

**MSc Dissertation Marking Guidelines (2013 – 2014)**

**In arriving at the marks the examiners will take into account the following factors which will be weighted as indicated:**

<b>Heading</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abstract, introduction and background. This should include a description and motivation of the research question(s) and research objectives together with the suitability of background material in this context. It is expected that normally the background section will be closely modelled on that produced for the progress report.</li></ul>	0.15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theory and design in report description &amp; understanding of topic/problems, awareness and solutions to technical/scientific challenges. Is the theory, design and technical understanding at a level appropriate for a Masters degree?</li></ul>	0.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Description, technical quality &amp; results of implementation or empirical work, testing. Are there any original elements of work? How complex and work intensive was the project?</li></ul>	0.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical analysis &amp; evaluation, conclusion, summary of achievements, reflection, identification of improvements/further work. Is there a suitable level of critical analysis and evaluation? Does the dissertation provide a summary of the achievements including scope for additional work?</li></ul>	0.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation, structure &amp; language, references properly used, complete references given and formatting. Is the dissertation professionally presented? Does it have the correct structure and demonstrate proper use of the English language? Are the references complete and correctly formatted?</li></ul>	0.15