

## **Summary of changes made to the Regulations for degrees and diplomas in the Fields of Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences (EMFSS) for 2009-10**

The EMFSS 2009-10 Regulations take effect 1 September 2009.

The Regulations are published on the External System website:  
[http://www.londonexternal.ac.uk/current\\_students/general\\_resources/regulations/regs\\_pdfs/regs\\_0910/emfss\\_regs09-10.pdf](http://www.londonexternal.ac.uk/current_students/general_resources/regulations/regs_pdfs/regs_0910/emfss_regs09-10.pdf)

A glossary of terms is on page 5 of the Regulations.

<b>Principal changes</b>
<p><b>Short Courses</b></p> <p>EMFSS Short courses* will be available for registration from 1 September 2009. These have a separate Regulations booklet. See paragraph 2.61. It is possible for credit to be given for these units. For full details see the Programme Regulations for Short Courses in the fields of Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences.</p> <p>*Students wishing to register for law units (Selection Group Fiii or L) can continue to do so under the Regulations for the LLB degree as Occasional students, or by registering for Supplementary subjects.</p>
<p><b>Change of Programme name / New award / Withdrawn award</b></p> <p>The Diploma for Graduates (International Development) has been introduced as a new name for the Diploma for Graduates (Development). The structure and content are exactly the same. Students may transfer from the Diploma for Graduates (Development) to the Diploma for Graduates (International Development) at any time. The Diploma for Graduates (Development) will not be awarded after 2014.</p> <p>See paragraphs 1.12, 2.58 and Schedule A2.</p>
<p><b>Internet access</b></p> <p>Internet access is compulsory for all new registrations and all law units from 1 Sept 2009, and currently registered students must have access by 1 September 2010. See 2.30 and 4.3.</p>
<p><b>Examination entry</b></p> <p>Students on degree programmes will now be allowed to make an examination entry for a single half unit in a year. See 3.2.</p>
<p><b>All degrees – progression from the Diploma in Economics and the Diploma in Social Sciences</b></p> <p>Students may progress to a degree from the Diploma in Economics or Diploma in Social Sciences who have passed two full units (formerly three) provided they have attempted four. See Schedule C1 paragraph 6. For the Diploma in Economics students must have passed a full or half unit in Mathematics or Statistics.</p>
<p><b>All degrees – progression from the Access route</b></p> <p>Where a Foundation unit could be carried specifically when transferring from the Diploma in Economics and the Diploma in Social Sciences (indicated by √ in the Regulations), this has now been amended to include the Diploma in Economics, the Diploma in Social Sciences and the Access route. See Schedule A1.</p>
<p><b>Scheme of Award</b></p> <p>The rules for pairing Foundation half units have been clarified and expanded, allowing freer combination of Foundation units. See 5.8-5.10 and Schedule D 4.1-4.6.</p> <p>An additional way to achieve Distinction and Merit by means of an aggregate has been added to the grading scheme for the Diplomas for Graduates and for the Diploma in Economics and the Diploma in Social Sciences. See Schedule D 12.3 and 14.3.</p>
<b>Programme and Structure Changes: Specific programmes</b>
<p><b>Schedule A1 / Degrees</b></p>
<p><b>BSc Banking and Finance (Standard Route)</b></p> <p><b>(02 Introduction to Economics + 05b Mathematics 2)</b> has been added as an</p>

<p>alternative prerequisite for <b>92 Corporate finance</b>, as it is on the Graduate Entry Route.</p>
<p><b>BSc Geography and Environment</b></p> <p><b>150 Geomorphological processes</b> has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>156 Tropical land management</b>.</p> <p><b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added as an alternative to <b>45 Economic geography</b> (which it replaces).</p>
<p><b>BSc Information Systems and Management</b></p> <p><b>63 Information systems project</b> has been removed as it is now for resit only.</p>
<p><b>BSc Management</b> (Standard Route path A and Graduate Entry Route path A)</p> <p><b>11 Introduction to international relations</b> has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>77 Management: international and comparative perspectives</b>.</p>
<p><b>BSc Management with Law</b> (Standard Route Path B)</p> <p>The choice from Selection group E has been removed at points 8 and 9 for students registering from 1 September 2009.</p> <p>A choice from Selection group A has been added at point 10.</p>
<p><b>BSc Sociology</b> (Standard Route and Graduate Entry Route)</p> <p><b>54 Methods of social research</b> and <b>56 Comparative social structures and institutions</b> have been removed as they are now for resit only.</p> <p>A note relating to one unnamed Foundation unit (indicated by ♦ in the Regulations) has been added to Path B point 12.</p>
<p><b>BSc Sociology with Law</b></p> <p>A choice from Selection group L has replaced <b>131 Law and society</b> as this unit will not be introduced.</p>
<p><b>Schedule A2 / Diplomas for Graduates</b></p>
<p><b>Diploma for Graduates (Development)</b></p> <p>The Diploma for Graduates (Development) will be awarded no later than 2014. It has been replaced by the Diploma for Graduates (International Development) for students registering from 1 September 2009.</p> <p>New units <b>164 Economic geography</b> and <b>166 Global environmental problems and politics</b> have been added.</p>
<p><b>Diploma for Graduates (Geography)</b></p> <p>New unit <b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added.</p>
<p><b>Diploma for Graduates (Information Systems)</b></p> <p>Notice has been given that the following units will be withdrawn: <b>110 Information and communication technology policy</b>, <b>111 Information systems evaluation</b>, <b>112 Sociology of information systems</b> and <b>113 The ethics and politics of information systems</b>. Students registering from 1 Sept 2009 may still take <b>110</b> and <b>111</b> but not <b>112</b> or <b>113</b>.</p>

