

Proposals:

Courses affected:

IRR, Informatics Research Review INFR11136

IPP, Informatics Project Proposal INFR11147

Background to changes:

Historically IRR and IPP were pass/fail courses. The reason for this was to ensure the degree boundary outcomes (e.g. merit, distinction) were decided by the other technical courses.

IRR and IPP also suffer from widely varying previous experience so the entry level is not uniform. Engagement with the research process and preparation for the M.Sc. project was considered to be the essential outcome, not a specific grade. More recently IRR and IPP were converted to graded courses in response to changes by the University assessment regulations in which a pass mark was converted to 50% and so that affected the student's average mark.

The current graded nature makes this a massively complex course to deliver and assess for relatively subtle gains in increased engagement by a small subset of students.

Next coming year the University regulations will effectively revert back to allowing pass/fail courses on PGT programmes where the points are included but no numerical mark is included in boundary calculations from PASS/FAIL courses.

Proposal:

IRR and IPP will revert to pass/fail based on a single coursework (the research review or project proposal respectively).

The learning outcomes are not changed.

DRPS Edits needed:

IRR

Written Examination 0%, Coursework 100%, Practical Examination 0%

There will be one PASS/FAIL coursework component:

- Final research review (100%) due week 2, semester 2.

IPP

Written Examination 0%, Coursework 100%, Practical Examination 0%

There will be one PASS/FAIL coursework component:

- Project Proposal (100%)