

Covid-19: Changes to the Study Break Process

Due to the unprecedented situation regarding COVID-19 we have adjusted our approach to Study Breaks.

We have implemented an additional Study Break category – Study Break (Covid-19 related).

You can apply for this Study Break on an individual basis, if:

- Your individual circumstances mean that you are unable to engage with the Emergency Regulations and the adjustments we have made to support students to continue with their studies during this time.
- You have chosen to return to support the efforts to fight the pandemic e.g. of the NHS or to volunteer for other duties during this time.

To apply for this Study Break on an individual basis, please complete the Exceptional Circumstances Form in the first instance.

This Study Break may also be implemented for a whole cohort in certain circumstances, if:

- Students are working in healthcare settings and their programme/module has been paused due to the pandemic.
- Students cannot complete the programme/module at present because of the nature of the subject matter and so a cohort pause is the only option.

If this is relevant to your whole cohort, your programme leader will have applied for this on your behalf.

If this Study Break (Covid-19 related) is approved, the following will apply:

- The time taken out of learning will not count towards your maximum period of registration
- The length of the break will be determined by the circumstances [*NB this is in some part reliant on how SFE plan to adapt their policies and requirements to reflect the pandemic and its impact*]
- This will not prevent you from taking another study break under the standard study break process at another time (or you may already have done so)
- This can be taken at whatever stage of study you are at (e.g. including in the middle of a principal module)

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