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## LLB degree Regulations 2008–09

November 2008: First supplement to the 2008–09 Programme Regulations

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Students should note the following important changes to the 2008–09 Programme Regulations for the LLB degree. The information below supersedes the information currently provided in the 2008–09 Programme Regulations.

The amendments relate to a change to the submission date for the research proposal for the 2008–09 academic year; a minor amendment to the text relating to the University's response to the research proposal; an addition regarding the books permitted in the examination room for **Civil and Criminal Procedure [2660004]** and a correction to the title of the **Laws Skills Portfolio**.

### **LLB Regulations 2008–09, page 8:**

#### **8. Laws Dissertation subject option**

8.4 A research proposal for the dissertation must be submitted by 28 November in the academic year in which the subject is being taken. Responses to the proposal will be sent from the University in electronic form. If the response to the proposal is 'approved', the student may continue. If the response to the proposal is 'approved: revision needed', then the student is advised to make the necessary revisions, but is not required to re-submit. If the response is 'not approved', the student may not continue with the subject option and may choose a different subject option.

#### **9. Laws Skills Portfolio**

9.1 The Laws Skills Portfolio is assessed by:

- (a) a Laws Skills Portfolio submitted to the University in electronic form by 15 May in the final academic year of study and
- (b) a one hour 40 minutes unseen written examination paper.

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- (a) The Laws Skills Portfolio does not count towards the final degree classification.
- (b) Therefore where a student receives the result of 'unsatisfactory' for the Laws Skills Portfolio this has no consequences for LLB subjects: they are not required to retake the whole examination (i.e. all constituent papers) for that academic year.

9.8 The maximum number of attempts for the Laws Skills Portfolio is three.

## **Schedule B**

### **Statutes and other documents**

#### **Final paragraph of the Civil and Criminal Procedure syllabus [2660004] on page 13 of the LLB Regulations 2008–09:**

Students are permitted to bring into the examination room the following specified documents: one 'Queen's Printer' copy (or one photocopy of a 'Queen's Printer' copy) of the *Codes of Practice issued under Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984* and either one copy of *Blackstone's Statutes on Evidence* (OUP) or one copy of *Core Statutes on Evidence* (Palgrave Macmillan).

#### **LLB Regulations 2008–09, page 19:**

##### **Laws Dissertation subject option [2660200]**

The Laws Dissertation subject option is open to students in their final year of study who are seeking a Qualifying Law Degree (as determined by having already successfully taken the examination in EU law or being currently registered for EU law). Research may be on a topic in a previously or concurrently studied law subject area and on a topic not otherwise treated in depth in the normal course of studies. Legal subject areas available for research for the Laws Skills Dissertation subject option in 2008–2009 are:

- Common law reasoning and institutions
- Contract
- Criminal law
- EU law
- Public law
- Tort

A Dissertation research proposal must be submitted online by 28 November of the year of study. Students must have received an 'approved' response from the University as a condition of the Dissertation being marked. Assessment: 10,000 word dissertation submitted to the University in electronic form by 1 May (90%) and a one hour 40 minutes unseen written examination (10%).

Anti-plagiarism software will be used.

While students are free to undertake the Laws Dissertation subject option as autonomous study, students are encouraged to work with supervisors at local teaching institutions.

#### **LLB Regulations 2008–09, page 20:**

##### **Laws Skills Portfolio**

Satisfactory completion of the Laws Skills Portfolio is a requirement for the LLB as a Qualifying Law Degree.

The Laws Skills Portfolio involves students in their final year providing evidence and reflective commentary demonstrating that they have attained skills in five areas: 1) legal research; 2) autonomy of learning; 3) Information technology; 4) oral communication; and 5) team working. The portfolio is submitted online and is assessed as 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory'. Anti-plagiarism software will be used. There is also a short Laws Skills Portfolio final examination. There are two methods by which students may attain the research skills (and demonstrate the other skills around that): Laws Skills Pathway 1 or Laws Skills Pathway 2.

##### **Laws Skills Pathway 1**

Students who are registered for the **Laws Dissertation subject option [2660200]** submit information about the research processes they used in researching for their Dissertation (and associated activities) as evidence for the **Laws Skills Portfolio [2660201]**. (This code number is used for the Laws Skills Portfolio submitted on Laws Skills Pathway 1.)

##### **Laws Skills Pathway 2**

Students undertake a small independent research project in addition to their existing subject options and submit their evidence for the **Laws Skills Portfolio [2660202]** on the basis of this research (and associated activities). (This code number is used for the Laws Skills Portfolio submitted on Laws Skills Pathway 2.)