Scheme of Award

MSc in Computational Statistics and Machine Learning
(effective for students entering this programme in or after 2009/10)

The Academic Regulations for Students (Blue Book) is the source of reference for all matters relating to overarching UCL regulations concerning the rules of examinations and schemes of award. In addition to UCL's minimum requirements as set out in the Blue Book, the Programme Board of Examiners has prescribed the following requirements:

1. Award dependent details:

Students take the following 9 elements:
8 taught elements, each with a weighting of 15:   total weighting = 120
Individual Project element: weighting = 60

Taught Elements
There are 8 taught courses, each of which is an element. None of these elements is compulsory.

Project Element
In order to be considered for the award of MSc in Computational Statistics and Machine Learning, candidates must be complete in the project element. This element is compulsory.

2. Award independent rules:

To obtain a pass in an element:
A candidate must obtain a weighted average of at least 50% across all the graded components of that element. For specified taught elements, the candidate may further be required to obtain an average mark of at least 50% on both of the coursework component and the examination components individually.

To pass the MSc, candidates must normally:
- Obtain at least 40% in each element;
- Pass all compulsory elements;
- Pass the project element;
- Pass all but 2 of the non-compulsory elements.

To obtain an MSc with distinction, candidates must normally:
- Obtain an overall weighted average of at least 70% for the taught elements;
- Obtain a mark of at least 70% for the project element;
- Pass all elements at the first attempt.

Resit candidates
- Candidates who have failed to pass the MSc have the opportunity to resit an element that was failed;
- The Board of Examiners may, at its discretion, require the candidate to resit only parts of a failed element;
- Candidates are only allowed to resit each failed element once and must resit at the first available opportunity;
- In all other respects, the same rules as for first-sit candidates apply to resit candidates.

Oral Examinations
The Board of Examiners has the right to require any candidate to be examined orally whether or not an oral examination is part of the scheme of examination.

Definition of terms
An **element** is a unit of assessment, which has one or more **component** parts e.g. a coursework component, and examination component and an oral component.
An **element** is said to be **compulsory** if it *must* be passed in order to obtain an award.