

LAW FACULTY EXAM WITHOUT ATTENDANCE (EWA) POLICY FOR SALS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS (PGDIP, LLM, MPHIL)

Introduction

An Exam Without Attendance (EWA) allows a student to register for and take the examination in a taught course without attending lectures or completing any coursework. Provision is made for this the *General Rules and Policies*.

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A student who fails a course must re-attend the course before he or she is again admitted to the examination: provided that Senate may permit a student to take the examination without re-attendance, under special circumstances and on the recommendation of the head of department concerned, on condition there is no clash on the examination timetables.

There are no deferred examinations granted on EWAs.

At postgraduate level, a student who fails a course may only continue by taking another course, unless Senate gives permission to repeat the course failed or study for a longer period. (*Faculty of Law Handbook* FG7.2; FPM3.6; FMC8.2; FMR3).

In addition, supplementary examinations are not set for any of the approved courses. (FG5.4; FPM3.5; FMC5.5; FMR3).

The granting of an EWA is subject to the following rules:

EWAs are discretionary and are only permitted in very exceptional circumstances and where the student provides proof that ALL of the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. The student must have taken the course previously but failed it;
2. The course failed must be in the second semester of the student's registration;
3. The student has been granted a concession to register for the same course pursuant to the Law Faculty rules (see above);
4. The course concerned must be the only taught course that the student still needs to pass in order to graduate;
5. The course convenor must have confirmed that the content of the course has not changed and will not change substantially since the student last took the course;
6. The committee is satisfied that the student has a reasonable prospect of passing the course without attendance, having regard to the student's academic record and other relevant factors;
7. There is a reasonable prospect that the student will complete any outstanding minor dissertation or research tasks;

8. There are compelling financial, medical or other personal reasons for allowing an EWA, such as the financial hardship of having to return for a single course, the need to take up employment, or the fact that the student is an international student or lives outside Cape Town; and
9. In the case of a course being failed in the first semester of the student's registration, the student did not have an opportunity to complete an additional course in the second semester of registration.

Note:

Where granted:

1. The EWA will be written at the next examination sitting of the course. The Faculty does not allow students to write EWAs outside of the normal examination period.
2. The EWA exam will count for 100% of the student's final mark for the course.
3. Students considering applying for an EWA are cautioned to consider their position very carefully. Students taking a course by way of an EWA are not entitled to attend lectures or tutorials and receive no access to the course vula site or other resources (hence the lower cost). There is also **no possibility a deferred exam on an EWA**, which means that everything rides on the final exam.

The application procedure

If you do wish to apply for an EWA, you need to email your application, together with a motivation and supporting documentation showing fulfillment of all the requirements mentioned above to LawPGDD@uct.ac.za by no later than **20 January 2020**. You will be notified of the outcome of your application on 30 January 2020.

If you have not applied for and been granted a concession to repeat the failed course by the time you apply for the EWA, you must include the completed concession application in your submission.

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