



Samuel Filipe Azevedo Magalhães
By email

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4 October 2021

Dear Samuel Filipe Azevedo Magalhães,

Your request was received on 7 September 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

[1] I am requesting the information about moderation for the academic year 20/21 regarding 3rd year students i.e. a summary of how moderation was done in the physics exams.

[2] Additionally, I would like to know the future assessment plan (2021/22) for those 3rd year students that are now in a 4th year (i.e. how they will be assessed in terms of coursework and exams -online or not- and their respective percentages). In the case that the assessment plan has not been created please contact me when you have the full information.

1. The final moderation of Part II marks in 2020/21 was done by the Part II Examiners in line with the published University cohort equity policy: "Prior to the meeting of the Exam Board, Examiners should consider how they will ensure cohort equity, namely that the class distribution for this year's cohort of students is broadly in line with that of the last three years before the pandemic (2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019)." The examiners moderated the grade boundaries accordingly.
2. For the academic year 2021/22, assessment is expected to revert back to norms set out in University regulations. All physics exams will be invigilated and time-limited. We currently expect all exams to proceed mostly in person – this is however dependent on the further development of the pandemic. Students can apply for individual Examination Access Arrangements and Adjusted Modes of Assessment via application to the EAMC (<https://www.student-registry.admin.cam.ac.uk/examinations-further-guidance-staff/colleges/examination-arrangements>). The major topic exams constitute 1/3 of the total marks, the part III project another 1/3, the minor topic exams 1/6, and the general physics paper the final 1/6.

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Yours sincerely,

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