

Assessment Descriptors – Table D

PRESENTATION: - Structure, Language, Grammar, Written expression Figures, Tables, Referencing

Correct and consistent grammar, punctuation and spelling for all such significant pieces of independent learning and is explicitly included in the assessment rubric. An example of assessment criteria by degree classification mark-band is given below, though Schools may wish to develop their own to fit their academic discipline.

	Level 6	Masters
Undergraduate:	Length requirements not observed. Structure	N/A
0-39% -	severely flawed. No clear progression through	
Unsatisfactory/poor	and between sections. Sections are inappropriate	
	to the type of research carried out.	
	Inappropriate use of language with poor	
	grammar, punctuation and spelling, figures and	
	tables, etc. unacceptable. Many basic errors in	
	referencing or use of unattributed material. Use	
	of unattributed material or inadequate	
	referencing;	
Undergraduate:	Length requirements not observed, Little logical	Limited documentation of results; length requirements
40-49 % - Adequate	progression through and between each section.	not observed; arguments or reasoning incomplete;
	Some sections not appropriate to the project as	poor structure; abstract does not adequately describe
Masters	carried out. Errors in use of language,	work; use of unattributed material or inadequate
	grammar, punctuation and spelling affecting	referencing; spelling, punctuation and grammatical



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0-50% - Below MSc	comprehensibility. Some deviations from	errors in use of language affecting
pass standard	professional conventions. Poor but adequate	comprehensibility; deviations from scientific
	layout with figures and tables. Errors remaining	conventions; poor layout; poor figures and tables;
	after proof-reading. Adequate referencing with	errors remaining after proof-reading.
	some errors	
Undergraduate:	Length requirements observed; Progression	Adequate documentation of results; length
50-59% - Fair	through and between sections uneven or unclear	requirements observed; some clear scientific
	at times. Basic use of language with some	arguments developed; abstract adequately describes
Masters	grammar, punctuation and spelling errors.	work; basic use of language with mostly correct
50-59% - Fair/Pass	Basic use of professional conventions. Fair layout	spelling, punctuation and grammar; basic use of
	with appropriate use of figures and tables. Most	scientific conventions including references; adequate
	errors removed in proof- reading. Adequate	layout with appropriate use of figures and tables; most
	referencing with few errors.	errors removed in proof-reading.
Undergraduate:	Appropriate length without obvious omission or	Clear documentation of results; appropriate length
60-69 % - Good	repetition. Mostly logical progression through	without obvious omission or repetition; consistent
	and between sections. Proper use of language	development of clear scientific arguments; abstract
Masters:	with few grammar, punctuation and spelling	accurately describes work; proper use of language
60-69% -	errors. Proper use of professional conventions.	with correct spelling punctuation and grammar;
Good/Merit	Clear layout with good use of figures and tables.	proper use of scientific conventions including
	Almost all errors removed in proof-reading.	references; clear layout with appropriate use of figures
	Adequate referencing.	and tables; almost all errors removed in proof-
		reading.



Undergraduate: 70-100% - Very good, excellent, outstanding

Masters:
70-100% - Very
good to
excellent/Distinction

Concise and cohesive without obvious omission.

Elegant; skilful use of language without
grammar, punctuation or spelling errors.

Proper use of scientific and professional
conventions. Clear and logical progression
through and between sections. Imaginative use of
tables and figures. Accurate proofreading.

Pleasing overall layout. Adequate referencing

Clear and imaginative documentation of results; concise presentation without obvious omission; clear, consistent and rigorous scientific arguments developed that link the whole thesis into a cohesive work; abstract conveys essence of work elegantly; skilful use of language with correct grammar, punctuation and spelling; skilful use of scientific conventions; strong layout; imaginative use of tables and figures; accurate proof-reading; pleasing overall layout.