## The Falmouth & Exeter Students' UnionAdvice Service

Mitigation (Exeter)

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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 and/ or exam deadline. Mitigation is the process by which a student can apply.

Most mitigation 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 mitigation:

- Serious short-term illness- therefore not including minor colds/ailments
- Accidents of a nature which in an employment context would have led to an absence on sick leave
- Bereavement (for example death of close relative / significant other)
- Students who have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) in place, that states 'extension supported'
- Evidence of a flare up/exacerbation in a longterm fluctuating health condition/ disability
- Significant worsening in any adverse personal / welfare circumstances
- Caring responsibilities e.g. where pre-established caring arrangements temporarily break down
- Involvement in a serious police incident (e.g. assault, accident)
- Sickness of a family member (probably you'll have to provide independent evidence of the impact on you)
- Jury service

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

Before applying for mitigation, you might want to contact the University's Cornwall Campus Mitigation Team: <a href="mailto:welfare.penryn@exeter.ac.uk">welfare.penryn@exeter.ac.uk</a>

In addition, the <u>University's Mitigation FAQs</u> is a useful source of information.

When you're ready to apply for mitigation, you can download a copy of the relevant form <u>here</u> – see 'Apply for mitigation'.

## **Getting Advice**

You can get advice from the Students' Union's Advice Service. You can book an appointment with one of our advisers <u>here</u>.

Alternatively, email your enquiry to <a href="mailto:advice@thesu.org.uk">advice@thesu.org.uk</a>