



UCL Academic Manual 2017-18

Chapter 8: Derogations and Variations

Master of Laws (LLM) Scheme of Award 2017/18

The LLM Scheme of Award applies to all new and continuing students enrolled on the 2017-18 academic session.

Power and Discretion of the Board

- 1) Subject to the requirements of Chapter 4 of the Assessment Framework for

Laws Postgraduate Board of Examiners, which is re-constituted each year, may amend these principles and exercise its discretion in their application according to the circumstances of each candidate.

Award Requirements

- 2) For an award of Master of Laws (LLM), a candidate must have completed modules consisting of a total of 180 credits, including an Independent Research Essay (IRE) worth 60 credits and 120 credits of taught modules.
- 3) Subject to paras. 34 and 35 below, the following interim qualifications may be awarded:

- (i) a Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Diploma), for which a candidate must have completed 120 credits of taught modules and met or surpassed the standard qualification PG Dip learning outcomes as required by para. 12.11.3 of Chapter 4.

- (ii) a Postgraduate Certificate in Law (Certificate), for which a candidate must have completed 60 credits of taught modules and met or surpassed the standard qualification PG Cert learning outcomes as required by para. 12.10.3 of Chapter 4.

Extenuating Circumstances

- 10) A Faculty or Departmental Extenuating Circumstances Panel shall have authority to consider circumstances notified in the proper form (and supported by assessment, submit a coursework or performance in an assessment and to prescribe the appropriate mitigation in accordance with paragraph 6 of Chapter 4.

Consequences of Failure

Failure at First Attempt

- 11) A candidate who fails one or more modules may be permitted to enter for the assessment for each failed module on one further occasion. A reassessment is not necessary if a fail has been condoned pursuant to Principle 37 below.

A student who does not pass all modules at the first attempt should be reassessed in the failed module(s) unless they a) are eligible for condonement pursuant to Principle 37 below, OR

b) have been awarded an interim qualification, OR

c) have been excluded from UCL on the grounds of academic insufficiency, OR

d) have been excluded from UCL as a result of academic or personal misconduct.

- 12) Where a student fails up to and including 60 taught credits in any one academic

- 17) A student must not be permitted to make corrections to a piece of work after the submission deadline or examination date.
- 18) The assessment for a module must be completed within two years of initial enrolment on the module or, where a module is substituted, within two years of initial enrolment on the module which has been substituted.
- 19) This period of two years may be extended at the discretion of UCL Academic Policy and Quality Assurance on behalf of the Vice-Provost (Education & Student Affairs). Applications must be made via the Faculty Tutor.

Failure at the Second Attempt

- 20) A student who does not pass reassessed modules at the second attempt must leave the programme.
- 21) A student who must leave the programme may be eligible for an Interim Qualification pursuant to paragraphs 3 above and 34 and 35 below.

Resits

- 23) A Resit is a second attempt at an assessment in the Late Summer Assessment Period (or equivalent), including resubmission of an IRE, without any additional tuition and with marks capped at the Pass Mark.
- 24) Taught module Resits must take place within or before the Late Summer Assessment Period.
- 25) For the IRE, Resits *must* take place by 31 January of the following academic session.

[25a Separate Regulations apply to students undertaking a deferral, as set out in Chapter 4 (Section 6.10 Deferred Assessment).]
- 26) Resitting students *must* be reassessed in the failed module component(s).
- 27) Where a student passes a Resit, the module mark(s) must be capped at the Pass Mark of 50%.
- 28) Where a student fails a Resit, the higher mark from the two attempts will be recorded for the affected component(s).

Repeats

29) A Repeat

