

School of English

Role of External Examiners

In the School of English, External Examiners:

- review the forms of assessment for Sophisters and make recommendations for any changes
- review the range of modules offered to Sophisters and make any recommendations for any changes
- check consistency of marking across modules and markers
- sample assessments in each grade, as well as looking at the highest and lowest marked papers/assessments
- read the run of assessments and scripts of Gold Medal candidates
- read and adjudicate in cases of scripts/essays where markers cannot agree a mark
- read the run of assessments of borderline students

It is important to note that the External examiners are given the power to change marks wherever they feel it necessary (though they must comment on the reason for these changes).

External Examiners are expected to consider the marks and the marking practices of the School in a global context.