<b>Diploma for Graduates (International Development)</b>	
This new award replaces the Diploma for Graduates (Development) for students registering from 1 September 2009.	
<b>Diploma for Graduates (International Relations)</b>	
<b>89 Politics of Southeast Asia</b> has been removed as this unit is now for resit only.	
<b>Diploma for Graduates (Politics)</b>	
The note has been changed to clarify the implications of the rule that no more than two Foundation units are allowed when choosing units.	
<b>Diploma for Graduates (Social Sciences)</b>	
There is a restriction on the choice of law units for students registering from 1 September 2009.	
<b>Diploma for Graduates (Sociology)</b>	
<b>54 Methods of social research, 56 Comparative social structures and institutions</b> and <b>58 Demography</b> have been removed as they are now for resit only.	
<b>Schedule A3: Diploma in Economics</b>	
The note that <b>148 Methods of geographical analysis</b> must be taken after or with <b>04a Statistics 1</b> has been removed.	
<b>Schedule A4: Diploma in Social Sciences</b>	
The note that <b>148 Methods of geographical analysis</b> must be taken after or with <b>04a Statistics 1</b> has been removed.	
<b>Schedule A5: Selection groups</b>	
<b>F(i)</b>	The note that <b>148 Methods of geographical analysis</b> must be taken after or with <b>04a Statistics 1</b> has been removed.
<b>D</b>	<b>58 Demography</b> has been removed as it is now resit only.  <b>68 Society and the environment</b> is now available to all students who may select from this group.
<b>E</b>	<b>28 Managerial economics</b> and <b>66 Microeconomics</b> are no longer exclusions.  The new unit <b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added.
<b>G</b>	The new unit <b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added.
<b>IR</b>	The new unit <b>166 Global environmental problems and politics</b> has been added.
<b>IS</b>	Notice has been given that the following units will be withdrawn: <b>110 Information and communication technology policy, 111 Information systems evaluation, 112 Sociology of information systems</b> and <b>113 The ethics and politics of information systems</b> . Students registering from 1 Sept 2009 may still take <b>110</b> and <b>111</b> but not <b>112</b> or <b>113</b> .  <b>37 Computer-based information systems</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.
<b>M</b>	<b>11 Introduction to international relations</b> has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>77 Management: international and comparative perspectives</b> .

	<b>165 Development management</b> has been added.
<b>P</b>	<p><b>81 Modern political thought</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p> <p><b>89 Politics of Southeast Asia</b> has been removed as it is now for resit only.</p> <p><b>131 Law and society</b> has been removed as it will not now be offered.</p> <p>The new unit <b>166 Global environmental problems and politics</b> has been added.</p>
<b>S</b>	<p><b>37 Computer-based information systems</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p> <p><b>54 Methods of social research, 56 Comparative social structures and institutions</b> and <b>58 Demography</b> have been removed as they are now for resit only.</p> <p><b>131 Law and society</b> has been removed as it will not now be offered.</p> <p><b>163 Sociological theory and analysis</b> has been added.</p> <p><b>68 Society and the Environment</b> is now available to all students who may select from this group.</p>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	
<b>New alternative prerequisites</b>	
	<p><b>92 Corporate finance</b> (<b>02 Introduction to Economics + 05b Mathematics 2</b>) has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>92 Corporate finance</b>.</p> <p><b>156 Tropical land management</b> <b>150 Geomorphological processes</b> has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>156 Tropical land management</b>.</p> <p><b>164 Economic geography</b> <b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added as an alternative to <b>45 Economic geography</b> (which it replaces).</p> <p><b>11 Introduction to international relations</b> <b>11 Introduction to international relations</b> has been added as an alternative prerequisite for <b>77 Management: international and comparative perspectives</b></p>
<b>Prerequisites removed</b>	
	<p><b>37 Computer-based information systems</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p> <p><b>81 Modern political thought</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p>
<b>Unit changes (Schedules A and B)</b>	
<b>New Units</b>	
	<p><b>164 Economic geography</b> has been added (this is to replace <b>45 Economic geography</b>, which was given notice from Sept 2008 and with which it is an exclusion).</p> <p><b>166 Global environmental problems and politics</b></p>
<b>Old units no longer listed in the Regulations</b> (For resit only in 2010)	

