

Compensation

Compensation applies only to Undergraduate pathways of 120 credits or more (and to Levels 0-3 of the MDes) and is not applicable to those pathways approved by a professional or statutory body, e.g. Nursing & Midwifery Council. Compensation cannot be applied to Major Projects (dissertations etc). Certain criteria must be met before compensation is considered:

- You must have already passed 75 credits at the level at which compensation is being considered, with a mean result for those modules of 45% or higher
- You must have achieved the minimum qualifying mark in all items of assessment in the module being considered for compensation.

There are limits to the volume of compensation that may be applied. For example for an Honours Degree, the maximum is 30 credits at any one level and 45 credits for the pathway. For other awards, you should refer to the Academic Regulations, Section 6. Compensation will be applied at the earliest point at which a student becomes eligible and is not discretionary.

Maximum number of credits

Full time undergraduate students normally take modules totalling 120 credits per academic year, i.e. 60 per semester. With the approval of your Director of Studies, this may be increased to 75 credits per semester in order to accommodate retake with attendance or replacement modules.

Part time undergraduate students take modules totalling **up to** 90 credits per academic year.

What happens if I fail?



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Assessment and the modular system

The information in this leaflet relates to the 15/30 credit curriculum and the Academic Regulations, which came into operation from September 2006. This brief guide outlines the main implications of failure and re-assessment but you should always talk to your Programme Leader and/or Faculty Student Adviser about any academic concerns you have. The Academic Regulations give full details of assessment and re-assessment and are available on the University website:

<http://web.anglia.ac.uk/anet/academic/>

To pass a module, you must achieve at least 40% **and** for each element within the module, you must achieve the qualifying mark of 30% (the exception to this is those pathways approved by a professional or statutory body which requires a higher qualifying mark for each element – refer to the Pathway Specification Form for further information). Therefore if you achieve 40% for the module but you have not passed each element with at least 30%, you will be considered to have failed the module and you will be required to be re-assessed in the failed element(s).

What happens if I fail a module?

You are generally allowed **one** re-assessment of the failed module, subject to new regulations introduced in 2008/09 relating to additional re-assessment (see below) and the regulations relating to compensation (see below) and. You do have certain responsibilities, i.e. to attend and participate in the taught elements of your pathway and attend exams and/or submit assessed work on time. The mark for the reassessment will be capped at 40%.

What if I feel failure was due to mitigating circumstances?

The SU Advice Service has prepared a leaflet on Extensions and Mitigation – please read through it for further information. Assuming the criteria are met, claims of mitigating circumstances which you feel have adversely affected your studies must be submitted no later than 5 working days after the date of the exam or assessment submission date. Mitigating Circumstances Forms must be signed by your Faculty Student Adviser. Remember that if your mitigation is accepted, the mark for the element for which you have mitigated will be annulled, whether you pass or fail it and you will have to be re-assessed in that element.

How is work re-assessed?

The Departmental Assessment Panel decides the **form** and **timing** of re-assessment. **Form:** This will usually be a resit of the failed element(s) but an alternative method will be provided if it is not possible to repeat the original form of assessment. You can be required to retake the entire module, with attendance, if you have failed a module due to lack of attendance, active engagement or failure to submit complete written work. **Timing:** The Faculty Awards Board determines the earliest appropriate re-assessment point and will take into account the overall assessment and re-assessment that you have at any one point.

New for 2008/09 Further attempts after re-assessment

For new learning with effect from September 2008, subject to certain criteria explained below, if you fail a **15 or 30 credit** module after re-assessment (i.e. after your second attempt), you are permitted:

Either (a) to retake the same module (compulsory or designated) with attendance

Or (b) if the failed module is a designated module, to replace it with an alternative module (with attendance) at the same level from the list of designated modules in the relevant Pathway Specification Form.

You have two attempts at these modules. The first attempt under (a) above is **capped** at 40%; the first attempt under (b) above is **not capped**.

Criteria: Maximum value of re-taken and replacement modules is 30 credits at any one level and 60 credits in total for the pathway (for pathways of more than 120 credits).

NB: this regulation only applies to modules of 15 or 30 credits.