

EXTERNAL EXAMINER REPORT FORM 2019



External examiner name:	Jelena Grbic	
External examiner home institution:	University of Southampton	
Course(s) examined:	Honour School of Mathematics (Part A)	
Level: (please <i>delete as appropriate</i>)	Undergraduate	

Please complete both Parts A and B.

Part A					
		<i>Please (✓) as applicable*</i>	Yes	No	N/A / Other
A1.	Are the academic standards and the achievements of students comparable with those in other UK higher education institutions of which you have experience?		✓		
A2.	Do the threshold standards for the programme appropriately reflect the frameworks for higher education qualifications and any applicable subject benchmark statement? <i>[Please refer to paragraph 6 of the Guidelines for External Examiner Reports].</i>		✓		
A3.	Does the assessment process measure student achievement rigorously and fairly against the intended outcomes of the programme(s)?		✓		
A4.	Is the assessment process conducted in line with the University's policies and regulations?		✓		
A5.	Did you receive sufficient information and evidence in a timely manner to be able to carry out the role of External Examiner effectively?		✓		
A6.	Did you receive a written response to your previous report?				✓
A7.	Are you satisfied that comments in your previous report have been properly considered, and where applicable, acted upon?				✓
<p>* If you answer "No" to any question, you should provide further comments when you complete Part B. Further comments may also be given in Part B, if desired, if you answer "Yes" or "N/A / Other".</p>					

Part B

B1. Academic standards

- a. *How do academic standards achieved by the students compare with those achieved by students at other higher education institutions of which you have experience?*

The University designs and delivers high quality courses and tuition. In my view, academic standards achieved are comparable with other universities.

- b. *Please comment on student performance and achievement across the relevant programmes or parts of programmes and with reference to academic standards and student performance of other higher education institutions of which you have experience (those examining in joint schools are particularly asked to comment on their subject in relation to the whole award).*

The overall performance in Part A of the students are comparable with which I am familiar at other universities.

B2. Rigour and conduct of the assessment process

Please comment on the rigour and conduct of the assessment process, including whether it ensures equity of treatment for students, and whether it has been conducted fairly and within the University's regulations and guidance.

The assessment process was conducted fully within the University's regulations and guidance. The rigour of setting the exam questions and marking ensured equity of treatment for students. The communication between the University and external examiners was timely and appropriate with all necessary material fully provided. The final examiner board was conducted smoothly and efficiently. Appropriate reference was made to regulations as required.

B3. Issues

Are there any issues which you feel should be brought to the attention of supervising committees in the faculty/department, division or wider University?

I have come across of no issues that should be brought up.

B4. Good practice and enhancement opportunities

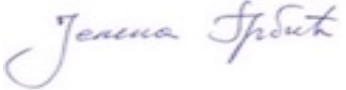
*Please comment/provide recommendations on any **good practice and innovation relating to learning, teaching and assessment**, and any **opportunities to enhance the quality of the learning opportunities** provided to students that should be noted and disseminated more widely as appropriate.*

I would like to suggest that all exam solutions are written as they are expected to be written by the students. This uniform approach will allow for a common ground in judging how difficult and complex the exams are.

B5. Any other comments

Please provide any other comments you may have about any aspect of the examination process. Please also use this space to address any issues specifically required by any applicable professional body. If your term of office is now concluded, please provide an overview here.

If possible, I would like to request that the University finds a way of having a secure depository from which examiners would be able to download the exams and to upload their comments. Sending exams and comments by post is quite limiting having in mind that the deadlines are quite short and that many examiners are frequently travelling and are not at their universities when the scripts arrive.

Signed:	
Date:	22/07/2019

Please ensure you have completed parts A & B, and email your completed form to: external-examiners@admin.ox.ac.uk and copy it to the applicable divisional contact set out in the guidelines.