

Dissertation Marking Criteria – Level 7

N.B. These marking criteria are based on the QAA Framework for higher education qualification in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2008)

	Structure & organisation	Knowledge	Application of knowledge & understanding (incl. critical reflection)	Analysis (including critical evaluation)	Use of source material
The student should demonstrate:	Adherence to the presentation guidelines ; conforms to the conventions for Masters level work. (NB. the mark for structure and organisation does not relate to the content of the assignment)	Originality in developing or applying ideas, often in a research context across a breadth of relevant literature.	Originality in the application of knowledge and understanding, demonstrating problem solving abilities in new, complex or unfamiliar environments within broader or multi-disciplinary contexts.	The ability to integrate knowledge and handle complexities; to formulate judgements using underpinning knowledge; to communicate conclusions to specialist & non-specialist audiences. Critical awareness of current problems at the forefront of their academic discipline/field of study or area of professional practice.	Discernment in selecting sources and the use of that material to support complex discussions. Integration of knowledge gained through reading, research and reflection to support arguments, formulate judgements and conclusions. The ability to critically evaluate current evidence, included in the work, relevant to the academic discipline/field of study or area of professional practice.
Weighting (%)	10	20	30	30	10