

University of St Andrews

School of Psychology

Honours Degree Classification - Undergraduates

The University applies a common formula for the calculation of the award of Honours classifications. Degrees are classified using a credit-weighted calculation of grades achieved for Honours-level modules (3000 level and above).

From the start of session 2010/2011 there will be no discretionary classification border zones and only one decimal point will be used in calculations of means and medians. This classification system will be in operation for all students, namely those who are continuing (including students entering Junior Honours in 2010/2011) as well as new entrants.

However, students who entered Honours programmes during or before 2009/2010 will be considered under both the 2009/2010 and the 2010/2011 algorithms and the higher classification will be awarded.

The 2009/2010 Classification Borderline Criteria for the School of Psychology were the following:

CRITERION 1:

Cases in which both the mean and median fall in the borderzone (e.g. both 16.00-16.49). Recommend the higher classification if 37% of credits are in the higher category.

CRITERION 2:

Cases in which the mean lies within one category, but the median in a higher category. Recommend higher classification.

Using these criteria the School will make recommendations to the University Special Classification Board. Note however that the Special Classification Board has the authority to turn down any recommendation from the School.