

UCL LAWS POSTGRADUATE SCHEMES OF AWARD

(for candidates who commenced their programmes in September 2012 or later)

Power and Discretion of the Board

- 1) Subject to the UCL Academic Regulations for Students, the Laws Postgraduate Board of Examiners, which is re-constituted each year, may amend these principles and may exercise its discretion in their application according to the circumstances of each candidate.

Programme Requirements

- 2) For an award of Master of Laws (LLM), a candidate must have completed modules worth a total of 180 credits, including a dissertation worth 60 credits and 120 credits of taught modules assessed by examination, coursework, or both.
- 3) For an award of Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Diploma), a candidate must have completed 120 credits of taught modules assessed by examination, coursework, or both.
- 4) For an award of Postgraduate Certificate in Law (Certificate), a candidate must have completed 60 credits of taught modules assessed by examination, coursework, or both.

Marks

- 5) The final mark awarded for each module shall be a whole number out of 100.
- 6) When calculating an average mark for all modules taken by a candidate:
 - (a) marks shall be weighted according to the credit values of modules, and
 - (b) the average mark for all modules shall be rounded to the nearest whole number, if necessary.

Award of Pass in Modules

- 7) To pass in a module, a candidate must obtain a final mark of at least 50.

Provision for Reassessment or Alternate Award

- 8) A candidate who fails one or more modules may be permitted to enter for the assessment for each failed module on one further occasion. The reassessment will take place in the next academic year. A reassessment is not necessary if a fail has been condoned (pursuant to principle 13 below).
- 9) The mark entered for a module in which a candidate is reassessed is the higher of the mark obtained on reassessment and the original mark. Normally, the candidate is not eligible for an award with distinction or merit.
- 10) A candidate who fails to satisfy the requirements for an award of LLM but satisfies the requirements for an award of Diploma may:
 - (a) opt to be awarded the Diploma rather than enter for reassessment, or
 - (b) be awarded the Diploma following unsuccessful reassessment.
- 11) A candidate who fails to satisfy the requirements for an award of LLM or Diploma but satisfies the requirements for an award of Certificate may:
 - (a) opt to be awarded the Certificate rather than enter for reassessment, or
 - (b) be awarded the Certificate following unsuccessful reassessment.

Criteria of Assessment for Pass

- 12) The LLM with Pass, Diploma with Pass, or Certificate may be awarded to a candidate who has obtained a mark of at least 50 in every module.
- 13) The LLM with Pass or Diploma with Pass may be awarded to a candidate who fails in modules worth no more than 30 credits in total if the candidate has obtained:
 - (a) a mark of at least 40 in each failed module, and
 - (b) an average mark for all modules of at least 50.

If an award is made on this basis, the marks will stand but the failed modules will be recorded as condoned fails.

Criteria of Assessment for Merit

- 14) Subject to principle 9, the LLM with Merit may be awarded to a candidate who has obtained a mark of at least 50 in every module plus either:
 - (a) an average mark for all modules of at least 60, or
 - (b) marks of at least 60 in modules worth a total of 120 credits.
- 15) An award with merit cannot be given for the Diploma or Certificate.

Criteria of Assessment for Distinction

- 16) Subject to principle 9, the LLM with Distinction may be awarded to a candidate who has obtained a mark of at least 60 in every module plus either:
 - (a) an average mark for all modules of at least 70, or
 - (b) marks of at least 70 in modules worth a total of 90 credits.
- 17) Subject to principles 9 and 10, the Diploma with Distinction may be awarded to a candidate who has obtained a mark of at least 60 in every module plus either:
 - (a) an average mark for all modules of at least 70, or
 - (b) marks of at least 70 in modules worth a total of 60 credits.
- 18) An award with distinction cannot be given for the Certificate.