Reassessments

The University of York allows reassessment for students who have been unable to pass some modules in their first attempt assessments. The number of credits that can be reassessed is limited for each stage of study, and not all modules are allowed to be reassessed, but if you have been offered a reassessment it is important that you understand what the effect of this reassessment opportunity is going to mean for your degree.

How are reassessment marks used?

Your reassessment marks will not be used in the calculation of your degree classification. Your degree classification will be based on your original (first attempt) marks. This is designed to ensure that students who require reassessment don’t have an advantage over those who pass the first time.

For undergraduate students, degree classifications are based on the credit weighted mean (average) of all of their first attempt module marks, not including first year, weighted to give more impact to their most recent marks. For a three-year degree, that means that second and third year are weighted at 2:3. There is more detail on how degrees are classified in the Student’s Guide to the University’s Progression and Award Rules here:
https://www.york.ac.uk/staff/teaching/procedure/examinations/guide/

In order to progress, you will need to have passed or compensated all modules for the year at either first attempt or reassessment. If you meet that standard, you will progress to the following year, even if the average of your first attempt marks does not meet the pass mark for your degree. But if your credit weighted average of first attempts does not meet the pass mark at the end of your degree, your award mark will be deemed to be the lowest mark that qualifies as a ‘pass’ for your degree (so, 40 for undergraduates, and 50 for postgraduates). For undergraduates, your degree classification will be based on that mark.

Will reassessment marks appear on my transcript?

Your actual reassessment marks will appear alongside your first attempt mark on your transcript. This mark won’t be capped at the pass mark, but as explained above, also won’t be used in your degree classification. But showing your reassessment mark on your transcript allows you to evidence your grasp of the material.

How does this relate to exceptional circumstances affecting assessment?

Where a student is granted a ‘sit as if for the first time’ as the result of exceptional circumstances, that is not the same as a resit, and so the grades will not be treated the same way. Marks obtained at sits as if for the first time will be treated as first attempt marks, and will be used in degree calculations.