compensation and Progression Standard (Programme level) - see Table 3 for any additional or alternative regulations to those listed here.

- To pass a year and progress to a subsequent year, candidates must achieve:

1. an overall mark of 40% across all modules
2. at least 50 credits with a mark of not less than 40% in each module
3. a pass by compensation to a maximum of 10 credits with a mark not less than 30% in these modules.

**Table 3: Specific additional or alternative regulations governing Pass, Pass by Compensation and Progression Standard for individual programmes**

Programme Title	Year	Compensation mark	Special Requirements
BSc Food Science  BSc Nutritional Sciences	3		<p>To pass Third Year and to progress to Fourth Year, a candidate must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) obtain an aggregate mark of 40% (i.e. at least 400/1000 marks) across all taught modules</li> <li>(ii) obtain a pass in each module in modules to the value of 40 credits (excluding the Work Placement module FS3001 or Food Industry Skills module FS3100)</li> <li>(iii) obtain a mark of not less than 30% in any remaining module(s)</li> </ul> <p>A student who has undertaken the Work Placement module (FS3001) or the Food Industry Skills module (FS3100) and passed the Third University Examination may proceed to Fourth Year. However, no student may graduate until the Work Placement module has been passed</p>
BSc Nutritional Sciences	3		<p>To pass the year and progress to 4<sup>th</sup> year, candidates must fulfil the following special requirements for NT3001, NT3002, NT3009, NT3011, NT3012, NT3014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An overall mark of <math>\geq 40\%</math> in each module.</li> <li>2. A mark of <math>\geq 40\%</math> of the allocated mark for each individual element of CA</li> </ul> <p><b>For students who do not satisfy these requirements, the overall mark achieved in the module and a 'Fail Special Requirement' will be recorded</b></p>
BSc Food Science	4		<p>Note: To be eligible for the award of the BSc (Hons) Degree in Food Science, the student must have passed both the Fourth Year University Examination in Food Science (see above) and the Work Placement module (FS3001) or the Food Industry Skills module (FS3100).</p>
BSc Nutritional Sciences	4		<p>Note: To be eligible for the award of the BSc (Hons) Degree in Nutritional Science, the student must have passed both the Fourth Year University Examination in Nutritional Sciences and the Work Placement module (FS3001) or the Food Industry Skills module (FS3100).</p>



<b>BSc Nutritional Sciences</b>	<b>4</b>		<p>To be eligible for the award of the BSc (Hons) Degree in Nutritional Sciences candidates must fulfil the following special requirements for NT4011, NT4005, NT4012, and NT4014. An overall mark of <math>\geq 40\%</math> in each module. 2. A mark of <math>\geq 40\%</math> of the allocated mark for each individual element of CA. For students who do not satisfy these requirements, the overall mark achieved in the module and a 'Fail Special Requirement' will be recorded.</p>
<b>BSc Food Science BSc Food Science and Technology, Levels 7 and 8</b>	<b>3</b>		<p>For FS3020/FS3610 there is a special requirement as follows: Students must attain a total mark of 40% in the compulsory assessment to pass this module. In addition, students must attend the pre-practical talks and laboratory practical sessions at the times and dates scheduled, undertaking the practical and submitting a practical report for all practical sessions. Students not meeting this requirement will be debarred from the examinations in the module and from the Autumn Supplemental Examination in the module</p>

**Note:**

**Calculation of Honours**

- Honours are awarded for each year on the basis of actual marks achieved at the Winter/Summer/Spring Examination and capped marks at the Autumn Supplemental Examination with any cognate study deemed to have been passed at a mark of 40% for the purpose of determining honours. For a list of programmes that do not award honours for a particular year or have different criteria for the awarding of honours, **see Table 4.**
- Honours** are awarded as follows:
  - First Class Honours:** **≥70%**
  - Second Class Honours, Grade I:** **≥60%, <70%**
  - Second Class Honours, Grade II:** **≥50%, <60%**
  - Third Class Honours:** **≥45%, <50%**
  - Pass:** **≥40%, <45%**

**Table 4: Programmes that do not award honours for a particular year or have different criteria for the awarding of honours**

Programme Title	Year	Honours	Criteria
BSc Food Science BSc Nutritional Sciences	1	Yes	Third Class Honours are not awarded for 1 <sup>st</sup> Year

**Carry Forward Previous Marks for the Calculation of Final Year Marks /Degree Award Calculation – See Table 5 for programme listing**

**Table 5: Degree Award Calculation**

Programme Title	Degree Awarded Calculation
BSc Food Science BSc Nutritional Sciences	Taught module marks from Third University Examination (50 credits, 1000 marks maximum) and Fourth University Examination (50 credits, 1000 marks maximum) are combined. The marks for the <u>highest 85 credits</u> (of which <u>at least 45 must be from 4th Year</u> ) ( <b>1700 marks maximum</b> ) are added to the <u>4th Year project mark</u> ( <b>200 marks maximum</b> ) <b>Total 1900 marks</b>
BSc Food Science and Technology	Taught module marks from Third University Examination (60 credits, 1200 marks maximum) and Fourth University Examination (50 credits, 1000 marks maximum) are combined. The marks for the <u>highest 95 credits</u> (of which <u>at least 45 must be from 4th Year</u> and must also include the 3rd year FS3012, 10 credit library project) ( <b>1900 marks maximum</b> ) are added to the 4th Year project mark ( <b>200 marks maximum</b> ). <b>Total 2100 marks.</b>
Diploma in Food Studies (NFQ Level 7)	Students must pass the year to qualify for the award.

