

Distribution of Examination Grades for General Course students 2010/2011*				
LSE class of degree	Letter grade	% mark	General Course exam grade distribution** (%)	LSE BSc/BA exam grade distribution*** (%)
First	A+	79+	3.35%	5.55%
First	A	74-78	3.27%	5.23%
Borderline First/First	A-	68-73	11.47%	17.05%
Upper Second	B+	60-67	32.83%	37.72%
Lower Second	B	55-59	18.41%	13.75%
Lower Second	B-	50-54	11.79%	7.68%
Third	C+	45-49	7.09%	4.51%
Third	C	40-44	6.14%	3.96%
Fail	F	0-39	5.66%	4.55%

* Figures correct as of 14 July 2011.

** General Course students typically take four examinations. The figures show the grade distribution of their exam marks, a total of 1255 papers, in June 2011.

*** BSc/BA/LLB degrees: these are the end-of-year final exam grades achieved in 11,131 examination papers taken by all other LSE undergraduates at levels 2 and 3 on all of the School's three-year specialist degrees. The great majority of such undergraduates took four examination papers. Their generally higher grades (especially at the upper end of the mark range) probably reflect the fact that these LSE students are specialising in their major field, whereas the General Course students typically select a much wider variety of courses.