



UCL Academic Manual 2017-18

Chapter 8: Derogations and Variations

BA (Hons) English Derogations

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The following regulations apply to students enrolled on Bachelor of Arts (BA) English programmes at UCL **in addition to** the main taught programme regulations detailed in the UCL Academic Manual and in particular in Chapter 1: Admissions, Registration and Student Conduct and Chapter 4: Assessment Framework for Taught Programmes.

1. The Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA (Hons)) in English holds a derogation from the standard UCL course unit system.
2. Students are required to complete fourteen course units over three years, with the award of honours based on the course units from the second and third year only.
3. The award of honours is based on the following ten components:
 - i. All students take a maximum of eight written examinations;
 - ii. In addition all students must write a Research Essay relating to one of the Optional course units or Core course units studied;
 - iii. A Course Assessment, derived from the termly tutorial marks awarded in the second and third year, contributes the tenth mark.
4. Students may choose to write one or two Course Essays in place of one or two three-hour written examinations.
5. Some course unit options are assessed by Course Essay in lieu of written examination.

First Year Assessment

1. At the end of the first year, students are required to sit three written examinations and also receive a mark for their tutorial performance over the year. Students therefore receive a total of four marks at the end of the year, but these do not count towards the award of honours.
2. Students are expected to pass all assessments in order to progress to the second year.

Second Year Assessment

1. At the end of their second year, students are expected to undertake two assessments. Students can withdraw from one or both papers by notifying the English Department Office in advance, but will be required to sit them along with their finals in their third year.

Third Year Assessment

1. Students are required to submit the Research Essay by a specified deadline early in the Spring term of the third year.
2. At the end of their third year, students are required to take six written examinations.

Failure to meet the Progression and Award Requirements

1. Where a student is ill or has Extenuating Circumstances affecting their ability to undertake some or all of their assessments, they must submit an Extenuating Circumstances Form as soon as possible, following the procedures in the UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 4, Section 6: Extenuating Circumstances.
2. Where a student fails to meet the pass mark in an assessment, and there are no Extenuating Circumstances material to that failure, they must be reassessed under the regulations set out in the UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 4, Section 11: Consequences of Failure.
3. In the English Department, first year Resits may take place immediately (at the end of term) or in the UCL Late Summer Assessment period (students with a high volume of failure may be required to Repeat the failed modules in the following academic session, with attendance and fees).
4. Second and third year Resits will take place in the UCL Late Summer Assessment period (students with a high volume of failure may be required to Repeat the failed modules in the following academic session, with attendance and fees).