

January Exams – Student FAQs

1. Which courses will be examined in January 2017?

The list of courses that will be examined in January next year can be found [here](#).

A dedicated 'January Examinations' webpage is available online [here](#). You can find information about:

- January Examination Timetable;
- Re-Entry of Deferred, Discounted or Failed Examinations for January;
- Visa Guidance: Non-UK/EEA Students with January Re-sit Assessments;
- Individual Examination Adjustments;
- Applying for IEAs for January examinations;
- Illness and Other Exceptional Circumstances;
- Overseas Examination Arrangements.

2. When will the January 2017 exam schedule be available?

2nd December 2016

3. If you need to Defer your January Exam

Before the School Closure

If you wish to apply to defer a January exam before the School closes on Thursday 22 December, please follow the normal process outlined at lse.ac.uk/deferral

During the School Closure

Please complete the deferral form and collate the evidence as soon as possible. After this make contact with the relevant person in your Department to arrange authorisation. You may be required to bring the form into LSE, in person, on 3 January. If you are unsure of who to contact within your Department please contact ssc.advice@lse.ac.uk

After the School Closure i.e. during the January exam period

Please follow the normal deferral application process.

If you are seeking to defer a January exam, please be aware of the following:

- If you are taking an exam for a full-unit, yearlong course with exams in both the January and Summer term exam periods, you can only apply to defer the January exam at the time proximate to your January exam. If you wish to subsequently apply to defer the ST exam, you must do this at a time proximate to the ST exam.
- If you miss a January exam and have not applied to defer the exam, you will be marked as incomplete for the entire course, which could result in non-progression. 'Non-progression' means that you would not be able to advance from year one to year two for example, or from year two to year three, and you would instead have to wait until the following January to resit the exam you had missed. All usual criteria for applying for exceptional progression apply and can be found [here](#).
- If you do defer the January exam for a course and there are other assessment elements you will still need to complete these unless you arrange further deferrals. However when your results are released, it will show that the whole course has been

deferred. Any marks you obtain in other assessments will be handled in accordance with your Department's local rules on 'banking' marks.

- If you think you need to defer both the January and ST exams you may want to instead consider [interruption](#).

4. If you have received Repeat Teaching

If you receive repeat teaching for a course, you are examined on the syllabus for which you last received the teaching. So, if you received teaching in 2015/16, you will be examined on the 2015/16 syllabus. It is not possible for you to be examined on any other syllabus. This means that if the course(s) you are having repeat teaching in is now assessed using a January exam you will need to take that exam in January.

You may only receive repeat teaching for the courses that have been formally agreed by the Repeat Teaching Panel. Further information about Repeat Teaching can be found [here](#).

5. If I fail/bad fail or defer a January exam, can I re-sit or make the deferred attempt in the Summer Term?

No. The absence of autumn re-sits would make it inequitable for students who fail January exams to re-sit in the Summer Term (i.e. because students who fail in Summer Term have no equally proximate re-sit opportunity). School regulations state that re-sits or deferred attempts can only be made in the equivalent exam period the following year.

Resits/Deferrals/Interruptions

Scenario 1: All assessment for the course remains the same and the exam is the same format and is worth the same % of the final mark as the previous deferred/failed version:

Your Department will set a paper or papers that match the previous exam timings. If you previously took an exam in January, you will resit the exam in January with all other students. It will not be possible for you to take the January exam in the Summer Term. Similarly, you will resit Summer exams in the Summer Term.

e.g. AC411 was assessed 70% by a two-hour exam in LT0, plus an essay (15%) and project (15%) and the assessment is unchanged. So as a resit student you will sit your exam in January (3-6 January 2017).

e.g. MA100 was assessed 25% by a one-hour exam in January and 75% by a three-hour exam in Summer Term. So as a resit student needing to resit both exams, you will sit your January exam in January (3-6 January 2017) and your Summer Term exam in Summer Term.

