

Marking Scheme for Thesis, Written and Oral Assignments

Students must achieve a pass mark in every module and in the M.A. thesis in order to qualify for the M.A. Grades given for each examination are to be decided on by the examiners responsible. In order to come to the grade or create a final grade, the first decimal place after the comma is to be taken into account, further decimal places are to be ignored. The basis for determining a mark is as follows:

1.0 Excellent

The standard for this grade is:

- original work that demonstrates creativity, lucidity and logical argument
- outstanding knowledge of the topic and relevant research material and methods
- demonstrates extensive reading, critical awareness, theoretical and analytical skills applied in a selective and creative fashion
- an excellent achievement containing only a few insignificant mistakes

1.3 Very Good

The standard for this grade is:

- very good work that demonstrates creativity, lucidity and logical argument
- very good knowledge of the topic and relevant research material and methods
- demonstrates extensive reading, critical awareness, theoretical and analytical skills applied in a selective and creative fashion
- a very good achievement which meets the grading criteria and contains only minor mistakes or omissions.

1.7 or 2.0 or 2.3 Good

The standard for this grade is:

- a substantial piece of work that demonstrates a good understanding of the topic and complex themes
- demonstrates reading of a wide range of literature and reflects an independent analysis and critical skills
- a good and solid achievement that nevertheless does not adequately meet some of the grading criteria

2.7 or 3.0 or 3.3 Satisfactory

The standard for this grade is:

- a satisfactory piece of work that demonstrates an understanding of important components of the topic and related themes
- expresses a critical dialogue with the material and indicates reading of a satisfactory range of literature
- a satisfactory achievement containing evident mistakes and omissions and which in general does not adequately meet a range of grading criteria

3.7 or 4.0 Sufficient

The standard for this grade is:

- a sufficient piece of work that demonstrates a limited understanding of some of the fundamental components of the topic and related themes
- demonstrates the existence of a sufficient theoretical knowledge which, however, does not reflect creativity, original ideas or original analysis
- an achievement that meets the minimum standards

4.1 – 5.0 Fail

The standard for this grade is:

- a flawed or insufficient piece of work demonstrating no critical dialogue with the material
- reflects no study of the literature and contains no satisfactory analysis
- an achievement that requires considerable improvement.