

Categories of Acceptable and Unacceptable Extenuating Circumstances

Covid-19 Update (With effect from 10 March 2020 and remains in force for the 2020-21 academic year)

Goldsmiths has agreed to waive the requirement for evidence for the remainder of the 2020/21 academic year. Students must self-certify by providing a written statement to explain their circumstances, as well as the impact that they are having on their assessments.

	A - Acceptable Reasons within Regulations	B - Reason that may be considered	C - Unacceptable Reasons within Regulations
Serious Medical Condition	Serious personal injury or medical condition, normally occurring for the first time, preventing attendance or completion of assessment or submission of work.	Serious injury or illness of a child, partner or close relative (parent) but not extended family. Serious worsening or acute episode of pre-existing and ongoing medical condition or physical disability. Students with a disability that have been granted an assessment adjustment that allows them to apply for a short-term deferral.	Ongoing medical conditions, disabilities, learning difficulties or mental health conditions. Minor illnesses or injuries (such as colds, headaches, hay fever). Normal pregnancy. Stress related to undertaking assessment including written examinations
Bereavement	Death of parent (including stepparents and legal guardian), child, siblings, spouses or partners.	Death of a close relative (not identified in 'Acceptable') or friend.	

Trauma	<p>Victim of serious crime (e.g. rape, assault, mugging).</p> <p>Theft of work required for assessment.</p> <p>Direct experience of a terrorist incident or natural disaster.</p> <p>Major fire in a residence.</p>	<p>Family breakdown (such as the divorce of parents or student's relationship, but not extended family).</p> <p>Enforced eviction from housing.</p>	<p>Minor crime.</p> <p>Financial problems or employment issues.</p> <p>Minor accommodation problems or choosing to move house.</p> <p>General domestic/family problems.</p>
Caring Responsibilities Updated 20/03/2020	<p>Unexpected caring responsibilities resulting from COVID-19 such as caring for children who are at home as a result of school and childcare facilities closing, or caring for a vulnerable individual in the household</p>	<p>Unexpected caring responsibilities caused by sudden death or illness or worsening of ongoing medical condition to child, partner or close relative.</p>	<p>Caring responsibilities for minor illnesses, accidents or injuries.</p>
Key-Workers Updated 20/03/2020	<p>Students who fall under the 'key worker' category outlined by the government and are required to work additional hours</p>		
IT Failure/Unreliability Updated 20/03/2020	<p>IT failure or unreliability that impact ability to submit assessments</p>		
Court Attendance	<p>Jury service or attendance at court or tribunal as a witness, defendant or plaintiff.</p>		<p>Acting as a supporting friend or relative at Court or Tribunal.</p>

Miscellaneous		Serious disruption caused by a terrorist incident or natural disaster.	Any circumstances which have not clearly impacted on academic performance or do not clearly relate to the timing of the assessment. Visa problems. Misjudging preparation or revision time. Misreading the timetable. Multiple assessments required in a short period of time. Private or public transport failure, holidays or booked travel arrangements, attendance at family occasions such as weddings.
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