

EXTRACT FROM THE PART O OF THE UNIVERSITY GENERAL REGULATIONS

Procedure for the termination of enrolment on non-attendance grounds and appeal against this decision.

Termination on attendance grounds

4. The University is also entitled to terminate the enrolment of a student who fails to fulfil the attendance requirements as laid down in the regulations and in the Student Engagement and Participation Policy. In such circumstances, a student will receive 5 working days' notice in writing to attend a Panel Meeting chaired by the Head of School ¹(or nominee) where the student will be given the opportunity to provide adequate reasons and/or evidence as to why their enrolment should not be terminated. If the Panel rejects the reasons or evidence submitted, the student will be advised in writing that their enrolment has been terminated and their right to appeal the decision.
5. A student whose enrolment has been terminated in accordance with section 4 may lodge an appeal within 10 working days of the date of the termination letter. An appeal must be lodged on the form provided (available from Secretariat) on either of the following grounds only:
 - (a) that there were extenuating circumstances adversely affecting the student's attendance which for valid reasons the student did not make known to the Extenuating Circumstances Panel at the appropriate time either in sufficient detail or at all. Normally, the only acceptable valid reasons will be that the student was unable or incapable of bringing the circumstances to the Panel's attention. The student must provide documentary evidence to support their claims.
 - (b) that there was a material error in the conduct of the process that was of such a nature as to cause reasonable doubt as to whether the outcome might have been different had the error not occurred.
6. The student must provide all material and evidence that they wish to be considered in support of their appeal at the time that the appeal is made. A student who submits an appeal may continue to attend lectures, seminars etc pending the outcome of the appeal.
7. The Appeals Officer will forward the appeal to the Director of Student Affairs (or nominee) for consideration. The appeal should normally be completed within 15 working days. In considering the appeal, the Director of Student Affairs (or nominee) has the discretion to make enquiries of such persons (including the student, tutors, programme leaders, unit co-ordinators and the visa compliance team) as they deem necessary.
8. The Director of Student Affairs (or nominee) shall notify the Appeals Officer of the outcome of the appeal and give reasons for the decision. The Director of Student Affairs (or nominee) may confirm the decision to terminate the student's enrolment or reinstate the student onto their programme of study. This decision is final and will be notified to the student in writing by the Appeals Officer. If termination of the student's enrolment is confirmed, the Appeals Officer will issue a Completion of Procedures letter.

¹ Head of School also refers to Deputy Head

9. In the event of termination as set out in the paragraphs above, where the student has accumulated the requisite number of credits, the Board of Examiners may confer an alternative exit award. Individual programme specific Assessment Regulations set out the detail of exit awards that are available. A student may receive only one award in respect of any programme of study. A candidate who accepts a lower award rather than taking the opportunity to be reassessed may not normally elect to subsequently be reassessed.