## Exemptions

- All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of 5 academic years (or 2 in the case of Computer Science modules) subsequent to the award of the exemption.
- Where a student fails to achieve the PASS standard required to progress to a subsequent year, they are EXEMPT from further examination in those modules where a PASS mark has been achieved. All failed modules must be taken at the supplemental examination.

## Supplemental Examinations:

- Supplemental Examinations for Semesters 1 and 2 will be held in Autumn.
- Please refer to the Book of Modules ([www.ucc.ie/modules/](http://www.ucc.ie/modules/) [www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/](https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/)) for requirements governing the 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 first attempt **must repeat all failed/absent modules at the Supplemental Examination, including those modules where the failing mark previously achieved was greater than the level of compensation (≥30%),** (where there is provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board) or in a Repeat Year (see below).
- 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 the (capped – see below) marks achieved in repeated modules.
- Marks in passed elements of continuous assessment are carried forward. Failed elements must be repeated as specified by the School.
- Note: Students will not be allowed to repeat certain modules in the Autumn Supplemental Examination if they achieve a mark of less than 40% in the Practical Component of Continuous Assessment. (Full details contained in the Book of Modules).

## Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Examination

- In determining aggregation and progression and the calculation of honours, the maximum mark that will be taken into account is a pass level (40%). The actual mark achieved by the candidate will be recorded on the student record (Academic Transcript).

## Repeat Year Examinations

- Students repeating the year may do so choosing one of the following mechanisms. Students are eligible for the award of honours in the first Repeat Year only.
  1. Students retain exemptions, if any, and must repeat all failed/absent modules **including those modules where the failing mark previously achieved was greater than the level of compensation (≥30%).** In determining aggregation and progression and the calculation of the award of honours, full marks achieved in modules passed at the first attempt, plus capped marks achieved in modules at Supplemental/Repeat Year Examinations are used.

**Note:** For students selecting different modules not previously taken, there are no restrictions on the marks awarded for those modules at the first attempt in a Repeat Year.

2. Students may repeat the year taking the full 60 credits.\* In determining aggregation and progression and the calculation of award of honours, there is no restriction on the

marks awarded for modules taken at the first attempt of the Repeat Year. Modules taken at the subsequent Supplemental Examination are capped at the pass mark.

*\*For programmes that have a Work Placement module for that year, students may repeat the year taking the credit value of the taught modules only if the Work Placement module has been passed.*

Subject to capacity, all students - whether they have failed or passed – are allowed to choose this option in an attempt to improve their grade.

Where a candidate choosing option 2 also fails the Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed in the previous year, the aggregation and progression rules as laid out in Option 1 will apply. In the case of candidates choosing option 2 who had already passed at their first attempt year, but who fail the examination in a Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed in a previous year, the original programme level judgement and associated marks will be awarded.

- Final Year students wishing to repeat the year with a view to improving their degree result may do so only if they have not been conferred.

### Three Year Rule

- Candidates must pass/progress within three academic years of the date of first registration for a year, otherwise they cannot continue in the programme without special permission.

### Alternative Pathway Award

**Note:** As a requirement for accreditation with the Association for Nutrition, BSc (Hons) Nutritional Sciences years 1 4 students are subject to the UCC Fitness to Practise Policy. To be eligible for the award of BSc (Hons) Nutritional Sciences, students must pass the programme as per the regulation laid out in this document and also be Fit to Practise. If a student passes the programme but is not deemed Fit to Practise, the student may exit the programme with an alternative pathway award of BSc (Hons) in Nutrition, and in this case, the student will not be eligible for direct entry to the Association for Nutrition, UK Voluntary Register of Nutritionists (UKRVN). **This process will be triggered once a student is deemed as not eligible to practise as per the terms of the UCC Fitness to Practise Policy.**

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR	
<b>Time:</b>	The IELTS will be held in May with a Repeat IELTS in September.
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take 60 credits: <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes</a>
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	200 per ten credit module. The Audit Module(s) will not be formally assessed. LC1601 has an IELTS score. Total Marks: 800.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	Students must achieve an IELTS score of 6.5 in May or at the repeat examination in September. In addition, students are required to reach a satisfactory standard (i.e. 40%) in Continuous Assessment for <u>all</u> other modules.
<b>Exemptions:</b>	Students from the International Foundation Year will not be formally assessed in the Audit Module(s) therefore students cannot use this/these for exemption purposes in further programmes of study.
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	Students may repeat the Examination once only. There will be no Repeat Year.

