

Your final grade will be determined by your average course assignment grades.

We award our diplomas based on the average grades you achieve in your assignments.

- A Diploma with Distinction is awarded to you, if you have gained 'A' grades on average in all your assignments.
- If you obtain 'Bs' on average, you will get a Diploma with Merit.
- If you achieve 'Cs' on average, you get a Pass grade Diploma.
- And if you get a fail grade, you receive a Completion Certificate.

The table below shows the marking policy adopted by the Blackford Centre. To gain a diploma, you have to attain an A-C grade in all assignments. To help you gain your Diploma, you may re-submit any assignment which falls below a C grade. Any improved grade counts towards the Diploma.

Marking grid

Mark	Standard attained	Indicated by	Command verbs
A	Exceptional	<p>All assessment criteria met.</p> <p>Demonstrates high level of creativity where relevant.</p> <p>Evidence of additional research is evident where applicable.</p> <p>Detailed and accurate answers given for the assignment brief.</p> <p>Clear and coherent writing style.</p> <p>High levels of presentation.</p> <p>Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar. (This criterion should not be used to downgrade an assignment where English is not the learner's first language or where there are cultural differences).</p> <p>No inaccuracies.</p> <p>No adverse comments made by tutors.</p>	<p>Analyse</p> <p>Create</p> <p>Develop</p> <p>Evaluate</p> <p>Plan</p>

B	Good	<p>All assessment criteria met but some may lack evidence of a thorough answer.</p> <p>A few minor suggestions for improvement given by the tutor.</p> <p>Creative flair shown where relevant.</p> <p>Accurate answers given for the assignment brief.</p> <p>Generally clear and coherent.</p> <p>Mostly correct spelling, punctuation and grammar. (This criterion should not be used to downgrade an assignment where English is not the learner's first language or where there are cultural differences).</p> <p>Good level of presentation.</p> <p>Evidence of some additional research where applicable.</p>	<p>Assess</p> <p>Compare</p> <p>Consider</p> <p>Demonstrate</p> <p>Explore</p> <p>Interpret</p> <p>Research</p> <p>Summarise</p>
C	Pass	<p>Most assessment criteria met but these may lack evidence of thorough understanding.</p> <p>One or more assessment criteria not answered adequately.</p> <p>Some evaluative comments made.</p> <p>Some inaccuracies evident in work.</p> <p>May lack clarity and organisation.</p> <p>No evidence of additional research.</p> <p>Used the content provided but lacks detailed answers.</p> <p>Spelling, punctuation and grammar are adequate. (This criterion should not be used to downgrade an assignment where English is not the learner's first language or where there are cultural differences).</p>	<p>Discuss</p> <p>Describe</p> <p>Explain</p> <p>Identify</p> <p>Review</p> <p>Select</p>
Fail	Poor	<p>They have not met the standards required for a C grade.</p> <p>Failing in several major aspects or an incomplete assignment.</p> <p>Limited assessment criteria met</p> <p>If a grade is below a C, then the student will fail the assignment. They should resubmit the assignment after reading tutor comments. Any improved grade counts towards the Diploma.</p>	N/A