

## No Detriment Policy – Help Sheet

### 1. Key points:

- To complete the year a Pass (40% or more) is needed in all modules
- The usual rules on assessment apply – so:
  - You may be referred for Unfair Practice and be given a penalty
  - You may apply for Extenuating Circumstances to be taken into account (see section 3.)
  - You may fail a task and be required to re-sit it, capped at 40%
  - Compensation may be applied
  - You may progress from Level 4 to Level 5 with a small amount of outstanding work to complete ('trailing' credits)
- The work will go through the normal rigorous assessment process. It will be:
  - Marked
  - Sampled for internal moderation by a second marker
  - Sampled for external moderation by the external examiner

### 2. Calculating your overall mark for 2019/20

The aim of the Policy is to reduce the detriment caused by the lockdown and remote teaching and learning. Therefore, when it comes to giving an overall mark for the year 2019/20 two calculations will be produced:

***Either:***

The mark gained for the modules completed in semester 1

***Or:***

The mark gained for ALL the modules completed in 2019/20

***will be used – whichever gives the better outcome.***

In practice this means that:

- if you gained high marks in semester 1, but lower marks in semester 2, the mark for the year will be based on the better marks from semester 1.

- if you gained better marks in semester 2, then the mark for the year will be based on the whole of the marks from the year, to give you credit for the better work you submitted in semester 2.
- even if you feel that the work you submitted during semester 2 is not up to your usual standard, your overall grade should not be affected.

The Board of Examiners will award your overall mark based on which is the better of the two, so long as you have achieved a Pass overall during the year.

This applies to you regardless of whether you are a first, second or top-up year student.

### **3. Extenuating Circumstances**

If you apply to have Extenuating Circumstances taken into account, you are required to submit the usual form. However, there is no requirement to submit evidence – although you may do so if you have it.

The No Detriment Policy gives us more flexibility on the way that we can deal with your ECs.

You may wish to have an extension – giving you more time to complete the work. This would be the normal action taken where your ECs have been accepted.

However if you have childcare responsibilities, for example, extra time may not be helpful. You are almost certainly going to be required to continue caring for children throughout the summer and possibly beyond. Therefore, it may be more appropriate to give you an alternative form of assessment such as a professional discussion or a presentation task.

Where your circumstances make it necessary, we will devise an alternative assessment to give you the best possible opportunity to meet the learning outcomes and gain a Pass mark.