## DIPLOMAS

DIPLOMA IN FOOD STUDIES	
<b>Time:</b>	Marks for all modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Winter, Spring and Summer Examinations, there will be a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take <b>60 credits</b> :
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per 5 credit modules; 200 per ten credit module. Total marks 1200.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (programme level):</b>	To pass the Diploma in Food Studies, a candidate must: (i) obtain an aggregate mark of 40% (i.e. at least 480/1200 marks) across all taught modules (ii) obtain a pass in each module in modules to the value of 50 credits. (iii) obtain a mark of not less than 30% in any remaining module(s)
<b>Honours: (If applicable)</b>	Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Spring, Summer and Autumn Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows: First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 840/1200 marks (i.e. 70% and above) Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 720/1200 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%) Second Class Honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 600/1200 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%) Third Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 540/1200 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%)
<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of 5 academic years subsequent to the award of the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to the <i>Book of Modules</i> (<a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Autumn Supplemental Examination for individual modules. <b>Note:</b> For some modules there is no Supplemental Examination.</li> <li>Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Winter, Spring and Summer Examinations must repeat all failed/absent modules under the arrangements for supplemental assessment, where there is provision to do so, and if not disallowed by the Examination Board, or in a Repeat Year (see below). Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> <li>The pass/progression rules are applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed modules and marks obtained in repeated modules. Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Assessment: In determining aggregation, 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Repeat Year Examinations</b>	<b>IEO to advise re visa implications</b>
<b>Three Year Rule</b>	Candidates must pass/progress within 3 academic years of the date of first registration for the Diploma in Food Studies, otherwise they cannot continue in the programme. <b>(Depending on advice from IEO – see above)</b>

## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### CPD MODULES

CPD MODULES FS6028 & FS6029	
Time:	Marks will be presented to the Summer Exam Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the module there will be a supplemental assignment presented to the Autumn Examination Board.
Modules:	Modules are available at the following link: <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/cpd/">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/cpd/</a>
Marks Maxima:	100 per five-credit module
Distribution of Marks:	Distribution of marks and assessment details for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules ( <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
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.
Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):	To pass the module, a candidate must: Obtain an aggregate mark of 40%
Insert Rules governing the Postgraduate Diploma/ Certificate exit award, if offered	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of three years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
Honours Standard (Overall Award):	<p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Summer and Autumn Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 70/100 marks (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 60/100 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Pass: an aggregate of at least 40/100 marks (i.e. 40% and above but less than 60%).</p>

Supplemental Exams:	<p>Please refer to the Book of Modules ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules. Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the year at the immediately preceding Summer Examination 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.</p> <p>The pass/progression rule is then applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed elements and marks obtained in repeated elements.</p> <p>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.</p>
Repeat Year Examinations	Students may repeat the CPD module, where there is provision to do so.
Three Year Rule	Candidates must pass/progress within three academic years of the date of first registration for the CPD module.



## **MSc QUALIFYING EXAMINATION**

***Marks Maxima: Distribution of Marks, Special Requirements:*** As for the BSc (Hons) degree.

***Qualifying Standard:*** 55%.

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## **MASTERS' DEGREES**

The MSc Degree is an Honours Degree.

The MSc Degree (Mode I) is awarded on the basis of a report of the Examiners on the Dissertation (and oral examination if required).

The MSc Degree (Mode II) consists of a written examination on course work together with the submission of a Dissertation. An average mark of at least 55% in the course work, with no mark less than 40%, must be achieved as a pre-requisite for the submission of the dissertation.

<b>MSC DEGREE IN FOOD SCIENCE</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	Marks for taught modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board, while the Dissertation (module FS6102) will be brought to the subsequent Winter Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Summer Examination, where provision is made in the module description, there will be a Supplemental Examination with a subsequent Spring Examination Board.  The Dissertation should be submitted to the School by a date in August/September to be confirmed to the students at least four months in advance. The Dissertation will be considered at the Winter Examination Board. Students failing to achieve the pass standard in the Dissertation, will exit with the Postgraduate Diploma in Food Science.
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take <b>90 credits</b> as follows: <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes</a>
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per five credit module, 200 per ten credit module, 600 per thirty credit module. Total Marks: 1700 (module PG6001 is assessed on a pass/fail basis).
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> , ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> , ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).  On the recommendation of the responsible school an examination board may decide that a dissertation (module FS6102) is borderline pass/fail and may agree to permit the student to make minor corrections to achieve the pass standard for the dissertation within six weeks of the publication of examination results.
<b>Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	Students who do pass all modules in Part 1 but do not achieve an aggregate mark of 55% in Semester 1 and Semester 2 taught modules, and a pass in PG6001, are not eligible to complete Part 2 of the programme, the Dissertation, but will exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Food Science.
<b>Progression to Part 2 (programme level):</b>	Students who do achieve an aggregate mark of 55% in the semester 1 and 2 taught modules, and a pass in module PG6001, are permitted to complete Part 2 of the programme, and submit the Dissertation, FS6102 (30 credits).
<b>Exit Award Postgraduate Diploma in Food Science:</b>	Students who do not achieve an aggregate mark of 55% in the Semester 1 and Semester 2 taught modules, and a pass in PG6001, are not eligible to complete Part 2 of the programme, the Dissertation, but will exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Food Science.
<b>Honours: (If applicable)</b>	Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over Semester 1, Semester 2 and Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows: First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 1190/1700 marks (i.e. 70% and above) Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 1020/1700 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%) Second Class Honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 850/1700 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%) Third Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 765/1700 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%)