<p><b>54 Methods of social research</b></p> <p><b>56 Comparative social structures and institutions</b></p> <p><b>58 Demography</b></p> <p><b>63 Information systems project</b></p> <p><b>89 Politics of Southeast Asia</b></p>
<p><b>Units not being introduced</b></p> <p><b>131 Law and society</b> – this will not now be introduced.</p>
<p><b>Units given notice of withdrawal – registration still permitted</b>  <i>(Indicated by the symbol ☹ in the Regulations. Last examination 2011, except for a resit in 2012.)</i></p> <p><b>110 Information and communication technology policy</b> (half unit)</p> <p><b>111 Information systems evaluation</b> (half unit)</p>
<p><b>Units given notice of withdrawal (with replacement units) – registration not permitted from 1 September 2009</b>  <i>(Indicated by the symbol ☹ in the Regulations. Last examination 2011, except for a resit in 2012.)</i></p> <p><b>112 Sociology of information systems</b> (half unit)</p> <p><b>113 The ethics and politics of information systems</b> (half unit)</p>
<p><b>Prerequisites removed</b></p> <p><b>37 Computer-based information systems</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p> <p><b>81 Modern political thought</b> may still be used as a prerequisite but it has been removed from the Regulations as it is no longer available.</p>
<p><b>Exclusions added</b></p> <p><b>45 Economic geography</b> and the new unit <b>164 Economic geography</b> are exclusions.</p>
<p><b>Exclusions removed</b></p> <p><b>28 Managerial economics</b> and <b>66 Microeconomics</b> are no longer exclusions.</p>
<p><b>Other unit dependencies removed</b></p> <p>The note that <b>148 Methods of geographical analysis</b> must be taken after or with <b>04a Statistics 1</b> has been removed.</p>
<p><b>Attempts carried on transfer – units added</b></p> <p>The following pairs have been added to the list of unit changes where attempts are carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>138 Information and communication technologies: principles and perspectives</b> and <b>103 Elements of information and communication technologies</b></li> <li>• <b>164 Economic geography</b> and <b>45 Economic geography</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Attempts carried on transfer – units removed</b></p> <p>The following pairs have been removed from the list of unit changes where attempts are carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>108 Political analysis and public choice</b> and <b>87 Public choice and public management</b></li> <li>• <b>119 Strategy</b> and <b>78 Analysis of strategic management</b></li> <li>• <b>160 Population and society</b> and <b>58 Demography</b></li> </ul>

## Syllabus changes

### 20 Elements of econometrics

The website reference has been removed.

### 101 Criminal law

The permitted materials have been amended.

### 161 Common law reasoning and institutions

A note about the VLE has been added to this syllabus.

There have been minor revisions or rewordings of the following syllabuses:

- **23 Investment management**
- **57 Social policy**
- **66 Microeconomics**
- **92 Corporate finance**
- **119 Strategy**
- **141 Principles of marketing**
- **162 Complex emergencies and humanitarian responses**
- **101 Criminal law**

## Assessment changes

### 97 Management accounting

The examination time is now 3 hours 15 minutes.

### 139 Software engineering: theory and application

The relative contributions of the project and the coursework to the overall mark for this syllabus have been amended.

## Paragraph changes

### Opening statement

This has been amended to include reference to the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) in England and Wales.

### Format change

The different sections within Schedules A, B and C have been individually numbered A1, A2, B1 etc. for clarity.

### Terminology

Absence Certified: an explanation has been added.

Attempt not to count: an explanation has been added.

Examination Attempt: has changed to Attempt and the explanation has been expanded.

Law unit: the explanation has been amended for clarity.

Short course: an explanation has been added.

### Programme Regulations

1.10 Both the Diploma for Graduates (Development) (which has been given notice from 1 Sept 2009) and the Diploma for Graduates (International Development) (which has been introduced from 1 Sept 2009) are listed.

(Former 1.12 The former paragraph 1.12 introducing Occasional Students and Supplementary Subjects has been removed as these are not governed by the 2009-10 EMFSS Regulations.)

