1. Guide for Extenuating Circumstances

This extenuating circumstances procedure is intended to allow students to identify specific circumstances which have had a significant impact on their ability to complete assessment to the best of their ability and to allow you to bring these to the attention of your Programme Chair/Progression and Award Board.

Recognising the ongoing pandemic, the University has made modifications to the process for applying for consideration of extenuating circumstances. In particular, it has removed the need for supporting documentation from medical professionals and others, relying instead on student honour in making applications.

This form can be completed in Word or PDF, you do not need to print or post this form. You must then email the form to examinations@dcu.ie in the Student Awards Team in the Registry. Please ensure to add your Programme of study and year of study in the subject line. (for eg BS Year 1)
Open Education students should email the form directly to connected@dcu.ie

This form should be submitted by the dates indicated in section 2 in order for your circumstances to be considered by the Programme Chairperson/Progression and Award Board. If your form is not submitted by this deadline, it may not be possible for the Progression and Award Board to consider your circumstances.

The recognition of extenuating circumstances does not normally result in the awarding of additional marks to your grade. It may however result in your module assessments being recorded as deferred or ill with the assessment to be taken at the next available sitting. You should provide personal details in Section A, details of the circumstances in Section B and details of the assessments affected in Section C.

If you have a disability or learning difficulty and are registered with the Disability & Learning Support Service (DLSS) these circumstances will be facilitated through ongoing supports and those circumstances should not be included as extenuating circumstances.

All students have the right to appeal the decisions of a Progression and Award Board under specified grounds. However, if you have not submitted extenuating circumstances prior to the Progression and Award Board meeting, your appeal may be rejected unless the Appeals Board finds that there were valid reasons for non-submission.

Please note this process cannot be exercised by Postgraduate Research (PGR) Students.

**Important Information:** If a deferral is proposed or applied for, you are still liable for full fees when repeating a module in the next academic session.

Your submission will be treated as strictly confidential.

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2. Extenuating Circumstances Form

Submit To:

- Student Awards, Registry: examinations@dcu.ie
  (Please ensure to add your programme of study & year of study in the subject line eg BS Year 1)
- Open Education office (for Open Education Students only) connected@dcu.ie

Deadline:

- Semester One Modules - before 4.00pm on 14 January 2021
- Semester Two Modules- before 4.00pm on Thursday the 20th May 2021
- Resits/Summer modules before 4.00pm on Tuesday 24th August 2021

NOTE: Forms submitted after this date may not be considered at the relevant Progression and Award Board meeting and may be subject to the appeals process

Please complete all relevant sections of this form

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Section B: Details of Extenuating Circumstances

Please tick the box below which best describes your extenuating circumstances:

- Illness, injury, accident or hospitalisation
- Family illness (specify relationship)
- Bereavement (specify relationship)
- Other personal or emotional circumstances
- Victim of Crime
- Work Commitments (Part time students only)
- Other, please specify
Period affected by the circumstances:

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Please provide a detailed explanation for the rationale for your application.

This information is important and will inform the decision of the Progression and awards board in considering your application. Please provide as much detail as possible.
### Section C: Details of Examinations/Assessments Affected

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I confirm that the information given in this form is true and factually correct. I understand that this information may be disclosed, where absolutely necessary, to academic and administrative staff of the University directly involved.

Student’s Signature: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________

Insert digital signature or send from student dcu email address

(Once completed, please email the form to the Student Awards Team in the Registry at examinations@dcu.ie

OR

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