

BACHELOR OF LAWS

The LLB programme includes three parts, Year One, Year Two and Year Three. Each part is examined in the Spring Term; if the examiners require candidates to be re-examined these resits will take place in the School's In-Year Resit and Deferred Assessment Period (IRDAP).

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.

Students starting *before* the 2024/25 academic year will be classified under the following [Classification Scheme](#).

CLASSIFICATION SCHEME FOR THE BACHELOR OF LAWS FOR ALL STUDENTS STARTING IN OR AFTER THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

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	0 - 39

2. Eligibility for Award of Degree

- 2.1 In order to be considered for a degree, a candidate must have attempted and completed every component of assessment for all courses required by the programme regulations, including LSE100. However, the mark achieved in LSE100 will not count towards the calculation of an overall award.
- 2.2 In order to be eligible for the award of a degree, a candidate must have passed the Year One Examination, and must have then 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 Failing to attempt an assessment without an approved deferral will count as one attempt.

3. Classification Marks and the Aggregate

The classification and aggregate of each candidate shall be based on sixteen classification marks where one classification mark is equal to 0.5 units (therefore full-units marks are counted twice and half unit marks counted once to make a total of sixteen classification marks). The classification is based on:

- 3.1 the marks achieved in Years Two and Three of the Degree
- 3.2 the aggregate for each student being the sum of the sixteen classification marks subject to paragraph 5.6
- 3.3 the marks obtained by the candidate at their latest attempt of the assessment for each course, subject to paragraphs 10.2, 12.4 and 13.1.

4. Penalty Rule

At the point of classification of an award a student with two failed classification marks will drop one class in the award classification. However, this rule will have no impact where an overall Pass is to be awarded.

5. Degree Classification

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 the application of the penalty rule for failed courses in paragraph 4 above:

5.1 For first class honours:

5.1.1 Eight first class classification marks; or

5.1.2 Six first class classification marks and an aggregate mark which is within 10 marks of the 'normal aggregate' of 1080.

5.2 For upper second class honours:

5.2.1 Eight upper second class classification marks (or above); or

5.2.2 Six upper second class classification marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is within 10 marks of the 'normal aggregate' of 960.

5.3 For lower second class honours:

5.3.1 Eight lower second class classification marks (or above); or

5.3.2 Six lower second class classification marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is within 10 marks of the 'normal aggregate' of 800.

5.4 For third class honours:

5.4.1 Eight third class classification marks (or above); or

5.4.2 Six third class classification marks (or above) and an aggregate mark which is within 10 marks of the 'normal aggregate' of 720.

5.5 For a pass degree:

5.5.1 Sixteen pass classification marks (or above); or

5.5.2 Twelve pass classification marks (or above), of which at least two are third class (or above) and the 'normal aggregate' of 640.

5.6 For candidates registered from 2011/12 onwards:

Where a candidate's marks include a first-class mark gained in a non-Law course, this mark will be capped at 73 for the purposes of calculating the aggregate under rules 5.1.2., 5.2.2, 5.3.2, or 5.4.2.

6. A student will be awarded a degree at the first point at which they become eligible.

7. Appeals and Offences

Appeals against decisions of the LLB Board of Examiners will be handled according to the Appeals Regulations. Assessment offences will be handled according to the Regulations on Assessment Offences. All Regulations are published in the School Calendar.

8. Exceptional Circumstances

It is open to the LLB Board of Examiners to depart from this Scheme if, in their judgement, this would be equitable for any individual student as a direct result of a formal Exceptional Circumstances submission to the Student Services Centre. Such circumstances would need appropriate supporting evidence and must be extraneous to the normal assessment process and would apply to that student only. The following conditions will also be taken into account:

8.1 That, in the course for which they have submitted Exceptional Circumstances, the student is close to the next higher classification boundary i.e., within 3 marks in a single half unit course or a full unit course; and

8.2 that the student has marks in the higher classification range; and

8.3 that the student has demonstrated that the assessment or set of assessments in question were significantly and negatively affected by exceptional circumstances that were sudden, unforeseen, out of the student's own control and proximate to the assessment(s) in question; and

8.4 that the student's performance in the affected assessment(s) was significantly out of line with their performance in other, unaffected assessments.

