

Indian universities to be treated as ‘exceptions’ in terms of admissions decisions...

1) Indian universities which do not award an overall degree classification

In response to issues arising around grade equivalences from India, the University adopted a change in the terminology used when making offers to Indian applicants and now states “first class or equivalent” on PGT offer letters rather than 60% for a 2.1 equivalence.

This terminology is appropriate for the vast majority of undergraduate qualifications awarded in India, however we are aware of a small number of Indian universities which award an overall final grade but do not provide their students with an overall degree classification. Students graduating from these universities are therefore unable to provide evidence from their university to show that the grade they have achieved is equivalent to a ‘first class’. In the case of the universities listed below we are recommending a percentage grade of 60% should continue to be considered as a 2:1 equivalent

- University of Mumbai
- University of Thapar

Please note in the case of the University of Mumbai – the student should achieve 60% or above in their aggregate percentage score (based on actual marks achieved), rather than the GPA or Grade calculated on the basis of ‘grade points’. The International Office can provide further detail and sample transcripts to illustrate the reasons for this on request.

2) Indian universities which follow extremely strict marking schemes

We are also aware of a small number of Indian universities which adopt extremely strict approaches to marking and where it is therefore extremely difficult for students to achieve a ‘first class’. These are University of Delhi, University of Kolkata and University of Pune.

These are universities with very high quality rankings (as outlined below) and we are recommending, on a case-by-case basis, students with an overall result of 55-60% (‘Higher second class’) should be considered for programmes requiring a 2:1 degree result or equivalent. For the University of Kolkata, this a continuation of existing TP admissions guidance. In the case of the University of Delhi and the University of Pune, we are aware that several students from these universities have been admitted to Leeds in recent years with 55-60% overall score but these universities have not previously been noted in TP admissions guidance as special cases.

- University of Delhi

University of Delhi is the premier university in India and is known for its high standards in teaching and research and attracting eminent scholars to its faculty. University of Delhi, is consistently ranked the number one University in India (India today rankings) and the University of Delhi is a Section I University in the NOOSR guide (Official Australian ranking of Indian

Universities). The University of Delhi is also ranked 81st according to QS Asian university rankings.

The University of Delhi was established in 1922 and has significant links to the political establishment in India. The Vice President is the Chancellor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India is the Pro-Chancellor, and the current Prime Minister (along with many ministerial colleagues) is an alumnus.

- University of Kolkata

University of Kolkata is ranked number 2 in India (India today rankings of Indian Universities). It is a section one University according to the NOOSR Guide (Official Australian ranking of Indian Universities), ranked 131st according to QS Asian university rankings and among the top 50 institutions according to the QS BRICS Ranking 2014.

- University of Pune

University of Pune is established in 1948 and is one of India's premier institutions. It is a section one University according to the NOOSR Guide (Official Australian ranking of Indian Universities), ranked 201st according to QS Asian university rankings and among the top 100 institutions according to the QS BRICS Ranking 2014.

The grading scheme for the University of Pune is copied below. All transcripts issued by the University include a note (also copied below) to highlight that overall scores of students may be lower than other universities due to the strict marking schemes of the University.

Marks	Class	Marks	Class
40 -- 49.99	Pass Class	60 -- 65.99	First Class
50 -- 54.99	Second Class	66 – 100	First Class with Distinction
55 -- 59.99	Higher Second Class		

Note: It should be noted that the students of the University of Pune face a particularly strict assessment so the number of students acquiring First Class with Distinction is few as compared to the other Universities and Institutes in India.