

## **Regulations governing the award of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)**

**(revised with effect from 01 October 2010)**

### **I. General**

- I.1 There shall be an award of Bachelor of Laws, LL.B. This award is available only with Honours.
- I.2 The LL.B shall consist of two component programmes:
- Component one: the College's Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)
  - Component two: EITHER the College's Legal Practice Course (LPC) OR the College's Bar Vocational Course (BVC) / Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC).
- I.3 Unless otherwise stated, candidates satisfying the requirements for successful completion of the component programmes do not have to satisfy any additional requirements for the award of LL.B.
- I.4 For the avoidance of doubt:
- (a) Marking and moderation processes are conducted as part of the mechanisms for each component programme. There are no additional processes for the LL.B.
  - (b) Concession applications are governed by the assessment regulations for each component programme. There is no additional process for the LLB.
  - (c) The component programmes have their own rules on the consequences of failing individual assessments, which may have an effect on the final outcome of those component programmes. There are no additional rules applying any further penalty in this regard for the LLB.
  - (d) The College-wide review process operates with respect to the decisions made by Boards of Examiners for each component programme. There is no additional process for the LLB.

### **2. Academic Board and Degree Board**

- 2.1 The College's Academic Board is responsible for the rules governing the award of the LL.B.
- 2.2 The Academic Board shall appoint a Degree Board as a sub-committee for this purpose.

- 2.3 The Degree Board shall receive relevant final results from the Boards of Examiners for the component programmes. The Degree Board shall meet following these component Boards and oversee the operation of the classification and awarding algorithm.
- 2.4 The Academic Board shall appoint the following members of the Degree Board:
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| Chair              | Member of Academic Board                                  |
| Academic Registrar | Ex officio  |
| 3 Members          | One representing each of the component programmes         |
| External           | One of the external representatives of the Academic Board |
| External           | An External Examiner                                      |
- 2.5 A Secretary to the Board shall be appointed by the Academic Registrar.
- 2.6 A quorum for the Degree Board shall be the chair, two other internal members and the External Examiner.
- 2.7 The Degree Board shall not have the power to re-open any matters decided by the component Boards of Examiners and/or matters considered as part of the College-wide review of those assessment decisions. Neither shall the Degree Board have discretion to set aside the classification rules contained in these regulations.
- 2.8 The Academic Board shall confirm that any student who meets the following requirements shall be awarded the LL.B with the appropriate classification:
- Commencement year requirements (**para 3**)
  - Completion period requirements (**para 4**)
  - Academic requirements (**para 5**)
  - Classification requirements (**para 6**)

### 3. Commencement Year Requirements

- 3.1 The LL.B is available to candidates who commenced the full-time mode of the GDL in or after Autumn 2005 and those who commenced the part-time modes of the GDL in or after Autumn 2004.

#### 4. Completion Period Requirements

- 4.1 The time limits for the completion of each component programme are those specified in the Assessment Regulations governing each relevant component programme.
- 4.2 The time limit between successful completion of the first component programme and commencement of the second component programme shall be that specified by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, where the second component programme is the LPC, and the Bar Standards Board, where the second component programme is the BVC/BPTC.

#### 5. Academic Requirements

- 5.1 Entry onto the LL.B is automatic with acceptance onto the first component programme.
- 5.2 Progression on the LL.B is dependent on successful completion of the first component programme and acceptance onto the second component programme.
- 5.3 Candidates must pass each component programme.

#### 6. Classification Requirements

- 6.1 Degree classification shall be determined by the following points table:

Class	Minimum points
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2(i)	16
2(ii)	14
3	13

- 6.2 Points shall be allocated according to the component programme classification as follows:

LLB points	GDL	LPC	BVC/BPTC
10	Distinction	Distinction	Outstanding or Very Competent with average $\geq$ 80%
8	Commendation	Commendation	Very Competent with average $<$ 80% or Competent with average $\geq$ 65%
7	Pass (av $\geq$ 50%)	Pass	Competent with average $<$ 65%
6	Pass (av $<$ 50%)		

**7. Miscellaneous**

- 7.1 The Academic Board shall monitor the awards made by the Degree Board.
- 7.2 External Examiners shall be invited to report annually to the Academic Board on the operation of the classification algorithm, the proper administration of the awarding function, and any other matter relating to the standards of the award and the operation of these regulations.
- 7.3 The degree certificate issued shall be in addition to such certificates and transcripts as may be issued from time to time in relation to each of the component programmes.