

Understanding UMS points AS & A Level for modular style courses

UMS= Uniform Mark Scale

When you sit an exam or do a piece of coursework, these are marked or moderated by an examiner who will allocate a Raw Mark. This Raw Mark is then converted by the Exam Boards into UMS points which are shown on the Statement of Results. These UMS points will indicate what equivalent grade you have achieved for that unit. Each unit may have a different maximum Uniform Mark so you will need to ask your subject teacher what it is for their subject or you can look it up on Moodle Examinations.

The table below indicates the UMS grade boundary.

Unit Results Grade boundary

	Max UMS 60	Max UMS 70	Max UMS 80	Max UMS 90	Max UMS 100	Max UMS 105	Max UMS 120	Max UMS 130	Max UMS 140	Max UMS 150
A	48	56	64	72	80	84	96	104	112	120
B	42	49	56	63	70	74	84	91	98	105
C	36	42	48	54	60	63	72	78	84	90
D	30	35	40	45	50	53	60	65	70	75
E	24	28	32	36	40	42	48	52	56	60

E.G.: If you achieved 65 UMS points out of a possible 105, then your unit grade will be **C**.

These UMS points are then added together to produce an overall Award Grade for either AS or A2. If you have done a resit, the best unit results will be used. The table below shows the boundaries for overall Award Grades depending on the number of units required for a whole A Level Award.

Overall Award Grade boundary

Table 1 - 6 unit GCE A Level

	AS Subject Award	A2 Subject Award
Max	300	600
A*	N/A	480 (with a minimum of 270 in A2 units)
A	240	480
B	210	420
C	180	360
D	150	300
E	120	240

Table 2 - 4 unit GCE A Level

	AS Subject Award	A2 Subject Award
Max	200	400
A*	N/A	320 (with a minimum of 180 in A2 units)
A	160	320
B	140	280
C	120	240
D	100	200
E	80	160

6 unit GCE A Level include Maths, Travel and Tourism, Music, Health and Social Care, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

E.G.: If you did Psychology AS, which is a 4 unit GCE, and you achieved 75/100(b) for one unit and 42/100(e) for another, your overall UMS points will be 117/200 therefore, looking at Table 2, you will have gained an overall AS grade **D**.

Please note that the A* for Maths A Level is based on different criteria and should be checked with the Subject Teacher

If you have any further queries, please see the Exams Officer.