Exams that fall into this category in 2016/17 are AC411, EC100, EC102, EH401, EH402, EH413, EH414, EH481, GV441, GV467, GV4G4, MA100, PH228, PH230, PH428, PH430, ST102, ST226, ST302, ST306, ST425, ST427, and ST435.

Scenario 2: The exam element of the course has been split between the ST and January exam periods.

In these cases your Department will set a paper that matches the previous exam timings. You will sit one exam in Summer Term to reflect the previous timings.

You should note that if an exceptional second deferral is approved, or you need to utilise a third attempt, and will therefore be sitting in 2017/18 these transitional arrangements will NOT be in place and special individual arrangements may have to be made.

e.g. EC475 was formerly assessed 100% by a three-hour exam in ST. It will now be assessed 50% by a two-hour exam in January and 50% by a two-hour exam in ST. So as a resit student you will sit one exam in Summer Term.

Exams that fall into this category in 2016/17 are EC201, EC202, EC210, EC220, EC221, EC230, EC402, EC411, EC413, EC421, EC423, EC424, EC426, EC427, EC428, EC453, EC465, EC475, EC476, EC484, EC485, EC487, EC518, and FM437.

Scenario 3: Your exam is moving from January to Summer Term and nothing else is changing i.e. all assessment for the course remains the same and the exam is the same format and is worth the same % of the final mark as the previous deferred/failed version:

You will take the exam in Summer Term with all other students. It will not be possible for you to take the exam in the January.

e.g. LL4A8 was formerly assessed 100% by a two-hour exam in January. It will now be assessed by assessed 100% by a two-hour exam in Summer Term.

Exams that fall into this category in 2016/17 are LL4A8, LL4CD, LL4CL, LL4CN, LL4F4, LL4K9, LL4Z6, ST409, and ST422.

Scenario 4: The exam element of the course was previously held in January, or both in January and the Summer Term, and other changes have been made to the course i.e. the exam comprises a larger or smaller proportion of the overall assessment for the course, or additional assessment methods are being used, or the syllabus has changed:

If the syllabus (teaching material) for the course has changed, your Department will set a paper appropriate to the material you studied and this will be worth the same % of the final mark as the previous deferred/failed version was at the time you studied. However, the exam will take place at the same time in January or in Summer Term. It will not be possible for you to take the exam at a different time. However, if you are unable to travel to London in January, for good reason, you may apply to sit the exams overseas.

If the syllabus (teaching material) has not changed (i.e. just the assessment methods have changed) your Department will set a paper appropriate to the assessment methods in place when you received the teaching on your course. This may mean that you sit a longer or shorter paper than other students sitting the exam at the same time as you. However, the exam will take place at the same time in January or in Summer Term. It will not be possible for you to take the exam at a different time.

However, if you are unable to travel to London in January, for good reason, you may apply to sit the exams overseas.

e.g. PS400 was formerly assessed 30% by a one and a half hour exam in January, plus an essay (70%). It will now be assessed 25% by a one and a half hour exam in January, plus an essay (75%). So as a resit student you will sit your exam in January (3-6 January 2017).

Exams that fall into this category in 2016/17 are LL4BH, PS400, PS404, and PS429.

6. Visa Enquiries

The International Student Visa Advice Team (ISVAT) has extensive information on its webpages for students re-taking assessments:

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/ISVAT/currentStudents/RetakeExams.aspx>

If you have enquiries regarding the visa implications of re-taking or having deferred assessments, please see the above page.

7. What if I miss a January exam? Will I still be able to progress?

You will receive a '0 Incomplete' or '0 Absent' mark for the course in question, depending on whether the exam is the sole piece of summative assessment for the course. If you are on a degree programme (i.e. not a General Course student), progression will depend on your overall results at the end of the year, to which the normal progression rules will apply, e.g. an undergraduate student may progress to the next year of his/her programme if she/he is carrying no more than 1.0 failed units.