3.2.5.2 Examination Process and Review of Results

Continuous assessment (CA) and examination serve different pedagogical needs. Examination serves primarily to assess a student’s understanding of the subject matter, whereas CA plays in addition a formative role in educational terms. For this reason, unlike examination scripts which are not returned to students, CA is returned to students with comments and/or discussion if appropriate, so that they may improve on their work. For many modules, CA constitutes a significant percentage of the final grade.

After the release of examination results, students may request a review through the Department. This review will verify whether the examination script has been marked completely and that all marks (including CA) have been correctly transmitted to the Board of Examiners. The review will not involve marking an examination script a second time. To do so at this juncture would be out of context with no relative comparison with the rest of the class. In order to maintain consistency of assessment for all students, the University therefore does not allow re-marking unless certain parts of the answer were not taken into account in the original assessment. In addition, the University reserves the right to review current students’ results at any time and make revisions to these results in accordance with NUS’ guidelines and policies. These reviews may arise from audit on past semesters’ results or routine checks and reviews conducted by faculties during the semester. There will however be no adjustment of results once a degree has been conferred. A S$10 charge is imposed to deter frivolous requests to review examination results. It also goes towards defraying the administrative cost for such reviews.