Case for change in assessment of MSc module Informatics Research Proposal (IRP)

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Current situation

The Informatics Research Proposal (IRP) is a twenty point MSc module for virtually all Informatics MSc students.

Currently, the IRP report is marked by the supervisor as either: fail, pass at Diploma level, or regular pass. This trinary marking is at odds with College policies, which is causing a number of problems, nor does it allow for much reflection of difference in quality and effort between reports.

Proposed assessment

As part of a standardization I propose to change the assessment to be a numerical mark. The report will be marked by the supervisor according to a (to be updated) marking sheet that has scores for literature review, clarity, plan of work, identification of potential problems, etc.