

Covid-19 – Changes to the Mitigating Circumstances Process

Due to the unprecedented situation regarding COVID-19 the Mitigating Circumstances process has been suspended for the remainder of the 19/20 academic year.

Instead, as part of the University's response to the coronavirus, we are moving to a position where students will have 3 opportunities to submit assignments. This means that you have 3 'final deadlines' that you can work towards, allowing you the opportunity to better manage your time and other commitments in light of the coronavirus lockdown. This does NOT mean that you can re-sit work twice in order to pass.

This will be the case for all items of assessment with submission dates after 20th March, to ensure that all students retain their entitlement to a first submission and a resit/ deferral if they cannot submit or fail at the first submission.

Please note that this only applies to assessments affected by the suspension of face-to-face teaching after 20th March 2020. This does not apply to any items of assessment that had a first submission and resit prior to this date, as these are deemed to be complete and unaffected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

If you are unsure whether you are entitled to a third submission, please refer to the table below in the first instance:

1st Submission deadline	Resit Submission deadline	Additional opportunity deadline
1 st Sept – 20 th March 2020	21 st March 2020 onwards	Yes- Summer 2020- See NILE
21 st March 2020 onwards	21 st March 2020 onwards	Yes- Summer 2020- See NILE
1 st Sept – 20 th March 2020	1 st Sept – 20 th March 2020	No additional opportunity

Please note:

- If you have submitted or do submit at the first or second opportunity and failed, any resit will be capped at a bare pass as normal;

- If you submit your work at the first and second submission deadline then you have proclaimed yourself 'fit to sit', and therefore are not entitled to submit again at the additional opportunity.
- If you are unable to submit until the final date or submit at all, we are unable to offer any additional submission points. However, the University has identified a range of supportive emergency measures it may apply to individual students.

The additional deadline to submit items of assessment will be decided by Module Leaders and dates posted on NILE sites in due course.

Possible outcomes for modules affected by Covid-19:

	1st Submission	Resit Submission	Additional Opportunity	Next steps
Student A	Pass	N/A	N/A	
Student B	Fail	Resit (capped)	N/A	Repeat module if failed
Student C	Did not submit	Pass	N/A	
Student D	Did not submit	Fail	Resit (capped)	Repeat module if failed
Student E	Did not submit	Did not submit	Pass	
Student F	Did not submit	Did not submit	Fail	Repeat module

* Nb. Accumulated failure levels will remain in place and the option of repeating modules is subject to confirmation of progression, however any modules failed due to assessments taken after 20 March 2020 will be discounted from the accumulated failure count.

Exceptional Circumstances Requests

If you feel that the additional opportunity to submit assessments will not be sufficient to mitigate your circumstances and you cannot submit any further assessments this academic year due to exceptional mitigating circumstances then you can notify the University and ask that your circumstances are considered under the Exceptional Circumstances process.

If you have any questions about this process please contact academicadvisers@northampton.ac.uk