

BOARD OF STUDIES IN MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

MARK SCHEME FOR LEVEL M PROJECTS

Academic Content

Introduction and conclusion, putting in context	10
Quality of content, scope and quantity of material, level of difficulty	20
Evidence of understanding, filling in steps, originality of treatment, coherent account in own words	20
Study of original research articles and/or own calculations and/or independent work	20
Initiative and diligence (supervisor only)	10

Written Presentation

Clarity of presentation, ease of reading and style, adequacy of program documentation (if relevant)	5
Grammar and spelling	5

Oral Presentation

Content (clear structure, good explanations)	5
Delivery (pacing, audibility; legibility and organisation of visual aids)	5

Markers should take into account whether the project was completed over one or two semesters in awarding marks for scope and quantity of material, level of difficulty, and independent work.

Qualitative Descriptors

Markers should consider whether the mark they arrive at is in conformity with the following criteria, and bear in mind that the pass mark for a level M project is 50%.

≥ 90	Little to criticise. Professional presentation, copious evidence of full understanding, independent reading and thinking. Contains interesting results or insights.
≥ 80	Outstandingly well organised with copious evidence of full understanding and showing independent reading, thinking and, where appropriate, calculations.
≥ 70	Well organised use of most expected material, with plentiful evidence of clear understanding.
≥ 60	Generally well organised use of most expected material, with convincing evidence of understanding.
≥ 50	Sensible use of some relevant material, with some evidence of understanding.
≥ 40	Includes at least some relevant material, limited evidence of understanding.
≥ 30	Material thin, poorly organised, with little evidence of understanding.
< 30	Very little material, unorganised, with practically no evidence of understanding.

Academic Integrity

Students and markers should be aware of the penalties and procedures associated with poor referencing, poor academic practice, plagiarism, copying, collusion, and fabrication: these can be found in the University's *Academic Integrity Policy*, linked from the Department's project web pages.

Late Submission

In accordance with University policy, projects which are submitted late (after 3pm on the first day of the relevant examination period) will be penalised as follows: 5% of the total marks available will be deducted for each working day after the submission deadline, up to a maximum of five working days. Projects submitted more than five working days after the deadline will receive a mark of zero.