

## Academic Forgiveness

Extenuating circumstances are normally defined as circumstances which are unexpected, significantly disruptive and beyond a student's control, and which may have affected his/her academic performance.

Below are examples of extenuating circumstances which may qualify a student for Academic Forgiveness. This does not guarantee Academic Forgiveness will be applied to the applicant's student record. Additional documentation may be required to support these extenuating circumstances.

### Examples of what may be considered acceptable

- Serious personal injury, medical condition or health conditions preventing or precluding the ability to be successful
- Serious injury or illness to child, partner or close relative
- Worsening of an on going medical condition
- Mental health issue
- Unforeseen/unexpected changes in learning disability
- Death of close relative or close friend
- Victim of serious crime (e.g rape, assault, mugging)
- Family breakdown
- Theft of work required for academic performance
- Major unforeseen/unexpected economic difficulties
- Natural disaster
- Major fire or flood in residence
- Jury Service
- Major change in military duty of self or spouse

### Examples of what is considered unacceptable

- Stable medical conditions
- Minor illness (such as colds, sore throats, headaches, allergies)
- Minor accidents or injuries
- Minor crime
- Inability to manage time and commitments
- A violation of the Academic Honors Code
- Normal financial difficulties
- Excessive work or employment commitments
- General domestic/family/personal problems
- House moves
- Exam stress
- Any circumstances which have not clearly impacted on academic performance or do not clearly relate to the semesters in question
- Failing IT equipment
- Transportation difficulties
- Vacation or personal time away from campus