

**The University of Hong Kong**  
**Department of Law**  
**Criteria for Award of Specific Class of Degree**

(Applicable to all JD students  
admitted in 2012-2013 and thereafter)

- (a) The degree of Juris Doctor shall be awarded in five divisions:

First Class Honours  
Second Class Honours Division One  
Second Class Honours Division Two  
Third Class Honours  
Pass

- (b) The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following cumulative GPA scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying equal weighting:

<b>Class of honours</b>	<b>CGPA range</b>
First Class	3.60 - 4.30
Second Class	(2.40 - 3.59)
<i>Division One</i>	3.00 - 3.59
<i>Division Two</i>	2.40 - 2.99
Third Class	1.70 - 2.39
Pass	1.00 - 1.69

- (c) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's cumulative GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose cumulative GPA falls below the range stipulated in (b) above of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

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