

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201205167, University of Edinburgh  
**Sector:** further and higher education  
**Subject:** academic appeal/exam results/degree classification  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C complained that the university had not upheld his academic appeal about the mark he was awarded for his dissertation on a Master of Laws course. He felt his appeal had not been properly considered and examined. He raised many issues about his dissatisfaction with how the university had treated him, including application of procedures, matters of supervision, academic judgement and staff competencies. Of the issues he complained about, we were only able to consider those about how his appeal was handled, and whether the university had complied with their appeal regulations, as we cannot look at matters of academic judgment.

Our investigation reviewed the content of the appeal proceedings and the evidence gathered. We did not uphold the complaint, as we found that the university had followed its procedures and regulations. In particular, we found that they had taken account of the evidence that Mr C provided and considered the points he raised when deciding whether there was enough evidence to indicate that the appeal should be taken to the next stage.