<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of five years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Please refer to the <i>Book of Modules</i> (<a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules.</li> <li>o Students who fail to achieve the pass standard 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, or in a Repeat Year (see below). Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> <li>o The pass/progression rule is then applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed modules and marks obtained in repeated modules.</li> <li>o Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Examination: In determining aggregation, 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	<p>Students repeating the year may do so under one of the following mechanisms, individual repeat candidates choosing whichever mechanism best suits his/her requirements. <b>Note:</b> <i>Students are eligible for the award of Honours in the first Repeat Year only.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students retain exemptions, if any, and must repeat all failed/absent modules. In determining aggregation, progression, and the calculation of the award of honours, full marks obtained in modules passed at the Examinations in the first attempt year plus capped marks obtained in modules in Supplemental and Repeat Year Examinations are used. <b>Note:</b> <i>For students selecting different modules not previously taken, there are no restrictions on the marks awarded for those modules at the Autumn Examination of a Repeat Year.</i></li> <li>2. Students may repeat the year taking the full 90 credits. In determining aggregation, progression, and the calculation of the award of honours, there is no restriction on the marks awarded for modules at the Winter Examination of the Repeat Year. Modules taken at the subsequent Supplemental Examination are capped at the pass mark. <u>Subject to capacity, all students – whether they have failed or passed – are allowed to choose this option in an attempt to improve their grade.</u></li> </ol> <p>In the case of a candidate choosing Option 2 who failed the first attempt year and who also fails a Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed a previous year, a pass for the year will be awarded by the Examination Board, provided the student achieves the Pass and Progression Standard for the year on the combined results from both years.</p> <p>In the case of candidates choosing Option 2 who have already passed or got honours in their first attempt year but who (i) fail the examination in a Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed in a previous year or (ii) fail to qualify for a higher class of honours at the second attempt, the original programme level judgement and associated marks will be awarded by the Examination Board.</p>

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<b>Time:</b>	Marks for all modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Spring Examination Board. Students failing to achieve the pass standard/ judgement for the year at the Spring Examination, where provision is made in the module description, there will be a Supplemental Examination in the Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board. Marks for the Research Dissertation will be submitted to the Winter Examination Board with no Supplemental Examination.
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take modules to the value of <b>90 credits</b> as follows: <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes</a>
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 marks per five credit module, 200 marks per ten credit module, 800 marks per forty credit module. Total Marks: 1600.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> , ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> , ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To progress to the Research Dissertation (MB6011), a candidate must obtain a pass (i.e. 40%) or a pass judgement in all modules. Additionally students must obtain an average mark of at least 50% across 6 of the following 7 modules: MB4110, MB4111, MB4113, MB6114, MB6027, MB6003, and MB6010.</li> <li>○ In the case of students achieving the aggregate of 50% at the first attempt with failed/absent modules to the value of 5 or 10 credits, such students can repeat at most 10 credits at the Autumn Supplemental examinations. Candidates needing to retake modules in the Autumn may commence work on Part 11 (Research Dissertation) while awaiting results of the Autumn Supplemental examinations. Candidates failing the Autumn Supplemental examinations must withdraw from the programme. All written examinations and Research Dissertations must be passed separately.</li> <li>○ Students who attain a pass (40%) or a pass judgement in each of the taught modules and an overall pass of 40%, but do not achieve the 50% threshold required to progress to the Research Dissertation will be conferred with a Postgraduate Certificate in Food Microbiology-(55 credits). Similarly, students who pass the taught modules and do not wish to complete the Research Dissertation may opt to be conferred with a Postgraduate Certificate in Food Microbiology (55 credits).</li> <li>○ A candidate must achieve a pass mark of 40% in the Research Dissertation to be eligible for the award of the MSc Degree in Food Microbiology.</li> <li>○ Candidates failing the Research Dissertation (but with a pass in the taught modules) will be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Food Microbiology.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Honours:</b> <i>(If applicable)</i></p>	<p><b>Postgraduate Certificate in Food Microbiology (55 credits):</b></p> <p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the <b>Winter</b>, Spring and Autumn Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate of the taught modules as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 630/900 marks (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 540/900 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 450/900 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%)</p> <p>Third Class Honour: an aggregate of at least 405/900 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%)</p> <p><b>MSc in Food Microbiology (90 credits):</b></p> <p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the <b>Winter</b>, Spring and Autumn Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate of the taught modules and project work as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 1120/1600 marks (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 960/1600 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 800/1600 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%)</p> <p>Third Class Honours (where awarded): an aggregate of at least 720/1600 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%)</p>
<p><b>Exemptions</b></p>	<p>All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of five years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.</p>
<p><b>Supplemental Examinations:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Please refer to the <i>Book of Modules</i> (<a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules. <i>Note: for some modules there is no Supplemental Examination.</i></li> <li>o Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Spring Examination 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, or in a Repeat Year (see below). Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> <li>o The pass/progression rule is then applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed modules and marks obtained in repeated modules.</li> <li>o Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Examination: In determining aggregation, 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.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b></p>	<p>Students repeating the year may do so under one of the following mechanisms, individual repeat candidates choosing whichever mechanism best suits his/her requirements. <b>Note:</b> <i>Students are eligible for the award of Honours in the first Repeat Year only. . Note: Final Year students wishing to repeat the year with a view to improving their degree result may do so only if they have not been conferred.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students retain exemptions, if any, and must repeat all failed/absent modules. In determining aggregation, progression, and the calculation of the award of honours, full marks obtained in modules passed at the Spring Examination in the first attempt year plus capped marks obtained in modules in Supplemental and Repeat Year Examinations are used. <b>Note:</b> <i>For students selecting different modules not previously taken, there are no restrictions on the marks awarded for those modules at the Spring Examination of a Repeat Year.</i></li> <li>2. Students may repeat the year taking the full 90 credits. In determining aggregation, progression, and the calculation of the award of honours, there is no restriction on the marks awarded for modules at the Spring Examination of the Repeat Year. Modules taken at the subsequent Supplemental Examination are capped at the pass mark. <u>Subject to capacity, all students – whether they have failed or passed – are allowed to choose this option in an attempt to improve their grade.</u></li> </ol> <p>In the case of a candidate choosing Option 2 who failed the first attempt year and who also fails a Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed a previous year, a pass for the year will be awarded by the Examination Board, provided the student achieves the Pass and Progression Standard for the year on the combined results from both years.</p> <p>In the case of candidates choosing Option 2 who have already passed or got honours in their first attempt year but who (i) fail the examination in a Repeat Year as a result of failing module(s) already passed in a previous year or (ii) fail to qualify for a higher class of honours at the second attempt, the original programme level judgement and associated marks will be awarded by the Examination Board.</p>
<p><b>Three Year Rule:</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>

