

Degree Classification Policy

The facts:

- Undergraduate Degree Classifications (with the exception of BA Primary Education) consists of 200 credits from level HE 2/3.
- You do 120 credits worth of modules each year (minimum on full time studies).
- How degree classifications have been calculated:
 - “Classification will be decided on the basis of the average of the best 200 credits at levels HE2/3, irrespective of subject, and with no weighting between levels” – meaning you can drop your lowest 40 credits (with some restrictions, often specific to programmes)
- As of last 2 months ago:
 - You can no longer drop 40 credits from level HE3, but either 20 credits from HE 2 AND 3, or 40 credits from HE2.
- University of Roehampton says this is to get in line with the sector, and to ensure a degree is mostly made up from mostly higher level modules. They also reassured the SU by saying that any student that will be negatively affected by this, will have the old regulations applied.

RSU BELIEVES:

- That the suggested changes, and the reasoning, is fair.
- That these suggested changes are fair only if students are aware from the first day of the academic year.
- That students plan their workloads to achieve the degree classification they want.
- That these changes might negatively impact current final year students.
- That there is no guarantee that the University will discover all students this might have negative impact on.
- That these changes might have an impact on students' mental health.

RSU SHOULD:

- Lobby the University to not implement these changes in degree classification calculations until next academic year.