

Regulations 17-19 in the General Regulations for Higher Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates:

What do they mean?

Regulation 17

What can a student registered on a taught Masters course achieve?

Achieve 180 credits

Achieve 120 credits (does not include a dissertation)

Achieve 60 credits (does not include a dissertation)

Masters

PG Diploma

PG Certificate

if the programme regulations permit

A student has attempted to complete 180 credits but failed aspects of the course

Has the student got 165+ credits?

Regulation 18

Examiners may use their **discretion** to award a Masters degree if the student has an average grade of not less than 50 (dissertation included) and no grades are less than 40.

Masters

No

Has the student got 105+ credits?

No

If the student has **60+** credits (**dissertation excluded**) the Examiners may still award a Postgraduate Certificate (if permitted within the programme regulations).

PG Certificate

Regulation 19

Examiners may use their **discretion** to award a Postgraduate Diploma if the student has an average grade of not less than 50 (dissertation excluded) and no grades are less than 40.

PG Diploma

You **do not** include the dissertation in the average grade calculation, because dissertations are not component parts of PG Diploma/Certificate awards.

You need to **include** the dissertation grade in the average grade calculation, because dissertation credits count towards the 165+ credit total, and dissertations are component parts of Masters awards.