School of Law

Scheme of Grade Descriptions for Written Examination Questions

A higher degree of accuracy may be expected in open book exams, term essays, or seen exams.

Grade	Award level	Numerical range	Description
A1	First	75 or above	Outstanding. Deep and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of principles and concepts related to the topic. Integrates information into a wider context. Excellent analysis and interpretation. Evidence of significant outside reading. Original and reflective answer.
A2	First	70–74	Excellent. Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of principles and concepts. Excellent analysis and interpretation. Significant outside reading.
B1	2.1	65–69	Very Good. Substantial but not totally comprehensive knowledge and understanding. Very good analysis and interpretation.
B2	2.1	60–64	Good. Competent and organised approach. Reasonable knowledge and understanding.
B3	2.2	55–59	Competent. Reasonable level of knowledge and good analysis.
C1	2.2	50–54	Satisfactory. Familiarity with subject material and basic knowledge of key principles.
C2	Third	45–49	Acceptable. Conversant with the subject area with significant gaps in knowledge.
C3	Third	40–44	Minimally Acceptable. Basic knowledge with significant gaps and limited analysis.

D1	Compensating fail	35–39	Weak. Poor answer with some knowledge of key issues.
F	Fail	34 or below	Unacceptable. Outright fail.
NG	Fail		No work submitted for assessment.
G	Audit	-	Audit grade for attendance without assessment participation.
I	-	-	Certified illness or immediate family bereavement.
M	-	-	Projects spanning multiple semesters or linked modules.
P	-	-	Pass in module taken on pass/fail basis.
N	-	-	Failure in module taken on pass/fail basis.