

BACHELOR OF LAWS

This degree is subject to the Regulations for First Degrees.

The LLB programmes includes three parts, Year One (taken at the end of the first year), Year Two and Year Three. Each part is examined in the Summer Term; if the examiners require candidates to be re-examined for the Year One or Year Two examinations, these take place in the LLB re-sit period.

At the discretion of the School, and with the permission of the other college concerned, arrangements may be made for students to take courses at other colleges of the University in legal subjects not taught at LSE.

CLASSIFICATION SCHEME FOR THE BACHELOR OF LAWS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN OR AFTER THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/08

This Classification Scheme is approved by the School Board of Examiners for BA/BSc Degrees.

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This classification scheme must be read in conjunction with the [Regulations for First Degrees](#), the LLB degree regulations, the relevant online undergraduate course guides and the [Code of Good Practice for Undergraduate, Diploma and Postgraduate Programmes: Teaching, Learning and Assessment](#).

1. Award of Marks

The examiners for each course will determine a numerical mark for each candidate based on the following scale:

First Class Honours	70 - 100
Upper Second Class Honours	60 - 69
Lower Second Class Honours	50 - 59
Third Class Honours	45 - 49
Pass	40 - 44
Fail	30 - 39
Bad Fail	0 - 29

2. Eligibility for Award of Degree

2.1 In order to be considered for a degree, a candidate must have attempted and completed every element of the assessment for Year Two of the Degree and thereafter Year Three of the Degree.

2.2 In order to be eligible for the award of a degree, a candidate must have satisfied the examiners by passing Year Two of the Degree and thereafter have satisfied the examiners by passing Year Three of the Degree.

2.3 All LSE undergraduate students are enrolled on course LSE100. However, LSE100 is not counted for the purposes of classification.

3. Treatment of half units

For the purpose of determining classification marks only, the marks obtained for each pair of half-unit courses should be combined and averaged (with the resulting average mark being rounded to the nearest whole mark). Half-unit courses

should be paired using the following criteria in the order set out below:

- 3.1 according to the stage of the degree: half-units taken in the same year should be paired;
- 3.2 according to the marks awarded for each half-unit: the two half-units with the highest marks, then those with the next highest marks should be paired.

4. Classification Marks

The classification of each candidate shall be based on all eight marks of the full subjects taken for Years Two and Three of the Degree. In all cases, the marks shall be based on the mark obtained by the candidate at the latest attempt of the examination for each course.

5. Classification Guidelines

A candidate who is eligible for the award of a degree and who has achieved the minimum requirement for the award of an honours degree of a particular class or division, or a pass degree as set out in sub-paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5 below shall be classified in that class, division or pass grade, subject to (a) and (b) below:

- (a) a candidate whose marks include fail marks, but who has otherwise achieved the minimum requirement for the award of an honours degree, should normally be classified in that class, division or pass grade next below that determined in accordance with sub-paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4.
- (b) a candidate who has marks of a higher class than that for which they are being considered shall have those higher marks regarded as some compensation in determining whether the aggregate mark is near enough to the 'normal aggregate'.

5.1 For first class honours:

- 5.1.1 Four first class marks; or
- 5.1.2 Three first class marks and an aggregate mark which is near the 'normal aggregate' of 540.

5.2 For upper second class honours:

- 5.2.1 Four upper second marks (or above); or
- 5.2.2 Three upper second marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is near the 'normal aggregate' of 480.

5.3 For lower second class honours:

- 5.3.1 Four lower second marks (or above); or
- 5.3.2 Three lower second marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is near the 'normal aggregate' of 400.

5.4 For third class honours:

- 5.4.1 Four third marks (or above); or
- 5.4.2 Three third marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is near the 'normal aggregate' of 360.

5.5 For a pass degree:

- 5.5.1 Eight pass marks (or above); or
- 5.5.2 Six pass marks (or above), of which at least two are third class (or above) and the 'normal aggregate' of 320.

5.6 For candidates registered from 2011/12 onwards:

A candidate whose marks include a mark gained in a non-Law course and who would normally be classified in a particular

class, division or pass grade under rule 5.1.2., 5.2.2, 5.3.2, 5.4.2, or 5.52 [the "normal aggregate" rules] will not be so classified where the examiners consider that it would be inequitable to do so.

6. Appeals and Offences

Appeals against decisions of Sub-Board of Examiners will be handled according to the [Appeals Regulations](#). Assessment offences will be handled according to [Regulations on assessment offences: plagiarism](#) or [Regulations on assessment offences: offences other than plagiarism](#). All Regulations are published in the School Calendar.

7. General Proviso

While the examiners shall have regard to the rules and guidelines, they reserve the right to depart from them if, in their judgement, this would be equitable for any individual candidate or any group of candidates.

SCHEME OF PASS AND REFERENCE RULES FOR YEARS TWO AND THREE OF THE LLB DEGREES

YEAR TWO

A. A Pass

- (1) A candidate shall pass if they passed in three subjects and in the fourth attained a mark of at least 35, provided they have 1 mark over an aggregate of 160 for every mark by which their mark in the fourth subject falls short of 40;
- (2) A candidate shall pass, though they failed in two subjects, provided they attained not less than 38 in each of these subjects, and provided also that they have 3 marks over an aggregate of 160 for every mark by which each fail mark falls short of 40.
- (3) Any candidate with one or two condoned fail marks will be given one opportunity in the LLB re-sit period, if they wish, to re-sit the relevant examination(s). If the candidate fails the re-sit(s), the original condoned fail mark(s) will be reinstated. If they pass the re-sit(s) the mark(s) achieved will be entered on their official transcript, however, for the purposes of classification of the law degree after the completion of the Year Three examinations the mark(s) of 40 will be considered to be the mark(s) that they attained.