## MSC IN HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN MSc IN HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS	
<b>Time:</b>	<p><b>YEAR 1:</b> Marks/Judgements for Year 1 will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. In the case of students who FAIL to achieve the pass standard for the year at the Summer Examination Board, there will be a Supplemental Examination in August, the marks/judgements for which will be presented to a Supplemental Autumn Examination Board. Marks achieved at this board will be capped at pass standard 40%. Students who fail to achieve the pass and progression standard at the Autumn exam board are required to exit the programme (see exit awards below).</p>
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take <b>60 credits</b> : <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes</a>
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per five credit module, 200 per ten credit module, 300 per fifteen credit module, 400 per twenty credit module, 600 per thirty credit module. Total Marks: 1100. DT6009 is pass/fail.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	The pass standard for each module is 40%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	<p><b>YEAR 1</b> To pass Year 1 and progress to Year 2 students must achieve a pass standard in each module in Year 1 and achieve a minimum aggregate of at least 50%. There is no compensation between modules.</p>
<b>Carrying Forward of Marks Towards the Final Degree Award:</b>	The final degree award (MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics) is determined on the aggregate of marks achieved in Years 1 and 2 (1800 marks).
<p><b>Exit Awards:</b></p> <p><b>Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition</b></p> <p><b>Postgraduate Certificate in Human Nutrition</b></p>	<p>Students who pass each module in Year 1 but fail to achieve a minimum aggregate of at least 50% across all modules in Year One, or students who do not wish to progress to Year Two and opt to exit the programme will be conferred with the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition</p> <p>The Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition will be awarded on the aggregate of modules in Year 1 (60 credits)</p> <p>Students who fail to achieve the pass standard in year one, but who pass modules to the value of at least 30 credits (but less than 60 credits) will be conferred with the Postgraduate Certificate in Human Nutrition</p> <p>The Postgraduate Certificate in Human Nutrition will be awarded on the aggregate of modules in Year 1 (30 credits).</p> <p><i>Candidates who graduate with an exit award <b>will not</b> be eligible to practice as a Dietitian nor will they be able to rejoin the programme to gain a higher award at a later date.</i></p>
<b>Honours:</b>	<p><i>Postgraduate Diploma in Human Nutrition (exit award) students will be eligible for the award of honours in Year 1 on the basis of the marks achieved over the Winter, Summer and Autumn Supplemental Examinations.</i></p> <p>Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows: First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 770/1100 marks (i.e. 70% and above) Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 660/1100 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 550/1100 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%)</p>
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	<p>Honours for the <b>Postgraduate Certificate</b> (exit award) in Human Nutrition will be awarded on the best marks achieved on modules to the value of 30 credits:</p> <p>First Class: an aggregate of at least 420/600 (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class: an aggregate of at least 360/600 (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%).</p>
<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of five years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	<p>Please refer to the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules. <i>Note: for some modules there is no Supplemental Examination.</i></p> <p>Students who fail individual modules at the Winter or Summer Examination must repeat all failed / absent modules at the Autumn Supplemental Examination, where there is provision to do so and if not disallowed by the Examination Board. Marks from all passed modules at the Summer Examination Board are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination for individual modules.</p> <p>The pass/progression rule is then applied to the combination of marks carried forward in passed modules and marks obtained in repeated modules.</p> <p>Capping of Marks at a Supplemental Examination: In determining aggregation, 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.</p>
<b>Two Year Rule:</b>	Candidates must pass/progress within 2 academic years of the date of first registration for First Year, otherwise they cannot continue in the programme.

## SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN MSc IN HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

<b>Time:</b>	<p><b>YEAR 2:</b></p> <p>Judgement for DT6011 will be presented to a Winter (November) Examination Board. Students who fail to achieve a pass standard at the Winter Examination Board (November) will be required to complete a Supplemental Placement (a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks extended training) the judgement for which will be presented to a Supplemental January Examination Board. Students who achieve a pass standard at the January Supplemental Examination Board will begin placement for DT6012 in April. Students who fail to achieve a pass standard at the January Supplemental Examination Board are eligible to submit DT6013 and if the pass standard is achieved will exit the programme with the MSc Human Nutrition and will not be able to practice as a dietitian.</p> <p>Judgement for DT6015 and DT6012 (both group 1 and group 2) will be presented to the Summer Examination Board for both group 1 and group 2. Students who fail to achieve a pass standard for DT6012 at the Summer Examination Board will be required to repeat a Supplemental Placement (a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks extended training) during the summer months, the judgement for which will be presented to an Autumn Examination Board. For students who fail to achieve the pass standard for DT6015 at the Summer Examination Board there will a Supplemental Examination in Autumn with an Autumn Supplemental Examination Board. Students who fail to achieve a pass standard at the Autumn Examination Board are eligible to submit DT6013 and if the pass standard is achieved will exit the programme with the MSc Human Nutrition and will not be able to practice as a dietitian.</p> <p>The dissertation (DT6013) should be submitted to the School/Department on the last Monday of July. Marks for DT6013 will be presented to the Autumn examination board. Students</p>
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	who fail to achieve a pass standard at the Autumn Examination Board will be required to repeat DT6013 in a repeat year.



<b>Modules:</b>	Students take <b>60 credits</b> : <a href="https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes">https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes</a>
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per five credit module, 200 per ten credit module, 300 per fifteen credit module, 400 per twenty credit module, 600 per thirty credit module. Total Marks: <b>700</b> DT6011 and DT6012 are pass/fail.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including End of Year Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the <i>Book of Modules</i> ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	<p>The pass standard is a pass judgement or 40%, except for DT6013 which is 50%. Special Requirements for individual modules, if any, are detailed in the <i>Book of Modules</i> (<a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>).</p> <p>In cases where a fail mark of not more than 5 percentage points below the pass standard has been returned for the Systematic Literature Review, 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 Systematic Literature Review, within six weeks of the publication of examination results. In such cases, a judgement of 'pending' will be recorded for the dissertation.</p> <p>Following resubmission of the Systematic Literature Review, the Supervisor will confirm to the Student Records and Examinations Office 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.</p> <p>Where a student fails to resubmit the dissertation within the six-week period, the Supervisor will notify the Student Records and Examinations Office of same, following which, the 'pending' judgement previously recorded will be adjusted to a 'fail' judgement.</p>
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	<p>To pass Year 2 students must achieve a pass standard in each module and achieve a minimum mark of at least 50% in DT6013</p> <p>There is no compensation between modules.</p>
<b>Carrying Forward of Marks Towards the Final Degree Award:</b>	The final degree award (MSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics) is determined on the aggregate of marks achieved in Years 1 and 2 (1800 marks).
<b>Exit Awards.</b>	Students who pass each module in Year One and achieve a pass standard in DT6013 but fail to achieve a pass standard in any of DT6011, DT6012 or DT6015 or who opt to exit the programme will be awarded the MSc in Human Nutrition (90 credits in total).
<b>MSc Human Nutrition</b>	<i>Candidates who graduate with an exit award <b>will not</b> be eligible to practice as a Dietitian nor will they be allowed to re-join the programme at a later date.</i>
<b>Honours:</b>	<p><b>Masters Degree in Human Nutrition &amp; Dietetics</b></p> <p><i>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over years one and two at the Winter, Summer and Autumn Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows:</i></p> <p>First Class honours: an aggregate of at least 1260/1800 marks (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 1080/1800 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 900/1800 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%)</p> <p>Honours for the MSc Human Nutrition (exit award) will be awarded on the basis of marks achieved over years one and two at the first attempt and Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded as Follows:</p>
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	<p>First Class: an aggregate of at least 1260/1800 marks (i.e. 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class: an aggregate of at least 1080/1800 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 900/1800 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%)</p>
<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of five years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	<p>○ Please refer to the <i>Book of Modules</i> (<a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules. <i>Note: for some modules there is no Supplemental Examination.</i></p> <p>Students who fail to achieve the pass standard in the module DT6011 at the Winter (November) Examination Board must repeat a supplemental placement (a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks extended training) in late November and December, the results for which will be presented to a Winter Supplemental Examination Board (January). If supplemental placement is failed students are required to exit the programme, or opt to complete the research dissertation so they can exit with an MSc Human Nutrition. Students who exit with this award will not be able to practice as a Dietitian and cannot re-join the programme at a later date.</p> <p>Students who fail to achieve the pass standard in the module DT6012 at the Summer Examination Board must repeat a supplemental placement (a minimum of 4 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks extended training during the Summer Months) the results for which will be presented to an Autumn Supplemental Examination Board. If supplemental placement is failed students are required to exit the programme, or opt to complete the research dissertation so they can exit with an MSc Human Nutrition. Students who exit with this award will not be able to practice as a Dietitian and cannot re-join the programme at a later date.</p> <p>Marks achieved at supplemental examinations are capped at Pass Standard</p>
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	Students who fail to achieve a pass standard in the Dissertation (DT6013) at the Autumn examination board will be required to repeat the dissertation in a repeat year.
<b>Two Year Rule:</b>	Candidates must pass/progress within 2 academic years of the date of first registration for Second Year, otherwise they cannot continue in the programme.

