

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Guidelines on Degree Honours Classification

1. A student who satisfies the conditions for graduation shall be awarded a Bachelor's degree with one of the following classifications:
 - (a) First Class Honours
 - (b) Second Class Honours Upper Division
 - (c) Second Class Honours Lower Division
 - (d) Third Class Honours
 - (e) Pass

2. The classification of a student's degree shall be determined by the Undergraduate Examinations Board (UEB), in its absolute discretion, taking into account the GPA standards and distribution guidelines specified from time to time by the Senate; and the UEB may also adopt other guidelines if it deems appropriate.

3. The classification of a student's degree shall be based on the grade point average of Major and STOT courses at 2000 and above level or 3000 and above level as decided by the Board of the Faculty to which he belongs, and grade point average of other courses and result of the graduation thesis/project (if applicable) in accordance with the standards specified by the Senate.

4. Specified minimum GPA standards and distribution guidelines for determination of honours classification are published under Clause 13.2 of the *General Regulations Governing Full-time Undergraduate Studies* for students admitted in and after 2012-13 under the new curriculum.

5. The UEB will monitor the distribution guidelines and GPA standards to ensure the academic quality and standard in the award of degree honours of the University. Students who score the same Major GPA in the same study programme and who satisfy all other minimum requirements i.e. the minimum Major GPA, minimum Overall GPA and minimum grade in graduation thesis/project (if applicable) shall be awarded the same class of honours.

6. Overall GPA being a measure of a student's attainment in Major and non-Major courses has no positive effect on honours classification. Scoring a higher Overall GPA will not pull up a student's ranking on the honours list, but scoring an Overall GPA lower than the minimum standard required of the class of honours may render a student ineligible for the award of that class of honours.

7. Graduation assessment of students who graduate in first term of an academic year shall be based on GPA guidelines and benchmarked against the honours classifications of the same study programme in the preceding main exercise.

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The University reserves the right to make changes to the above guidelines as deemed necessary.