

GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



What's Changing?

Beginning September 2025, new grade bands and GPA system will be applicable to all programmes.



When does it start?

Semester 1, Academic Year 2025-2026.



How will this affect you?

- Your stage GPA will be determined from modules taken in that academic year.
- You'll Progress and Graduate based on your GPA criteria.



Why is this changing?

To ensure fairness and consistency across all TU Dublin programmes.

Where can I get more information?

- Refer to your Student Handbook
- Visit [Assessment Regulations FAQs](https://www.tu-dublin.ie/assessment-regulations-faqs) @ TU.Dublin.ie

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Introduction

The Academic Council, at its meeting 31 on June 24, 2025, approved the [Assessment Regulations for Taught Programmes](#) for implementation for all students, starting in September 2025.

This [Guide for Students](#) outlines the rationale for the new regulations, the expected changes for continuing students, and the relevant supports that will be provided to ensure successful transition.



When does it Start?

The new assessment regulations are being implemented, for all years/stages of all programmes, in Semester 1 of Academic Year 2025-2026. However, supplemental examinations/assessments for Academic

Year 2024-2025 will be managed under the legacy campus-based regulations. Therefore, the implementation of the new assessment regulations will impact new and continuing students only.



What Are the Key Changes?

The following is a summary of key changes to be expected:

1. The cross-university adoption of the new assessment regulations is intended to harmonise student assessment and requirements for progression.
2. The new regulations encompass the [approved GPA grading system](#) for all programmes and upon which your Academic Standing will be determined.
3. There will be appropriate transition arrangements for students transferring to GPA grading system.



How Will This Affect You?

1. Students who have passed all modules in academic year 2024/25 will commence Semester 1 of the Academic Year 2025/26 under the new GPA grading model.
2. Students who will not have passed all modules in academic year 2024/25, will repeat the incomplete modules under the new GPA grading, and grades for the completed modules will be converted to the new GPA grades to determine their overall Academic Standing.
3. For students enrolled in programmes for which the Academic Standing in the award stage are weighted on more than one stage of a programme, the grades achieved in the relevant stages will be converted to the new GPA grading to determine the Award Classification.

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Why Are the Changes Required?

- The new Assessment Regulations for all taught programmes leading to undergraduate and postgraduate awards of TU Dublin enable the university's commitment to ensuring consistency, fairness, and clarity in how academic achievement is evaluated and recognised across the diverse and continuously evolving academic programmes.
- They facilitate a seamless experience for students, enabling a cohesive academic journey, regardless of their programme of study or TU Dublin campus location.
- They are also intended to enable accurate, comprehensive, and timely information on outcomes of assessment to students.
- The integrated mechanisms for consultation and feedback during their development enabled stakeholders to contribute to their evolution, fostering a culture of shared responsibility, hence, the scope for continuous improvement.



Available Support

It is understandable that implementation of new assessment regulations, and particularly if the GPA grading system is new to your programme, can create some level of anxiety and pose questions. We want to assure you that your success during this transition will be our utmost priority. Therefore, whether you will be a continuing student or in your final/award year during the transition, you will be fully supported in adapting to the changes.

Available supports include:

- Your Student Handbook issued by the school, and which contains a link to assessment regulations with signposts to specific sections that may be of interest, e.g., GPA and Award Classification, procedures for reporting on extenuating circumstances, and procedure for deferring an assessment.
- A live list is available of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).
- For any questions or matters for clarification yet to be covered under the FAQ list, please contact qualityframework@tudublin.ie.