

Changes to Academic Regulations for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Summary for Students

We have only made a very small changes to our Academic Regulations to support you and your academic success for 2024-25. We believe this should have a positive impact for you as students.

The most important thing to remember, when meeting with people or when applying for help, is to tell us who you are (ideally with your name, student number, course and stage), explain what the challenges you are experiencing are, how the challenges are affecting you and if you have evidence of the challenges then submit it. If you don't have third party evidence then state this and ensure you have explained clearly what the challenge is. We can't easily help you if we don't know your circumstances. Do keep your Academic Personal Tutor informed if you are having challenges with studying, and visit the Moodle Uni Student Advisor Hub for guidance.

We continue to emphasise the importance of clear explanations about why you are applying for assessment processes, and prioritise this over third party evidence. For the second year when applying for extenuating circumstances for reasons of death of a significant close individual or unexpected circumstances during pregnancy or as a parent or carer of a baby under 6 months of age, then stating your circumstances is enough to show impact for periods of up to 2 weeks.

We have made a small change to our regulations so:

- If you are taken ill during an assessment submission or were unable to determine that you should not have submitted for an assessment we have replaced our Removal of Marks process with an Assessment Outcome Change process which offers us a range of different ways we can support you depending on your individual circumstances.

I would like to remind you of 4 things that students told us they didn't know during 2024-25:

- The main communication channels used by Hartpury are the Moodle VLE and the student email account. You are expected to check both of these at least twice a week whilst you are a student at Hartpury. If you do not then you might miss important information such as details about classes, assessments, fees, enrolment, investigations.
- Late submission of work for assessment is penalised differently for examinations and non-examinations. Whether an assessment is an exam or not depends on how it is classed at the First Order Assessment Class Level, where assessment types classed as coursework are eligible for a 24 hour late submission period, but those classed as written examination or practical examination are not. Visit the Moodle module page and the Moodle Uni Advisor Hub if you aren't sure.
- Keep all evidence of how you prepare for an assessment (e.g. notes, annotated papers, drafts), ideally using your Hartpury Microsoft OneDrive account, and be prepared to submit this evidence for scrutiny on request.
- Your term dates, with teaching and up to 4 periods of assessment weeks, are published on our website. Please do check these and discuss with your Academic Personal Tutor if you think there are challenges for you being available for all the dates that apply to your programme.

Any questions? Contact your Academic Personal Tutor or visit the Moodle Uni Student Advisor Hub