Completion of JD Courses in the 2020 Winter Term

Grading Rules

The Grading Rules applicable to JD students in the Faculty of Law are hereby modified as follows for the winter 2020 academic term:

1. Subject to the exceptions outlined below, no letter grades will be given in full-year or winter 2020 Western Law JD courses. Instead, students in those courses will be given a grade of Pass or Fail.
2. The determination of whether a student deserves a passing grade will be based on a qualitative evaluation of the student’s performance on all assessments in a course. The grade of Pass should not be understood in purely mathematical terms. At a minimum, to earn a Pass a student must demonstrate a good faith effort on every required assessment in a course.
3. Any JD course in which all the components of the course were to be completed by March 23, 2020, will be graded by letter according to the normal Faculty Grading Rules.
   a. All components of a course will be considered completed if the deadline for all assignments in the course was March 23, 2020 or earlier, even if not every student in the course met the deadline(s). Any student completing the course after March 23, 2020, will be graded by letter grade.
4. For purposes of determining whether a student meets progression requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year in the combined JD/HBA and JD/Engineering programs, a student will be deemed to have met a B- average in their Law courses if the student passes every Law course.
5. The stipulation in the Academic Calendar that “A student must obtain a minimum overall weighted average of C- to pass the year” is suspended for the 2019-2020 academic year.
6. In determining eligibility to write a supplemental examination, no consideration will be given to a student’s overall weighted average for the year. In order to pass by supplemental a course that is graded by Pass or Fail, a student is only required to achieve a Pass on the supplemental assessment.
7. A student will be deemed to have met the requirements for a prerequisite if their final grade was a Pass in a course graded by Pass or Fail.

Exams

1. Unless students are specifically notified otherwise, all courses scheduled to have an exam will still have an exam.
2. All exams will be fully open book.
3. Exam questions will be viewed/downloaded by students on OWL, and exam answers will be typed in Examplify in unsecure mode with spell-check enabled but copy-and-paste disabled.
4. All exam answers must be typed in Examplify unless the Associate Dean (Academic) has granted prior approval for an exemption from this requirement.
5. All exams will be completed by students off-campus on the same dates and times as set out in the Faculty exam schedule.
   a. A student located in a time zone more than two hours outside of the Eastern Standard Time zone is entitled to a modified exam start time and, by April 3, 2020, must provide Student Services (at tjourard@uwo.ca) with their location and time zone in order to make the necessary arrangements. Students within two hours of the Eastern Standard Time zone will begin the exam at the Eastern Standard Time stipulated on the exam schedule.

6. For each exam, the question sheet will be made available to students five minutes before the designated start time. Submission of exam answers will not be considered late as long as the answers are submitted within five minutes of the designated end time. This grace period is being granted to account for printing time, temporary technological difficulties, and the like. Students are not precluded from writing exam answers during the grace period but are responsible for allowing enough time for successful submission of answers. Examplify will not notify students when the designated exam end time is approaching or has arrived but will monitor student activity throughout the exam.

7. A student writing an exam will be deemed to undertake not to communicate in any way with any other person during the period of the exam. Any breach of this undertaking may result in a finding of academic misconduct.

8. The Faculty has the right to make use of Turnitin in order to ensure the integrity of our examination process.

9. A student encountering technological problems during an exam must notify Student Services by email (tjourard@uwo.ca) or telephone (519-661-2111, ext.88406) immediately after the problem arises; when communicating by telephone, leave a message with your name and a brief description of the problem. Technological assistance can be obtained through Examplify Support at 1-866-429-8889. Systems Administrator Corey Meingarten will not be available to assist.

10. A student who becomes unable to use Examplify during an exam can continue writing his or her answers by hand and must take and submit photographs of the handwritten answers immediately after the end of the exam. Submission is to be by email to Student Services at tjourard@uwo.ca. In the event that a student loses internet service, the student should contact Student Services by telephone at 519-661-2111, ext.88406, leaving a message with the necessary information. A student may be required to type out the handwritten answers for later submission to Student Services.