



## The Institute of Ismaili Studies

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# The Institute of Ismaili Studies In collaboration with SOAS University of London Conditions of Award – SOAS MA Classification Scheme

1. **This document** specifies the Classification Scheme for the Institute of Ismaili Studies' (IIS) two postgraduate programmes which have been validated by SOAS University of London (SOAS):
  - The Graduate Programme in Islamic Studies and Humanities (GPISH), leading to an MA Islamic Studies and Humanities
  - The Secondary Teacher Education Programme (STEP), leading to an MA Muslim Societies and Civilisations.
2. These Conditions have effect from September 2019 and pertain solely and exclusively to programmes undertaken by students who first enrolled on one of the above-named validated programmes in or after August 2019.
3. For the PGDip award on STEP, see the UCL Classification Scheme in the PGDip Student Handbook.
4. This Classification Scheme replicates with minor modification the relevant part of SOAS' postgraduate regulations
  - 2019/2020 <https://www.soas.ac.uk/registry/degreeregulations/file141866.pdf>
  - 2020/2021 <https://www.soas.ac.uk/registry/degreeregulations/file149584.pdf>
  - 2021/2022 <https://www.soas.ac.uk/registry/degreeregulations/file155195.pdf>.
5. SOAS will award MA degrees with one of the following classes: **Distinction; Merit; Pass; Fail.**
6. Candidates must meet the following criteria for the award of MA degree:

<b><i>Award with a Pass</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must obtain 360 credits (GPISH) or 180 credits (STEP), i.e. each individual module must be passed.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Award with Merit</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must obtain 360 credits (GPISH) or 180 credits (STEP), i.e. each individual module must be passed.</li> <li>• Students must achieve a mark of at least 60/100 in a minimum of 150 credits (GPISH) or 60 credits (STEP), excluding the dissertation.</li> <li>• Students must achieve a mark of at least 60/100 in the dissertation.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Award with Distinction</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must obtain 360 credits (GPISH) or 180 credits (STEP), i.e. each individual module must be passed.</li> <li>• Students must achieve a mark of at least 60/100 in each module.</li> <li>• Students must achieve a mark of at least 70/100 in a minimum of 150 credits (GPISH) or 60 credits (STEP), excluding the dissertation.</li> <li>• Students must achieve a mark of at least 70/100 in the dissertation.</li> </ul>

7. This Classification Scheme shall be reviewed and reconfirmed at the first meeting of the IIS and SOAS Joint Programme Committee in each academic year.