

## January Exams: Frequently Asked Questions for Postgraduate 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.
- If you were absent from your first attempt in January 2019 but did not defer your exam then you will have received a fail mark and must resit this exam as a second and final attempt in January 2020.
- If you deferred the January exam you will sit this exam in January 2020 as either a first attempt if January 2019 was due to be your first attempt, or a second and final attempt if January 2019 was due to be your second attempt.

### What happens if I failed?

- This depends on the weight of assessment. If the January exam was worth 100% of the course mark you will be entitled to resit the exam next January provided you have not run out of attempts to do so.
- If your January exam is worth less than 100% of the overall course mark then you may still have the opportunity to achieve an overall pass mark (or possibly higher) in this course if you do well in your other assessments such as the summer exam.
- Only if you fail the overall course will you be required to resit any failed elements of assessment. If you pass the overall course you will not be permitted to resit.
- Where an exam is resat the mark will not be penalised in any way. However, your overall degree classification will be capped at a Pass.
- You are allowed a maximum of two attempts at failed courses. If you no longer have attempts remaining please contact the Advice Team for further information via [ssc.advice@lse.ac.uk](mailto:ssc.advice@lse.ac.uk).

The assessment format will usually be the same as the first attempt and will be based on the syllabus in which you received tuition.