

January Exams: Frequently Asked Questions for First Year Undergraduate Students

This information does not apply to General Course or LLB Students.

What happens if I was absent?

- In order to be eligible for the award of the degree you must attempt and complete all elements of assessment. This means if you were absent then you must attempt the exam during the **In Year Resit** and **Deferred Assessment Period**. For information about the IRDAP please see details below.
- If you deferred you will sit as a first attempt during the IRDAP.
- When you sit your deferred exam the mark will not be penalised in any way.
- If you were absent but did not defer your exam then you will receive a fail mark and you will sit this exam during the IRDAP.
- Where you have to resit any element of assessment as a result of failing your first attempt, your overall mark in that course will be capped at a Pass mark of 40.

What happens if I failed?

- This will depend on the weighting of the January exam and your fail mark as you may still have the opportunity to achieve an overall pass mark (or higher) in this course if you do well in the summer.
- If you fail the overall course you will be required to resit any failed elements of assessment such as an exam. If you pass the overall course you will not be permitted to resit any failed components. The resit will take place during the IRDAP.
- If you resit an assessment the course mark will be capped at a Pass mark of 40.

You must pass 3 out of 4 first year course units in order to progress to year two.

A first year “average mark” will be calculated using your best three first year marks. This mark will be used together with all second and third year marks to calculate your overall degree classification.

LSE100 does not count towards progression or the award of the degree.

Detailed information about the classification scheme and treatment of half units will be provided in due course.

What and when is IRDAP?

The **In Year Resit** and **Deferred Assessment Period** is a new assessment period for all new first year undergraduate students who fail an overall course or defer an assessment. The IRDAP takes place between Monday 19 August and Wednesday 28 August (excluding the bank holiday on Monday 26 August). Results from the IRDAP will be released on Friday 20 September.

If you fail or defer any assessments, such as exams or coursework, you must submit or attempt it again during this period. If you have deferred your assessment and are sitting

it for the first time, the mark will not be capped. If you have failed your assessment and are resitting, your overall mark for that course will be capped at a Pass mark of 40.

What is capping?

If you fail a course overall (by failing or being absent from one or more components) you must resit any failed components of that course during the IRDAP. In most cases the assessment format will be the same as for your first attempt and will be based on the 2018/19 syllabus. The only difference between your first attempt (or absence) and the resit is that your overall mark for the course that the failed assessment belongs to will be capped at a Pass mark of 40.

For example, Student A gets 30% in her/his January exam (a fail mark) but gets 80% in her/his summer exam (a Pass); they achieve an overall mark of 55% (a 2B) in this course which is an overall pass mark and do not need to resit the January exam component.

In a different example, Student B gets 36% in her/his January exam (a fail mark) and gets 40% in her/his summer exam (a pass mark); they achieve an overall mark of 38% in the course which is an overall fail mark. Therefore, Student B needs to resit her/his January exam. S/he cannot resit the Summer exam as s/he passed this component. S/he sits the January exam in the IRDAP and gets 80%. Her/his mark for the overall course will be capped at a Pass mark of 40.