	<b><u>MSC IN DAIRY TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION</u></b>
<b><i>Time:</i></b>	The MSc in Dairy Technology and Innovation is run over a calendar year (Semester 1, 2 and 3). Marks will go to the Autumn Exam Board.
<b><i>Progression to MSc (programme level):</i></b>	Candidates wishing to complete the MSc must pass each taught module in the PG Diploma in Dairy Technology and Innovation (an accumulation of 60 credits from the PG Certificate and PG Diploma) and achieve a minimum 50% aggregate mark over the PG Certificate and PG Diploma. Candidates must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the programme team, through the development of a project proposal that they have the capability and supports required from their employer to complete a work-based research project (a project proposal template will be provided). Where the number of suitable candidates exceed the number of places available, an interview will be used to assist in the selection process. Applicants need to be working in the dairy sector and have the express support of their employer in pursuing the MSc. If, in the event that a person ceases to work in the dairy industry during their MSc, the programme team would provide the necessary facilities to support completion of the planned project and submission of the dissertation.
<b><i>Marks Maxima</i></b>	Total Marks 1800, comprising of 600 from the Postgraduate Certificate, 600 from the Postgraduate Diploma and 600 from MSc
<b><i>Honours: (If applicable)</i></b>	<p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over Semester 1, Semester 2, Semester 3 and Supplemental Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of not less than 1260/1800 marks (i.e., 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 1: an aggregate of not less than 1080/1800 marks (i.e., 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 2: an aggregate of not less than 900/1800 marks (i.e., 50% and above but less than 60%)</p>
<b><i>Exemptions:</i></b>	Not applicable
<b><i>Supplemental Examinations:</i></b>	Yes. Students have the option to submit to the Winter Examination Board their Research Dissertation and present their project with oral assessment.
<b><i>Repeat Year Examinations:</i></b>	<p>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, and subject to this, a repeat candidate shall be eligible for an award of honours if the candidate satisfies the relevant requirements for honours.</p> <p>Students who fail the Dissertation in a subsequent year must withdraw from the programme.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the responsible school and Academic Director of the programme, an examination board may decide that a dissertation is borderline pass/fail and may agree to permit the student to make minor corrections to achieve the pass standard for the dissertation within six weeks of the publication of examination results.</p>

## POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DAIRY TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	
<b><i>Progression to PG Diploma (programme level):</i></b>	Students who successfully complete and are awarded the PG Certificate in Dairy Technology and Innovation are permitted to progress to the PG Diploma in Dairy Technology and Innovation.
<b><i>Time:</i></b>	Marks for all modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Summer Examination Board, there will be a Supplemental Examination in the Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
<b><i>Modules:</i></b>	Students take modules to a total of 30 credits in addition to 30 credits from the Postgraduate Certificate in Dairy Technology and Innovation.
<b><i>Marks Maxima:</i></b>	Total Marks 1200, comprising of 600 from the Postgraduate Certificate and 600 from the Postgraduate Diploma.
<b><i>Distribution of Marks:</i></b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules, ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b><i>Pass Standard (module level):</i></b>	Students are required to obtain at least 40% in each module to pass the module.
<b><i>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</i></b>	To pass the course and to graduate with the award, a candidate must pass all modules.
<b><i>Honours:</i></b>	<p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 840/1200 marks (i.e., 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 1: an aggregate of at least 720/1200 marks (i.e., 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 2: an aggregate of at least 600/1200 marks (i.e., 50% and above but less than 60%)</p>
<b><i>Exemptions:</i></b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of three years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b><i>Supplemental Examination:</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please refer to the Book of Modules ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules.</li> <li>○ Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Spring 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.</li> <li>○ Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Repeat Year Examinations:</i></b>	Marks will be capped at 40% in a repeat year examination.
<b><i>Three Year Rule (or other rule to apply):</i></b>	N/A

## POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DAIRY TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION	
<b>Time:</b>	Marks for all modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Summer Examination Board, there will be a Supplemental Examination in the Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.
<b>Modules:</b>	Students take 30 credits as described in the course curriculum. All are 5 credit modules
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per five-credit module. Total Marks: 600.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules, ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	Students are required to obtain at least 40% in each module to pass the module.
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	To pass the course and to graduate with the award, a candidate must pass all modules.
<b>Honours:</b>	Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows: First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 420/600 marks (i.e. 70% and above) Second Class Honours Grade I: an aggregate of at least 360/600 marks (i.e. 60% and above but less than 70%) Second Class Honours Grade II: an aggregate of at least 300/600 marks (i.e. 50% and above but less than 60%) Third Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 270/600 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%) Pass Award: an aggregate of at least 240/600 marks (i.e. 40% and above but less than 45%)
<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of three years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examination:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please refer to the Book of Modules ( <a href="http://www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/">www.https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules.</li> <li>○ Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Spring 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.</li> <li>○ Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> </ul>
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	Marks will be capped at 40% in a repeat year examination.
<b>Three Year Rule (or other rule to apply):</b>	N/A

Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems	
<b>Time:</b>	Marks for all modules, including those wholly assessed by Continuous Assessment, will be presented to the Summer Examination Board. For students failing to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Summer Examination Board, there will be a Supplemental Examination in the Autumn with an Autumn Examination Board.

