

**FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
EXAMINATION RULES**

Grading and Mark Distribution

Upper Year Courses

1. In all courses having an enrollment of 50 or more the average shall be in the 70-74% range.
2. In all courses having an enrollment of 40 or more, but fewer than 50, the average shall be in the 70-75% range.
3. In all courses having an enrollment of 21 or more, but fewer than 40, the average shall be in the 70-76% range.
4. In all courses having an enrollment of fewer than 21 (and which are not taught in multiple sections) the average shall be in the 70-79% range.
5. All upper-year courses taught in multiple sections in an academic year shall apply the same average to each section. The average shall be determined on the last day of class in the fall term based on the largest section of the course in any term during that academic year. For example, if on the last day of fall classes, a course has one spring term section with 65 registered students and one fall term section with 14 registered students, then each section must have an average between 70 - 74% (even if the spring term section's registration subsequently changes).

First Year Courses

5. The First Year December examinations are subject to a requirement that the average marks for each class fall within a specified range of averages being 65%-75%
6. The First Year Assignments and April examinations are subject to a requirement that the average marks for each class fall within a specified range being 70-75%.

All years

7. Faculty members are encouraged to achieve the following distribution of cumulative overall averages.

Assigned Mark	Required Letter Grade	Suggested Word Description	Suggested % W/I Categories
90> 85-89 80-84	A+ A A-	Excellent (87.5)	10-15
76-79 72-75 68-71	B+ B B-	Good (73.5)	50-60
64-67 60-63 55-59	C+ C C-	Satisfactory (61.5)	20-30
50-54	D	Barely Adequate (52)	5-10
0-49	F	Fail	1-5 1 st Year 0-3 2 nd & 3 rd Years

8. An instructor wishing to award a grade in excess of 90% must provide justification to the Examination Committee. If not satisfied, the Committee may take such action as it considers appropriate, including a re-read by a different instructor or a lowering of the grade.
9. An instructor may apply to the Examinations Committee for variance from the rules concerning averages.

Miscellaneous Rules

1. No examination, formal or informal including take-home examinations, may be held in the two weeks immediately preceding the December and April examination periods. This recommendation does not apply to regular weekly or bi-weekly tests.
2. Use of questions used on previous examinations on file in the law library and on the library web site is strongly discouraged for fairness reasons. Old examinations are available to students and some may have studied from an old exam.
3. Instructors wishing to grade on a pass-fail basis must obtain the approval of the Associate Dean. If the change is approved, the Director of Student Academic Services must submit a request to the Academic Governance Office in the Senate and Curriculum Services office to have the change recorded in the UBC Faculty Course Management System.
4. Instructors are required to discuss the examination papers and other assignments with students for pedagogical purposes only. A student wishing to challenge a grade must apply through the Enrolment Services for a review of assigned standing. However, if an instructor believes that a mark should be changed, the instructor should simply inform the Director of Student Academic Services. Students are advised to discuss a paper whose grade they wish to challenge with the instructor before applying for a review of assigned standing.
5. All scheduled examinations are mandatory.