PASS AND FAIL RULES FOR YEAR THREE

9. Pass Rule

A candidate shall pass Year Three and be considered for an award if they have passed all courses taken in the year or achieved passes in at least six classification marks provided they attained a mark of at least 30 in the failed course(s). In such cases, the penalty rule as set out in Paragraph 4 will be applied.

10. A Resit

10.1 A candidate who fails in one classification mark or more with a mark of less than 30, or, who fails in three classification marks or more must resit those failed assessments provided they have not run out of attempts to do so. They must resit the failed assessments at the next available opportunity which will be either IRDAP for candidates who fail during the academic year, or in the following academic year for candidates who fail during IRDAP.

10.2 If a candidate passed the resit(s), the mark(s) achieved will be capped at a Pass mark of 40 for the purposes of calculating the classification and aggregate. However, both the actual mark achieved at resit and the mark obtained in the first attempt will be included on the official transcript.

10.3 A candidate cannot resit an assessment in which they have received a Pass mark.

11. A Fail

11.1 Candidates are permitted a total of three attempts at Year Three assessments.

11.2 Candidates who fail to achieve the overall classification requirements at Paragraphs 9 and 10 above and run out of attempts to do so will fail the degree. There is no opportunity for any other award.

PASS AND PROGRESSION RULES FOR YEAR TWO

12. Pass and Progress

12.1 A candidate shall progress to Year Three if they have passed all courses taken in the year or achieved passes in at least seven classification marks and they attained a mark of at least 30 in the failed classification mark.

12.2 A candidate shall progress to Year Three if they have passed all courses taken in the year or achieved passes in at least six classification marks and they attained a mark of at least 35 in the failed classification marks.

12.3 A candidate shall progress to Year Three if they have passed all courses taken in the year or achieved passes in at least four classification marks and they attained a mark of at least 38 in the failed classification marks.

12.4 Any candidate with fail marks will be given one opportunity in the IRDAP to resit the relevant assessment(s). If they pass the resit(s) the mark(s) achieved will be entered on their official transcript, however, for the purposes of calculating the classification and aggregate of the law degree after the completion of the Year Three assessments, the mark(s) of 40 will be considered to be the mark(s) that they attained.

13. A Resit

13.1 A candidate who fails in five classification marks or more or, does not meet the progression rules in paragraphs 12.1, 12.2 or 12.3, must resit the failed assessment(s). They must resit the failed assessments at the next available opportunity which will be either IRDAP for candidates who fail during the academic year, or in the following academic year for candidates who fail during IRDAP. If a candidate passes the resit(s) the mark(s) achieved will be capped at a Pass mark of 40 for the purposes of calculating the classification and aggregate in Year Three. However, both the actual mark achieved at resit and the mark obtained in the first attempt will be included on the official transcript.

13.2 A candidate cannot resit an assessment in which they have received a pass mark.

14. A Fail

- 14.1 Candidates are permitted a total of three attempts at the Year Two assessments.
- 14.2 Candidates who fail to achieve the progression requirements at Paragraphs 12 and 13 and run out of attempts to do so will fail the degree. There is no opportunity for any other award.

PASS AND PROGRESSION RULES FOR YEAR ONE

15. 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

16. Eligibility for Passing the First Year

- 16.1 In order to progress to Year Two, a candidate must have attempted and completed every element of the First Year of the LLB degree.
- 16.2 In order to pass Year One, a candidate must have satisfied the examiners by passing all four courses that make up Year One.

17. A Resit

A candidate who fails 1.0 unit can progress to Year Two but must resit the failed course at the next available opportunity. Whilst the resit mark will not be capped, it is the most recent mark that will be used when considering if a candidate has satisfied the progression rules.

18. A Fail

A candidate who fails in 2.0 or more units, fails Year One, cannot progress, and must resit all failed courses at the next available opportunity.

19. A Bad Fail in One Course

A candidate who fails to achieve at least 30 marks in 1.0 or more units fails Year One, cannot progress, and must resit all failed courses at the next available opportunity.

20. Resit for Year One examinations

A candidate cannot resit an assessment in which they have received a Pass mark.

21. The number of attempts at Year One examinations

Candidates are permitted three attempts at Year One assessments.

22. General Proviso

It is also open to the LLB Board of Examiners to depart from this Scheme if, in their judgement, this would be equitable for any individual student as a direct result of a [formal exceptional circumstances submission](#). Such circumstances would need to be extraneous to the normal assessment process and would apply to that student only.

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