<b>Modules:</b>	Students take modules to a total of 30 credits as described in the course curriculum.
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	100 per five credit module (400). 200 per 10 credit module (200). Total Marks: 600.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	Distribution of marks and assessment details (including Written Examination Profile) for individual modules are contained in the Book of Modules, ( <a href="http://www.ucc.ie/academic/modules/">www.ucc.ie/academic/modules/</a> ).
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	Students are required to obtain at least 40% in each module to pass the module.
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	To pass the course and to graduate with the award, a candidate must pass all modules.
<b>Honours:</b>	<p>Students will be eligible for the award of honours on the basis of the marks achieved over the Examinations. Honours will be awarded on aggregate as follows:</p> <p>First Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 420/600 marks (i.e., 70% and above)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 1: an aggregate of at least 360/600 marks (i.e., 60% and above but less than 70%)</p> <p>Second Class Honours Grade 2: an aggregate of at least 300/600 marks (i.e., 50% and above but less than 60%)</p> <p>Third Class Honours: an aggregate of at least 270/600 marks (i.e. 45% and above but less than 50%)</p> <p>Pass Award: an aggregate of at least 240/600 marks (i.e. 40% and above but less than 45%)</p>
<b>Exemptions:</b>	All passed modules carry an exemption, which is limited to a period of three years from the date a student originally achieved the exemption.
<b>Supplemental Examination:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please refer to the Book of Modules (<a href="http://www.ucc.ie/academic/modules/">www.ucc.ie/academic/modules/</a>) for requirements governing the Supplemental Examination for individual modules.</li> <li>○ Students who fail to achieve the pass standard for the course at the Spring 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.</li> <li>○ Marks from all passed modules are carried forward to the Supplemental Examination.</li> </ul>
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	Marks will be capped at 40% in a repeat year examination.
<b>Three Year Rule (or other rule to apply):</b>	N/A

## PhD's

PhD FOOD SCIENCES	
FIRST UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN PhD (FOOD SCIENCES)	
<b>Time:</b>	Modules undertaken in Year 1 of the above programme will be assessed or examined as detailed in the description for each module taken; it is noted that many of the modules included are assessed by Continuous Assessment.
<b>Modules:</b>	As listed in the Calendar, a minimum of 20 ECTS credits must have been successfully completed by the end of Year 1.
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	5 credit modules have marks maxima of 100 marks; many modules undertaken are assessed on a pass/fail basis.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	As stated in individual module descriptions.
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	Students must have completed a total of 20 credits by the end of Year 1, which will be assessed at an Examination Board in the Autumn of that year.
<b>Honours: (If applicable)</b>	Honours will not be awarded in this programme.
<b>Exemptions:</b>	
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	As stated in individual module descriptions.
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	Modules may be repeated in line with details given in individual programme descriptions, if necessary, before the end of Year 2.
<b>Three Year Rule:</b>	Not Applicable

SECOND UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN PhD (FOOD SCIENCES)	
<b>Time:</b>	Modules undertaken in Year 2 of the above programme will be assessed or examined as detailed in the description for each module taken; it is noted that many of the modules included are assessed by Continuous Assessment.
<b>Modules:</b>	As listed in the Calendar, a minimum of 10 ECTS credits must have been successfully completed by the end of Year 2, giving a total of 30 ECTS credits between Years 1 and 2.
<b>Marks Maxima:</b>	5 credit modules have marks maxima of 100 marks; many modules undertaken are assessed on a pass/fail basis.
<b>Distribution of Marks:</b>	
<b>Pass Standard (module level):</b>	As stated in individual module descriptions.
<b>Pass and Progression Standard (programme level):</b>	Student completion of modules will be assessed at an Examination Board in the Autumn. Students must have completed a total of 30 credits by the end of Year 2, and students who have not completed this level of coursework may progress to Year 3 to a traditional PhD and will not be conferred with the PhD (Food Sciences).
<b>Honours: (If applicable)</b>	Honours will not be awarded in this programme.
<b>Exemptions:</b>	
<b>Supplemental Examinations:</b>	As stated in individual module descriptions.
<b>Repeat Year Examinations:</b>	Any modules required to be completed within the 30 credit minimum limit for the PhD (Food Sciences) must be completed, including any requirement for repeating, by the end of Year 2.
<b>Three Year Rule:</b>	Not Applicable

There are no Marks and Standards for Years 3 and 4 of the programme, as in these years there are no prescribed coursework requirements, and students are completing their PhD programme in line with standard university procedure for the PhD degree

## **GUIDES TO EXAMINATIONS**

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