

Faculty Examination Regulations for Juris Doctor Students

A. General Regulations

1. These regulations apply to all Juris Doctor students admitted in and after AY 2024/2025.
2. There will be a Board of Examiners (BOE) at the end of each semester.
3. There will be no Supplementary Examinations or Special Examinations except as provided below.
4. Juris Doctor students must complete the requirements within the maximum candidature indicated below. The maximum candidature period refers to the maximum duration that students can be given to complete a programme of study, failing which a student's candidature will be terminated.

Programme	Normal Candidature	Maximum Candidature
2-year Juris Doctor	2 years	4 years
3-year Juris Doctor	3 years	5 years

B. Special Examination and Application for Special Consideration

5. There may be Special Examinations for students who were not able to sit for an examination due to a serious illness (such as one requiring hospitalization) or other extenuating circumstances (such as a death in the immediate family). Illnesses treatable on an outpatient basis such as fever, headache, stomach cramps, diarrhea and stress will not ordinarily be considered as a serious illness. Excuses such as oversleeping, misreading the examination timetable and being caught in a traffic jam will not ordinarily be treated as extenuating circumstances.
6. In cases where the student is not able to sit for an examination due to a serious illness or other extenuating circumstances, the student should submit an application for Special Consideration to the Home Faculty, not later than the date stipulated (for that semester). Late submissions will not be accepted.
 - Go to myPortal@NUS > University > Academics > Examination Directory > for (i) [Guidelines](#) under Special Consideration, (ii) [Important Deadlines on Examination-Related Matters](#) under General Information.
 - Applications due to serious illness must be supported with a medical practitioner's letter that explains the specific medical reasons supporting the student's absence. A simple medical certificate from a medical clinic or medical practitioner is not sufficient for this purpose.
 - Applications due to other extenuating circumstances must be supported by documentary evidence of the extenuating circumstances.
7. The Dean, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners, will have the discretion to allow a student to sit for a Special Examination. The transcript will reflect the grade received in the Special Examination. The marks from the Special Examination will be used in calculating the Cumulative Weighted Numerical Average Marks for the academic year and Degree Classification at the end of the Final Year.

C. Failure of Compulsory Course

8. A student who fails more than 8 units of compulsory course/s in the same academic year will be required to leave the Faculty of Law.
9. A student who fails 8 units or less of compulsory course/s in the same academic year will be permitted to continue onto the next semester, and to repeat the failed course/s in the next semester in which the failed course/s is/are offered. For students on the 3-year programme: In cases where such a student is required to repeat a compulsory Year 1 course in Year 2, he/she may, at the discretion of the Dean, be permitted or required to carry forward one or more other Year 2 compulsory courses to Year 3.
10. If a student repeats a compulsory course and passes it, the 'F' (Fail) grade for the first attempt and the actual letter grade received in the repeating semester/year will be reflected on the transcript. The actual marks of both grades will be used in calculating the Cumulative Weighted Numerical Average Marks and Juris Doctor Degree Classification at the end of the Final Year.
11. If a student repeating a compulsory course fails it a second time, he/she will be required to leave the Faculty of Law.

D. Failure of Elective Course

12. A student who fails an elective course will be required to repeat the failed course in the next semester in which it is offered, or to take a different course in the next semester. The 'F' grade for the first attempt and the actual letter grade received in the additional semester for the second attempt at the failed course or for a different course will be reflected on the transcript in the respective semesters. The actual marks of both grades will be used in calculating the Cumulative Weighted Numerical Average Marks and Degree Classification at the end of the Final Year.

E. Failure of Courses in the Final Semester

13. A student who fails 8 units or less during the final semester of law studies may, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, be given two options.
 - **Option 1:** The student may be allowed to take a Supplementary Examination or sit for a *Viva* (oral) Examination within two months of the release of examination results. The 'F' grade from the Main Examination and the grade received in the Supplementary/*Viva* Examination will be reflected on the transcript. The actual marks of both grades will be used in calculating the Cumulative Weighted Numerical Average Marks and Degree Classification at the end of the Final Year.
 - **Option 2:** The student may elect to do an additional semester and carry forward the outstanding units to the additional semester. The 'F' grade for the first attempt and the grade received in the additional semester will be reflected on the transcript in the respective semesters. The actual marks of both grades will be used in calculating the Cumulative Weighted Numerical Average Marks and Degree Classification at the end of the Final Year.

Final semester of law studies refers to the semester in which a student will meet the graduation requirements if the student passes all the courses for which he or she is registered.

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