1. **Degree Programmes**

The Department offers eight degree programmes:

- MSci Physics (F303, 4 years)
- MSci Physics with Theoretical Physics (F390, 4 years)
- MSci Physics with a Year in Europe (F309, 4 years)
- MSci Physics with Science Education (F3XD, 4 years)
- BSc Physics (F300, 3 years)
- BSc Physics with Theoretical Physics (F325, 3 years)
- BSc Physics and Music Performance (F3W3, 4 years)
- BSc Physics with Science Education (F3XC, 3 years)

The structure of each of the degree programmes and the weights of each year are set out in Appendix 1.

2. **Assessment**

2.1 *Types of Assessment*

- Continuous assessment is used for laboratory work, computing and projects (and for assessed problem sheets in Years 1 and 2)
- Written reports are submitted and marked for laboratory, computing and project work
- Unseen examinations in May/June are used for the assessment of all lecture courses
- The two Comprehensive Examination Papers, taken in Year 3, cover the whole of the core curriculum and test problem solving ability
- Resit examinations are available in September for examinations that have been failed in the May/June examinations
- Each failed examination can be retaken at the next available opportunity on a maximum of two occasions
- The pass mark on all forms of assessment is 40%.

2.2 *Project Report Assessment Criteria*

Assessment criteria used for project reports are set out in Appendix 2.
3. Progression Requirements

A brief summary of the rules for progression follows. In places the rules have been simplified for clarity. Full details are included in the Programme Specifications.

3.1 Progression from Year 1 to Year 2

Students must achieve passes in all ECTS elements to progress. Students failing any element will be required to resit any failed examinations in September. Students who do not progress may withdraw and repeat the failed examinations the following year. Note that there is no resit possibility for the Laboratory and Computing element and any student who fails this element will be required to withdraw.

3.2 Progression from Year 2 to Year 3

All students must achieve passes in all course elements from the 2nd year. Students on the MSci programmes must achieve >60% to be allowed to progress automatically. Those with average marks between 57% and 60% may be allowed to progress after review but otherwise will be required to transfer to a BSc programme. Students with less than 57% will be transferred to a BSc programme. Any students who have failed any course elements will only be allowed to progress if they successfully pass the failed elements in the September resits. Students who do not progress may withdraw and repeat the failed examinations the following year. Note that there is no resit possibility for the Laboratory and Computing element and any student who fails this element will be required to withdraw.

3.3 Progression from Year 3 to Year 4

Students must achieve passes in all elements in order to progress to Year 4 of the MSci programmes.

4. Special Arrangements for Individual Programmes

4.1 MSci Year in Europe (Year 3)

The Year Abroad is assessed by (1) examinations taken at the host University under the local rules for pass marks and resit opportunities [24 ECTS] and (2) a project presentation and supervisor assessment (carried out locally at the host University) together with a double-marked project report assessed at Imperial [36 ECTS]. Marks from the Year Abroad are considered individually at a special examiners’ meeting in September. Conversion of the marks is carried out according to algorithms developed over several years through local knowledge and published information.

4.2 BSc Physics and Music Performance

This programme is run jointly with the Royal College of Music (RCM) and the music elements are all assessed by the RCM using their normal criteria.

4.3 BSc and MSci Physics with Science Education

This programme is run jointly with Canterbury Christchurch University (CCCU) and the teaching elements are all assessed by CCCU using their normal criteria.
5. **Award of Honours**

In order to be awarded a degree, students must achieve passes in all elements of the course.

The final mark is calculated using the weights given in Appendix 1. Honours are awarded as follows (where marks are rounded to the nearest percentage point):

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Students within typically 2.5% of a class boundary may be promoted to the higher class at the discretion of the Board of Examiners. This will normally be done if more than 50% of the weighted ECTS credits have marks in the higher class.