1.12 A new paragraph explaining that the Diploma for Graduates International Development has been introduced from 1 Sept 2009 and the Diploma for Graduates in Development has been given notice from 1 Sept 2009.

(Former 2.13: see 2.30.)

- 2.30 Internet access is compulsory for all new registrations so the former 2.13 has been amended and moved to 2.30. See also 4.3.
- 2.31-2.32 Part of 2.31 has been reworded and split into two paragraphs for clarity. See also 6.13-6.14.
- 2.58 A note has been added that transfers are no longer allowed to the Diploma for Graduates (Development).
- 2.61 A paragraph introducing Short Courses has been added. These will be available for EMFSS from 1 Sept 2009 and will have their own Regulations booklet.
- 3.2 Students on degree programmes will now be allowed to make an examination entry for a single half unit in a year.
- 4.3 Internet access is compulsory for all new registrations so the former 4.13 has been amended and moved to 4.3. See also 2.30.

(Former 4.13 see 4.3)

- 5.3 **97 Management accounting** has been added to the units where the examination is now 3 hours 15 minutes.

(Former 5.9 has been removed as Foundation half units may now be paired freely unless the structure states otherwise.)

(Former 5.10 has been removed as a clearer explanation of the pairing of half units is in place.)

- 6.13-6.14 6.13 has been reworded and split into two paragraphs for clarity. See also 2.31-2.32.
- 6.16 The following pairs have been added to the list of unit changes where attempts are carried:

- **138 Information and communication technologies: principles and perspectives** and **103 Elements of information and communication technologies**
- **164 Economic geography** and **45 Economic geography**

The following pairs have been removed from the list of unit changes where attempts are carried:

- **108 Political analysis** and **public choice** and **87 Public choice and public management**
- **119 Strategy** and **78 Analysis of strategic management**
- **160 Population and society** and **58 Demography**

Notes have been added to explain:

- Unit changes where attempts are not carried
- How attempts are carried from **104 Information systems: evaluation and policy** to **110 Information communication technology policy** and **111 Information systems evaluation**
- How attempts are carried from **106 Sociology and ethics of information systems** to **112 Sociology of information systems** and **113 the ethics and politics of information systems**

- 7.5 Fees have been updated for 2009-10.

The fees for Occasional Students and Supplementary Subjects have been removed from the Regulations as these are not governed by the 2009-10 EMFSS Regulations.

Diploma in Economics and Diploma in Social sciences: £10 has been added to the examination fee for **161 Common law reasoning and institutions** so it is equivalent to the standard law unit examination fee.

Law units **201 Law of tort, 202 Law of trusts, 203 Land law** and **402 Company law** have a new supplement of £25 to be paid on registration. This is for a new textbook.

#### **Schedule B – Other Changes**

Details of the type of calculator allowed and a list of units where calculators are allowed have been added.

#### **Schedule C1 – Transfers to degrees**

References to transfers to Law with Accounting and Law with Management have been removed (including removal of former paragraphs 8, 11, 23, and 29).

- 6 Students may progress to a degree from the Diploma in Economics or the Diploma in Social Sciences who have passed two units (formerly three) provided they have attempted four.

#### **Schedule C2 – table of equivalentents**

The list of unit changes where attempts are carried has been updated (see 6.16).

Note ii has been amended as Foundation half units may now be paired more freely unless the structure states otherwise.

#### **Schedule C4 – Table of Automatic Exemptions**

The Table of Automatic Exemptions has now been arranged by country and has been updated to reflect current automatic exemptions.

#### **Schedule D – Scheme of Award**

(Former 4.2 has been removed as Foundation half units may now be paired freely unless the structure states otherwise)

(Former 4.3 has been removed as a clearer explanation of the pairing of half units is in place.)

4.5 The rules for pairing Foundation half units have been clarified and expanded.

4.6 The rules for pairing Further half units have been clarified and expanded.

6.1-6.6 The section on special circumstances has been clarified and expanded.

(Former 12.1 and 12.2 have been removed as the principle has been incorporated into the grading scheme and does not need to be expressed separately.)

12.3 An additional way to achieve Distinction and Merit by means of an aggregate has been added to the grading scheme for the Diplomas for Graduates.

(Former 14.1 has been removed as the principle has been incorporated into the grading scheme and does not need to be expressed separately.)

14.3 An additional way to achieve Distinction and Merit by means of an aggregate has been added to the grading scheme for the Diploma for Economics and Diploma for Social Sciences.

#### **Schedule E – Institutions with Permission to Teach**

The list of institutions with Permission to Teach (PTT) has been updated according to Institutions database and institutions removed if PTT no longer applies or added if PTT now applies.