B. A Reference

- (4) A candidate who fails to pass in one subject may be referred in that subject provided that they have at least 30 marks in that subject and at least the pass mark in the other subjects, and provided that their total marks exceed an aggregate of 160 by at least the amount of their deficiency in the subject in which they have failed;
- (5) A candidate who fails to pass in two subjects may be referred in both of them provided that they have at least 30 marks in one failed subject, at least 38 in the other failed subject, and that their total marks exceed an aggregate of 160 by at least twice the amount of their deficiency in the subjects in which they have failed.
- (6) Any candidate who is referred in one or two subjects and passes the re-sit(s) will have the mark(s) achieved entered on their official transcript, however, for the purposes of classification of the law degree after the

completion of the Year Three examinations the mark(s) of 40 will be considered to be the mark(s) that they attained.

C. A Fail

- (7) A candidate who fails in one subject and despite achieving at least 30 marks in that subject does not satisfy the conditions set out in paragraph B(4) above, fails the Year Two examination and must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity
- (8) A candidate who fails in two subjects, but does not satisfy the conditions set out in paragraph B(5) above, fails the Year Two examination and must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity.

D. A Bad Fail in One Subject

- (9) A candidate who fails to achieve at least 30 marks in any one whole subject, or its equivalent in two half subjects, fails the Year Two examination and must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity.

E. The LLB (re-sit period) Year Two Examination

- (10.1) Candidates who are referred are entitled to re-sit all failed subjects in the LLB (re-sit period) Year Two Examination.
- (10.2) Candidates who fail are entitled to re-sit the entire Year Two Examination in the LLB (re-sit period) Year Two Examination.

F. The number of attempts at the Year Two Examination

- (11) Candidates who are eligible to sit the Year Two Examination are entitled, if they have been referred or failed the Year Two Examination, to a total of 3 attempts at the Year Two Examination or that part of it in which they have been referred.

YEAR THREE

A. A Pass

- (1) A candidate shall pass if they passed in three subjects and in the fourth attained a mark of at least 30, provided they have 1 mark over an aggregate of 160 for every mark by which their mark in the fourth subject falls short of 40;
- (2) A candidate shall pass, though they failed in two subjects, provided they attained not less than 38 in each of these subjects, and provided also that they have 3 marks over an aggregate of 160 for every mark by which each fail mark falls short of 40.

B. A Fail

- (3) A candidate who fails in one subject and despite achieving at least 30 marks in that subject does not satisfy the conditions set out in paragraph A(1) above, fails the Year Three examination (see paragraphs D and E below)
- (4) A candidate who fails in two subjects, but does not satisfy the conditions set out in paragraph A(2) above, fails the Year Three examination (see paragraphs D and E below)

C. A Bad Fail in One Subject

- (5) (i) A candidate who fails to achieve at least 30 marks in any one whole subject, or its equivalent in two half subjects, fails the Year Three examination. (see paragraphs D and E below)
- (ii) If a student starting in or after the 2010/11 session fails the Year Three examination they must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity.

D. The Year Three Examination

- (6) The Year Three examination is only held once a year. There is no LLB (re-sit period) for the Year Three examination.
- (7) If a student starting in or after the 2010/11 session, is referred in one or two subjects and passes the re-sit(s) they will have the mark(s) achieved entered on their official transcript. However, for the purposes of classification of the law degree the mark(s) of 40 will be considered to be the mark(s) that they attained.

E. The number of attempts at the Year Three Examination

- (8) Candidates who are eligible to sit the Year Three Examination are entitled, if they have failed the Year Three Examination, to a total of 3 attempts at the Year Three Examination.

SCHEME OF PASS AND REFERENCE RULES FOR THE LLB YEAR ONE EXAMINATION

1. Award of Marks

The examiners for each course will determine a numerical mark for each candidate based on the following scale:

First Class	70 - 100
Upper Second Class	60 - 69
Lower Second Class	50 - 59
Pass	40 - 49
Fail	30 - 39
Bad Fail	0 - 29

2. Eligibility for Passing the First Year

2.1 In order to be considered for the Year One Examination, a candidate must have attempted and completed every element of the first year of the LLB degree.

2.2 In order to pass the Year One Examination, a candidate must have satisfied the examiners by passing all 5 examinations that make up the Year One Examination.

3. A Reference

A candidate who fails in fewer than two subjects may be referred in those failed subjects only provided that they have at least 30 marks in each of them. (NB: Property 1 and Introduction to the Legal System count as half subjects for this purpose).

4. A Fail

A candidate who fails in two or more subjects fails the Year One Examination and must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity.

5. A Bad Fail in One Subject

A candidate who fails to achieve at least 30 marks in one subject fails the Year One Examination and must re-sit all subjects at the next available opportunity.

6. The LLB (re-sit period) Year One Examination

6.1 Candidates who are referred are entitled to re-sit all failed subjects in the LLB (re-sit period) Year One Examination.

6.2 Candidates who fail are entitled to re-sit the entire Year One Examination in the LLB (re-sit period) Year One Examination.

7. The number of attempts at the Year One Examination

Candidates who are eligible to sit the Year One Examination (see 2.1 above) are entitled, if they have been referred or failed the Year One Examination, to a total of 3 attempts at the Year One Examination or that part of it in which they have been referred.

8. General Proviso

While the examiners shall have regard to the rules and guidelines, they reserve the right to depart from them if, in their judgement, this would be equitable for any individual candidate or any group of candidates.

See the [Calendar](#) for further information about Programme Regulations, Course Guides, School and academic Regulations.