

## Compulsory Modules

If you fail a **compulsory** module after re-assessment, subject to the outcome of any claim for mitigation, the Faculty Awards Board will require you to:

- Transfer to another pathway, which may require a variation to your pace or volume of study and may lead to an extension to the overall period of study; or
- Transfer to a Faculty Framework Award; or
- Accept an intermediate award; or
- Withdraw from the University.

## Exceptions

Students studying on the following pathways (which are accredited by a professional or statutory body) are permitted, if failing a compulsory module after re-assessment, two further attempts to retake the module **with attendance** - both attempts will be capped. However, the combined total of replacement designated modules and retaken compulsory modules must not exceed 30 credits at any one level and 60 credits for the pathway.

LLB (Hons) in Law  
Univ Dip in Ophthalmic Dispensing  
FdSc in Ophthalmic Dispensing  
BSc (Hons) in Ophthalmic Dispensing  
BSc (Hons) in Optical Management  
BOptom in Optometry  
(*Other pathways may be added via the University's approval processes.*)

## Students studying on pathways within the Faculty of Health & Social Care and the Faculty of Education

For students studying on pathways in healthcare and education, a student's academic progress includes professional practice. Compulsory modules must be passed and therefore for these modules the regulations relating to Replacement Modules and Compensation are not applicable. Students studying on these pathways have two attempts at all modules, the second attempt being capped at 40%.

## Maximum number of credits to be taken

**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 including retake or replacement modules. **HND** students take 90 credits per academic year.

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

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## 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/onet/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 the regulations relating to Compensation (see below) as long as you have met certain responsibilities, i.e. that you have attended and participated in the taught elements of your pathway and that you have attended exams and/or submitted assessed work on time and that you have not committed an

assessment offence, otherwise known as cheating, collusion or plagiarism (please see the SU Advice Service leaflet Alleged Assessment Offences). 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 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 module will be annulled, whether you pass or fail it.

## 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. The DAP can require you 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.

## Replacement Modules

If you fail a **designated** module after re-assessment, you are permitted to replace it with an alternative module from a specified list at the same level up to a maximum of 30 credits at any one level and 60 credits for the pathway. Again you have two attempts: the first attempt will not be capped, the second attempt will be capped at 40%.

## Compensation

Compensation applies only to Undergraduate pathways containing 120 credits or more and is not applicable to those pathways approved by a professional or statutory body, where all modules must be passed. 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 each module of 45% or higher
- You must have achieved a mark of 30-39% in the module being considered for compensation
- You must have achieved the minimum qualifying mark (usually 30%) 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. Compensation will be applied at the earliest point at which a student becomes eligible.