

Grading, awarding and reporting

The overall grades for the GCE AS qualification will be recorded as a grade on a scale A to E. The overall grades for the GCE A level qualification will be recorded as a grade on a scale A* to E. Results not attaining the minimum standard for the award will be reported as U (unclassified). Unit grades will be reported as a lower-case letter a to e on results slips but not on certificates.

The Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) is used in unitised specifications as a device for reporting, recording and aggregating candidates' unit assessment outcomes. The UMS is used so that candidates who achieve the same standard will have the same uniform mark, irrespective of when the unit was taken. Individual unit results and the overall subject award will be expressed as a uniform mark on a scale common to all GCE qualifications. An AS GCE has a total of 200 uniform marks and an A level GCE has a total of 500 uniform marks. The maximum uniform mark for any unit depends on that unit's weighting in the specification.

Uniform marks correspond to unit grades as follows:

Unit Weighting	Maximum unit uniform mark	Unit Grade				
		a	b	c	d	e
Unit 1 (12%)	60	48	42	36	30	24
Unit 2 (12%)	60	48	42	36	30	24
Unit 3 (16%)	80	64	56	48	40	32
Unit 4						
Option A (22%)	110	88	77	66	55	44
Option B (14%)	70	56	49	42	35	28
Unit 5						
Option A (14%)	70	56	49	42	35	28
Option B (22%)	110	88	77	66	55	44
Unit 6 (24%)	120	96	84	72	60	48

The uniform marks obtained for each unit are added up and the subject grade is based on this total.

	Maximum uniform marks	Qualification grade				
		A	B	C	D	E
GCE AS	200	160	140	120	100	80
GCE A level	500	400	350	300	250	200

At A level, Grade A* will be awarded to candidates who have achieved a Grade A (400 uniform marks) in the overall A level qualification and at least 90% of the total uniform marks for the A2 units (270 uniform marks).

UMS conversion Tool

<https://services.portal.wjec.co.uk/MarkToUMS/default.aspx>