# SRS Student Guide: Mitigating Circumstances and Extensions

**Student Information** 

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## Introduction

This guide is designed to guide you through applying for extensions, deferrals or appealing a decision on the SRS Student Portal. It is important that you read all supportive documentation, FAQs and polices prior to making an application or an appeal

# Extensions

## Applying for an Extension

- 1. Login to the SRS Student Portal
- 2. Select Mitigating Circumstances



3. Click View, Add and Amend Requests



4. Click Apply for an Extension



- 5. Read the declaration  $\rightarrow$  Click next
- 6. Complete the summary of circumstances including:
  - a. Describe the unforeseen circumstances and dates they occurred
  - b. Describe how the unforeseen circumstances prevented you from submitting your work
  - c. Select the nature of the unforeseen circumstances
- 7. Click Save and Next
- 8. Select the module and assessments which the extension request relates to  $\rightarrow$  Click Select Assessment



| Select a Module |  |                                      |                    |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                 |  |                                      | ••••               |  |  |  |  |
| Module          | Module Name  | Summary                              | Select             |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1037         | Identity under Construction: Late Twentieth-Century Literature | 0 of 1 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1038         | Contemporary Shakespeares                                      | 0 of 2 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1045         | Digital Culture and Print Media                                | 0 of 2 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1046         | Decolonising the Bookshelf                                     | 0 of 2 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1047         | Writing the Wild   | 0 of 1 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |
| LIT1049         | Reading and Writing Our World                                  | 0 of 1 assessments linked to request | Select Assessments |  |  |  |  |

## 9. Complete the impact column $\rightarrow$ click select box $\rightarrow$ Click add to request

| Select As | elect Assessments Table |           |         |                           |                                |                   |                    |                  |                   |              |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Sequence  | Туре                    | Weighting | Attempt | Impact (student use only) | Name                           | Original Due Date | Extension Approved | Current Due Date | Linked to Request | Select       |
| 1         | PS1                     | 50        | 1       | Non completion 🗸          | Individual Presentation 10mins |                   |                    |                  | No                |              |
| 2         | TC1                     | 50        | 1       | Non submission v          | 24hr 2000wrd TC exercise       |                   |                    |                  | No                |              |
|           |                         |           |         |                           |                                |                   |                    | CANCEL           | E FROM REQUEST    | D TO REQUEST |

- 10. Repeat steps 8 & 9 for other assessments impacted
- 11. Click next
- 12. Upload supporting evidence  $\rightarrow$  Browse and Upload Evidence  $\rightarrow$  Follow steps to upload

| Uploaded Evidence |                            |        |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|                   |                            | •• (*) |
| Document          | Action                     |        |
|                   | Browse and Upload Evidence |        |

13. If you are not uploading evidence, then state the reason why

| If you are not uploading evidence for your request you MUST provide a reason why | Evidence to be uploaded later | ~ |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
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- 14. Click save and next
- 15. Review summary and confirmation screen. If any sections need amending then click the relevant buttons (e.g. Amend Assessment, Amend Evidence etc)
- 16. Complete the declaration section by clicking "I Agree" box  $\rightarrow$  Click submit

| Confirmation  |  |                                       |   |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| I declare that  |  |                                       |   |
| The information provided in my application is true to the best of my know     The evidence I have provided is genuine     I understand that the Student Support and Advice Team will have acces | wledge<br>is to the information provided in rela | ation to my request                   |   |
| Please note- after you have submitted your request and it is sent to the 'Acad  | lemic Advisor Decision' stage you w              | vill no longer be able to make any an | nendments or upload additional documents. |
| □ I Agree*  |  |                                       |   |
|   | Exit   | Submit                                |   |



- 17. View extension requests on the Mitigating Circumstances page under "My Extension Requests"
  - a. If you did not upload evidence during the initial application, you can select the Requests Awaiting Further Evidence section to upload the evidence
- 18. Once your request has been assessed your outcome will be email to you and you can view the outcome in your student portal under "My Extension Requests"  $\rightarrow$  Completed Requests

| Completed Requests 1 |             |                      |               | ~               |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                      |             |                      |               | •••••           |
| MC Reference Code    | Created     | Status               | Decision Date | Action          |
| ME-00000070813-001   | 16/Sep/2024 | Extension – declined | 17/Sep/2024   | View View Email |

# Deferrals

## Applying for a Deferral

- 1. Login to the SRS Student Portal
- 2. Select Mitigating Circumstances



3. Click View, Add and Amend Requests



4. Click apply for a deferral

| Apply for a Deferral |  |
|----------------------|--|
|                      |  |
|                      |  |

- 5. Read the declaration  $\rightarrow$  Click next
- 6. Complete the summary of circumstances including:
  - a. Describe the unforeseen circumstances and dates they occurred
  - b. Describe how the unforeseen circumstances prevented you from submitting your work
  - c. Select the nature of the unforeseen circumstances



#### 7. Click Save and Next

8. Select the module and assessments which the extension request relates to  $\rightarrow$  Click Select Assessment

| Select a Module |  |                                      |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                 |  |                                      | ••••               |  |  |  |  |  |
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9. Complete the impact column  $\rightarrow$  click select box  $\rightarrow$  Click add to request

