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Extenuating Circumstances (Falmouth)

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In circumstances where you are ill or your studies have been affected by another serious incident or event, you may want to extend or defer a coursework or exam deadline. Extenuating circumstances (ECs) is the process by which a student can apply.

Most ECs applications relate to ill health and bereavement. However, students sometimes need to ask for help for all sorts of other reasons. Generally, the situation should be something that you could not reasonably have anticipated or prepared for. Below is a non-exhaustive list of reasons a student might refer to when applying for ECs:

- Illness at the time of the date for the submission of work or the examination
- Bereavement
- An acute episode of a chronic condition which has an impact on the student not mitigated by any reasonable adjustments (such as adjusted deadlines) already in place
- Unusually severe mental or emotional stress at or immediately before the date for submission of work or the time of the examination.

Bear in mind that ordinarily you will need to evidence your circumstances.

There are some circumstances that ordinarily the University will not consider as sufficient to extend a deadline, including:

- Short term mild illness, such as a cold
- Mild unspecified depression or a level of anxiety and stress which normally occurs at assessment time
- Technical problems, such as a corrupted disk, lack of a printer, loss of work on a computer with no back up
- A long-term health condition or disability for which reasonable adjustments have already been made

Getting Advice

You can get advice from the Students' Union's Advice Service. You can book an appointment with one of our advisers [here](#).

Alternatively, email your enquiry to advice@thesu.org.uk