

Understanding GCE Exam marks: 2009 onwards

Most GCEs are divided into 4 units with a maximum total uniform mark scheme (UMS) mark of 400, the remainder (Music, Maths and Sciences) are divided into 6 units with a maximum total mark of 600. However, units may not have equal weighting, i.e. not all units are marked out of 100. To work out your grade in a unit from the mark awarded, please check to see the max mark achievable in the exam/coursework and compare it with the grade boundaries shown below.

N.B. The UMS mark is the formally issued result mark. It is derived from the mark scored on the paper, but the number of marks available on the paper is unlikely to be the same as the maximum UMS mark.

Grade Boundaries for Qualifications:

Grade	6 unit subjects		4 unit subjects	
	AS	A2	AS	A2
Max	300	600	200	400
A*	Not available at AS, need A overall and 90% in A2 papers			
A	240	480	160	320
B	210	420	140	280
C	180	360	120	240
D	150	300	100	200
E	120	240	80	160

Grade boundaries for exams:

Max mark	Grade boundaries							
	60	80	90	100	110	120	140	150
A	48	64	72	80	88	96	112	120
B	42	56	63	70	77	84	98	105
C	36	48	54	60	66	72	84	90
D	30	40	45	50	55	60	70	75
E	24	32	36	40	44	48	56	60

Maximum marks per paper:

Subject	LSS/RHS	Board	No. of units	Unit codes (with max mark)
Art AS	LSS	Edex	2	6AD01 (120), 6AD02 (80)
Art A2	LSS	Edex	4	AS + 6AD03 (12), 6AD04 (80)
Biology AS	LSS	OCR	3	F211 (90), F212 (150), F213 (60)
Biology A2	LSS	OCR	6	AS + F214(90), F215(150), F216(60)
Biology AS	RHS	AQA	3	BIOL1(100), BIOL2(140), BIO3(60)
Biology A2	RHS	AQA	6	AS + BIOL4(100), BIOL5(140), BIO6(60)
Business Studies AS	LSS	AQA	2	BUSS1 (80), BUSS2 (120)
Business Studies A2	LSS	AQA	4	AS + BUSS3 (100), BUSS4 (100)
Chemistry AS	LSS	AQA	3	CHEM1(100), CHEM2 (140), CHM3 (60)
Chemistry A2	LSS	AQA	6	AS + CHEM4 (120), CHEM5 (120), CHM6 (60)

Classical Civilisation	RHS	OCR	2/4	All units (100)
Computing AS	LSS	AQA	2	COMP1 (120), COMP2 (80)
Computing A2	LSS	AQA	4	AS + COMP3 (120), COMP4 (80)
Critical Thinking AS	LSS	OCR	2	F501 (100), F502 (100)
Critical Thinking A2	LSS	OCR	4	AS + F503 (), F504 ()
Drama AS	Both	AQA	2	DRAM1 (120), DRAM2 (80)
Drama A2	Both	AQA	4	AS + DRAM3 (120), DRAM4 (80)
DT (Prod Design) AS	LSS	Edex	2	6RM01 (120), 6RM02 (80)
DT (Prod Design) A2	LSS	Edex	4	AS + 6RM03 (80), 6RM04 (120)
Economics AS	LSS	Edex	2	6EC01 (100), 6EC02 (100)
Economics A2	LSS	Edex	4	AS + 6EC03 (80), 6EC04 (120)
Electronics AS	LSS	OCR	3	F611 (110), F612 (110), F613 (80)
Electronics A2	LSS	OCR	6	AS + F614 (110), F615 (110), F616 (80)
English Lit B AS	LSS	AQA	2	LITB1 (120), LITB2 (80)
English Lit B A2	LSS	AQA	4	A + LITB3 (120), LITB4 (80)
English Lang B AS	LSS	AQA	2	ENGB1 (120), ENGB2 (80)
English Lang B A2	LSS	AQA	4	AS + ENGB3 (120), ENGB4 (80)
Film Studies AS	LSS	WJEC	2	FM1 (80), FM2 (120)
French AS	LSS	OCR	2	F701 (oral) (60), F702 (140)
French A2	LSS	OCR	4	AS + F703 (oral) (60), F704 (140)
General Studies AS/A2	LSS	AQA	2/4	All units (100)
Geography AS	LSS	OCR	2	F761 (100), F762 (100)
Geography A2	LSS	OCR	4	F763 (120), F764 (80)
German AS	LSS	AQA	2	GERM1 (140), GER2T (oral) (60)
German A2	LSS	AQA	4	AS + GERM3 (140), GER4T (oral) (60)
Gov & Politics AS/A2	Both	AQA	2/4	All units (100)
History A AS	LSS	OCR	2	F962 (100), F963 (100)
History A A2	LSS	OCR	4	AS + F965 (80), F966 (120)
ICT (Applied) AS/A2	LSS	AQA	3/6	All units (100)
Law AS/A2	LSS	AQA	2/4	All units (100)
Maths AS/A2	Both	Edex	3/6	All units (100)
Media Studies AS/A2	LSS	WJEC	2/4	All units (100)
Music AS	LSS	Edex	3	6MU01 (90), 6MU02 (90), 6MU03 (120)
Music A2	LSS	Edex	6	AS + 6MU04 (90), 6MU05 (90), 6MU06 (120)
Music AS	RHS	AQA	3	MUSC1 (90), MUSC2 (90), MUSC3 (120)
Music A2	RHS	AQA	6	AS + MUSC4 (120), MUSC5 (90), MUSC6 (90)
PE AS	LSS	OCR	2	G451 (120), G452 (80)
PE A2	LSS	OCR	4	AS + G453 (140), G454 (60)
Physics AS	LSS	Edex	3	6PH01 (120), 6PH02 (120), 6PH03 (60)
Physics A2	LSS	Edex	6	AS + 6PH04 (120), 6PH05 (120), 6PH06 (60)
Psychology AS	RHS	Edex	2	6PS01 (80), 6PS02 (120)
Psychology A2	RHS	Edex	4	AS + 6PS03 (80), 6PS04 (120)
RE (Phil & Ethics)	RHS	OCR	2	All units (100)
Sociology AS	RHS	AQA	2	SCLY1 (80), SCLY2 (120)
Sociology A2	RHS	AQA	4	AS + SCLY3 (80), SCLY4 (120)