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### 11. Click next

#### 12. Upload supporting evidence $\rightarrow$ Browse and Upload Evidence $\rightarrow$ Follow steps to upload

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- 16. Complete the declaration section by clicking "I Agree" box  $\rightarrow$  Click submit



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- The information provided in my application is true to the best of my knowledge
- The evidence I have provided is genuine
   I understand that the Student Support and Advice Team will have access to the information provided in relation to my request
- Please note- after you have submitted your request and it is sent to the 'Academic Advisor Decision' stage you will no longer be able to make any amendments or upload additional document

| □ I Agree* |      |        |  |  |  |
|------------|------|--------|--|--|--|
|            | Exit | Submit |  |  |  |

- 17. View deferral requests on the Mitigating Circumstances page under "My Deferral Requests"
  - a. If you did not upload evidence during the initial application, you can select the Requests Awaiting Further Evidence section to upload the evidence
- 18. Once your request has been assessed your outcome will be email to you and you can view the outcome in your student portal under "My Extension Requests" → Completed Requests

| Completed Requests 1    |             |                     |               |                 |           |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
|                         |             |                     |               |                 | ••••• • • |
| Deferral Reference Code | Created     | Status              | Decision Date | Action          |           |
| MC-00000070813-001      | 17/Sep/2024 | Deferral – declined | 17/Sep/2024   | View View Email |           |

# Appeals

## Appealing an extension or deferral decision

- 1. Login to the <u>SRS Student Portal</u>
- 2. Select Mitigating Circumstances



3. Click View, Add and Amend Requests



4. Select Appeal a Decision



| <b>I</b>          |
|-------------------|
| Appeal a Decision |
|                   |

- 5. Read the guidance declaration  $\rightarrow$  Click next
- 6. View and select the decision which you would like to appeal

| Select Decision  |             |                      |               |                 |        |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Please select the decision you wish to appeal against from the list below. |             |                      |               |                 |        |  |  |  |
| Deferral Requests  |             | -                    |               |                 |        |  |  |  |
|  |             |                      |               |                 | •••••  |  |  |  |
| Deferral Reference Code  | Created     | Status               | Decision Date | Action          |        |  |  |  |
| MC-00000070813-001   | 17/Sep/2024 | Deferral - declined  | 17/Sep/2024   | View View Email | Select |  |  |  |
| Extension Requests   |             |                      |               |                 |        |  |  |  |
|  |             |                      |               |                 | •••••  |  |  |  |
| Extension Reference Code   | Created     | Status               | Decision Date | Action          |        |  |  |  |
| ME-00000070813-001   | 16/Sep/2024 | Extension – declined | 17/Sep/2024   | View View Email | Select |  |  |  |

## 7. Describe the summary of your appeal

| Summary of Appeal  | Summary of Appeal         |      |               |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| lease be as clear and concise as possible and note that there is a 5000 character limit within the box provided.   |                           |      |               |  |  |  |  |
| State clearly how the decision was not<br>consistent with the University's Mitigating<br>Circumstances policy. You may provide<br>evidence if appropriate later in this process. |                           |      |               |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5000 Characters Remaining |      |               |  |  |  |  |
|  |                           | Exit | Save and Next |  |  |  |  |

8. Upload supporting evidence for your appeal  $\rightarrow$  Click save and next

|   | Upload Supporting Evidence |                            |        |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
|   | Uploaded Evidence          |                            |        |
|   |                            |                            | •• ( ) |
| l | Document                   | Action                     |        |
|   |                            | Browse and Upload Evidence |        |
| L |                            |                            |        |

- 9. Review summary and confirmation screen. If any sections need amending then click the relevant buttons (e.g. Amend Assessment, Amend Evidence etc)
- 10. Complete the declaration section by clicking "I Agree" box  $\rightarrow$  Click submit



| Confirmation   |  |        |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--------|--|--|--|--|
| I certify that   | I certify that   |        |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>The information I have entered on my request is correct to the best of my knowledge</li> <li>I have where appropriate uploaded my evidence to support my request</li> <li>I understand that appropriate staff will have access to the information provided in relation to my request</li> </ul> |  |        |  |  |  |  |
| Please note - after you have submitted your request, you will no longer be able to m   | Please note - after you have submitted your request, you will no longer be able to make any amendments or upload additional documents. |        |  |  |  |  |
| □ I Agree (required)*  |  |        |  |  |  |  |
|  | Exit   | Submit |  |  |  |  |

11. View appeal requests on the Mitigating Circumstances page under "My Appeal Requests"

| Appeals Under Consideration 1 |             |                         | ~        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------|
|                               |             |                         | •••• 🔄 🕨 |
| Appeal Reference Code         | Created     | Status                  | Action   |
| MA-000000070813-001           | 17/Sep/2024 | Appeal - Final Decision | View     |

12. Once your request has been assessed your outcome will be email to you and you can view the outcome in your student portal under "My Appeal Requests" → Completed Appeals

| Completed Appeals 1   |             |          |               |                 |   | ~ |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|---|---|
|                       |             |          |               |                 | [ | - |
| Appeal Reference Code | Created     | Status   | Decision Date | Action          |   |   |
| MA-00000070813-001    | 17/Sep/2024 | Approved | 17/Sep/2024   | View View Email |   |   |