



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

OPEN EDUCATION UNIT

Programme Regulations 2020-2021

Programme Title: MSc in Management for Sustainable Development

Programme Code: MSD

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis: Online Distance Education

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml>, and the Course Handbook.*

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirement

1.1 Calculation for the Award Classification

The MSc consists of four taught modules (4 x 15 credits) and a final dissertation (30 credits). Each taught module is assessed on a continuous assessment basis. Students submit three assignments each worth an equal share of the final mark for the module. The three individual assignment marks are averaged to arrive at the final mark for the module.

The classification of the award will be determined by the module marks obtained at the first attempt at the following modules; OSC1, OSC2, OSC3, OSC14 and OSC20. The 15 ECTS credit modules contribute one-sixth while OSC20 contributes two sixths to the overall

classification.

To obtain an award at a M.Sc. classification, students must achieve the following:

Precision Mark	Award
Greater than or equal to 70%	First Class Honours
Between 60% and 69% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade I
Between 50% and 59% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade II
Between 40% and 49% inclusive	Third Class Honours

2. Derogations from Marks and Standards

Marks and Standards apply.

3. Progression

Modules can be taken in any order, so progression does not apply. While the normal order of modules is to take the dissertation module (OSC20) last, it is possible to take this module and complete outstanding taught modules at the same time.

3.1 Exit Awards

There are three exit awards for this programme. Upon successful completion of two specific modules, OSC1 and OSC2, equating to 30 credits students may exit with a **Graduate Certificate**. Upon successful completion of the four taught modules equating to 60 credits students may exit with a **Graduate Diploma**. Upon successful completion of the dissertation in addition to the taught modules, equating to 90 credits students may exit with a **Master of Science**. Students will graduate with one award only, the highest level at which they elect to terminate their studies.

4. Compensation

Marks and Standards apply.

5. Resit Categories

The resits offered for the August examinations diet vary depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories. All modules except those specified below fall into category 1.

OSC20 Dissertation	Category 2
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Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module

Resit category 2: No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by Continuous Assessment. The dissertation module (OSC20) on this programme is resit category 2.

Resit category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.