

Classification in the MA in Law in 2020/21

The classification of the MA in Law in 2020/21 is set out below. This document temporarily qualifies the [specific regulations for classification](#) for the MA in Law (page 24) in the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes (the 'Taught Code') for 2020/21 and supersedes the document: '[Awards and Classification in the MA in Law in 2020/21 and subsequent academic years](#)'.

The existing regulations on eligibility for the award of a qualification, as set out in the specific regulations for the MA in Law, should be considered in the normal way before classification under these regulations.

1. For the purposes of classification, each of the programme marks set out in the [temporary regulations for classification in undergraduate Law programmes in 2021](#), will be calculated, with exceptions stated below. The best outcome from the available programme marks will be used in determining classification.
2. The following condition must be met where the relevant programme mark is used as a basis for classification (inclusive of where units marks are disregarded for other reasons – see section 7):
 - In programme mark C, the final year of study in 2020/21 must include a minimum of 90 credit points of unit marks.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, the introduction of a secondary rule for classification in taught postgraduate programmes in 2020/21, as set out in sections 26-28 of the [temporary amendments to the regulation for classification in taught programmes](#), does not apply to the MA in Law.
4. The classification of the MA in Law degree is as follows:

Distinction:	the overall programme mark is 70 or more out of 100, or the overall programme mark is 65 or more out of 100, with a mark of 70 or more in at least half of the credit points contributing to the overall programme mark;
Merit:	the overall mark is 60 or more out of 100, with a mark of 60 or more out of 100 in at least half of the credit points contributing to the overall programme mark;
Pass:	the overall programme mark is 50 or more out of 100;
Fail:	the overall programme mark is 49 or less out of 100.

*Approved by the Vice-Chancellor
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