

Marking and Assessment Boycott Summer 2023

Progression from one Year to Another

June 2023

1. Introduction

The Marking and Assessment Boycott means that some continuing students will not have a full mark profile when their results are published on 14 July 2023. This means that it will not be possible to apply the normal regulations for progression. For continuing students, any missing mark will be considered as a 'pass' for *progression purposes only*, until the actual mark is published. This will allow the School to follow current processes as closely as possible over the summer and for students to progress relatively normally, and with the least hindrance, even with missing marks.

2. Undergraduates

2.1 There will be two main rounds of results release. On 14 July all students will receive all the marks that are available at that point.

- Students with full mark profiles will be given the appropriate progression status as normal, in accordance with the [Regulations for First Degrees](#) (e.g. progress to next year, enter IRDAP etc.).
- Students with partial mark profiles will *not* be given a formal progression status at this point but will be notified of any IRDAP opportunities if they are known. Their formal progression status will wait until a second results release for continuing students on 14 August. This will include the final progression status known at that point.

2.2 For students with partial mark profiles, LSE's default position is that students can progress into their next year of study, unless marks are released on 14 August which indicates this is not the case. Students will be notified on 14 August that they can progress to the next year of study or that they cannot progress, either because of outstanding resits or because they are final fail. After this date, if it emerges that a student should not have progressed under LSE's normal regulations, the student will still be allowed to exceptionally progress into their next academic year. This may entail offering a further extraordinary attempt at an assessment if that is what is required to resolve the situation.

2.3 If a resit is confirmed by 14 July, a student will enter IRDAP. If it is confirmed at any point later than 14 July, a student will be too late to enter IRDAP 2023 and will need to take the assessment at the next 'appropriate' assessment point. If, at a later date, it transpires that a student is trailing a significant number of resit attempts into their next academic year (for example, if we discover in early September that a student has to resit three Year 1 assessments during Year 2), they will be offered appropriate advice including the possibility of delaying progression and being a registered, un-enrolled assessment only student for 2023/24 to just take these resit assessments. This will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

2.4 By their nature, deferred assessments will always be known marks. This means that if a student has deferred assessments in courses to the value of more than one unit, they will not be able to progress unless they pass sufficient courses in IRDAP. Students with an incomplete mark profile will not receive a progression decision until 14 August at the earliest.

3. Taught Postgraduates

3.1 Eight -Unit Programmes

Progression will be permitted when a student has a minimum of two units passed with no more than one unit not-passed (and no bad fails).

At this stage, it is hoped that all marks will be known by the time that students need to be entered for RDAP1 in January 2024. We envisage that the boycott will not impact the rhythm of resit and deferred assessments that would normally take place in January 2024.

3.2 Double Degree Programmes

Double degree students complete one year at LSE, and one year at a partner institution. Double Degree programmes are awarded using the [four unit scheme of award](#).

Students following the first year of their programme at LSE are not due to receive their awards until summer 2024, after the student has attended the partner institution. Progression needs to be confirmed this summer for the Year 1 students due to attend partner institutions elsewhere for their Year 2. Progression (to the partner institution) will be permitted where a student has a minimum of 2.5 units passed and no more than 1 unit not passed (and no bad fails), i.e. no more than 1.5 units of potential fails (either from failed units where marks have been submitted or potential fails from missing units). Students need to have fulfilled the LSE requirements of their programme to be eligible for the award of a degree from the partner institution, and this rule mitigates against the risk that a student is allowed to progress (to the partner institution) with too many potential fails which could put the completion of both degrees at risk. Students already need to resit any not-passed courses whilst studying overseas so restricting the number of potential fails to 1.5 units maintains this risk at an acceptable level.