

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Computer Science – UG and PGT

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Dear students,

We hope you had a safe and restful festive period, and we wish you the best of luck in the coming weeks with your examinations.

Please see the below updates on:

- Examination guidance, deferrals and IMCs
- No-detriment updates
- Teaching for Semester 2

1) Examination Guidance

The University has consolidated information about examinations on their [Exams and Assessments](#) website. This includes links to your timetable and to Inspira guides.

2) Examination Deferrals

If you feel that it is needed, you have the option to defer an examination for any reason. You must let us know before the submission deadline of the examination in question. Information about the deferral process, and instructions to defer, can be found on the [University deferral guidance page](#):

- Fill in the Faculty of Science [deferral form](#).
- You will receive an auto-response confirming that you have deferred.
- You will be required to set the deferred assessment during the August supplementary period. This will count as a first attempt, and if you fail you may need to re-sit.

If your deferral is received **after** the exam submission deadline then normal non-submission penalties will apply.

If you do not want to defer your exam and attempt it, but feel that your performance has been impacted by your individual circumstances, you can make an Individual Mitigating Circumstances (IMC) claim.

3) Individual Mitigating Circumstances (IMCs)

The University guidance on IMCs can be found below:

- [What are IMCs?](#)
- [Reporting IMCs to the University](#)

The SU's Advice and Representation Centre can provide you with independent guidance on IMCs and help you when preparing an IMC claim: <https://www.thesubath.com/advice/academic/imcs/>

IMC claims can be submitted up to seven calendar days after the affected assessment. In addition, you can now submit one IMC claim form for multiple exams, submitted up to seven calendar days after the end of the exam period (by Saturday 30th January).

4) No-detriment updates

Last week the University e-mailed you with [information about the no-detriment policy for 2020-21](#). Please take some time to read through.

5) Arrangements for Semester 2

As you are aware, the UK Government has published guidance directing universities to start most Semester 2 courses online. This means that, for the time being, any in-person activities will not take place. Instead, these activities will take place online – for some years this will be unit-related learning activities, or flexible study time. Please rest assured that your unit learning outcomes will continue to be met through online learning.

As soon as Government regulations allow, we will look at making timetabled in-person learning available again. Of course, if you wish to study remotely for the whole semester, then you are welcome to do so. Please put your own safety and wellbeing first when deciding your mode of study.

We understand that these are uncertain times and that you may be feeling anxious about the situation. Student Services are continuing to offer remote support, and we encourage you to make use of advice and support services, as well as to continue talking with your peers. Staff are continuing to take the situation into consideration when teaching and marking, and we are all working hard to assure you the best outcome for your degree.

Best wishes,
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