

Assessment Submissions

Planning, time-management and the meeting of deadlines are part of the personal and professional skills expected of all graduates. For this reason, the University expects you to submit all the assessment requirements stated on your assessment brief by the agreed deadline date and time, using the approved submission channel.

Your Responsibilities

Depending on the nature of the assignment, you may be asked to submit in different ways – for example, an essay might be submitted online, whilst a portfolio may be submitted to the College Office or to a specified room. Your assessment brief and/ or your course Moodle site will give clear guidance on the arrangements for each submission. It is your responsibility to check that you are aware of the arrangements for every assignment.

When submitting work for assessment, it is also your responsibility to:

- Ensure that work is your own
- Submit by the date and time given on the assessment brief
- Submit in the approved format and according to any rules specified on the assessment brief (e.g. word count, document format, minimum number of pieces etc.)
- Allow yourself enough time to successfully submit your assignment and check that the submission has been accepted
- Contact the College Administration Office **before** the assessment deadline if you are having difficulties.

You will incur a penalty and may fail the assessment if:

- You submit 24 hours after the deadline (unless you have valid Extenuating Circumstances and achieve a pass grade)
- You do not submit all of the assessment requirements
- Plagiarism is detected in the submitted work
- Your online submission cannot be accessed

Assessment Deadlines

The University does not give extensions to deadlines. Each assessment brief includes details of what needs to be submitted. You are required to submit every component by the deadline date unless something is explicitly flagged as optional.

Non-Submissions

You will be recorded as a non-submission for the whole unit if you hand in any part of the assessment requirements 24 hours after the deadline stated on your assessment brief. You will not be eligible for any form of compensation and will be required to retrieve that failure. Where you successfully retrieve that failure, the grade for the whole unit will receive a penalty.

Late Submissions

If you submit work after the deadline but within 24 hours you will incur a penalty of one increment from the mark the work has achieved. If you submit work more than 24 hours after the deadline it will be considered a fail*. It may not be possible for staff to assess the work before the Exam Board meets. In this case, you will normally be asked to resubmit the assessment. If it is possible to mark your work before the Exam Board (this is not guaranteed), the Exam Board **may** agree to accept the late work as your resubmission opportunity. This means that you will not have to resubmit the assignment but you will incur a penalty.

Arriving Late for an Examination

Late submissions do not apply for performances, presentations and other time-based examinations, it is your responsibility to check the details of the examination timetable. You are strongly advised to arrive at least 15 minutes before the published start time. For written examinations, **anyone arriving after the published start time will not be admitted to the examination room.**

Extenuating Circumstances

If you are unable to meet an assessment deadline due to valid Extenuating Circumstances (ECs), you must complete an EC form and email this to heextcircs@southessex.ac.uk. This should be done as soon as possible: within 2 weeks of the circumstance taking place (but no later than the original assessment deadline) A validated EC means work submitted up to seven calendar days after a submission deadline can be accepted as if on time. Please see the Extenuating Circumstances guidance published under University of Arts London on our [HE Policies and Procedures](#) webpage for more information.

*the 24 hour late submission window does not apply when validated ECs are in effect. Work must be submitted within seven calendar days.

Online Submissions

File Sizes and Format

Where online submission platforms are used, the assessment brief will include guidance on accepted file sizes and formats (or a link to this information) for each submission. It is your responsibility to follow that guidance. If a file format is unreadable, too large or cannot be opened, you will be recorded as a non-submission.

As a guide, the University's online submission platforms will normally accept the following:

- **Moodle Assignment** - Accepts a range of file types including but not limited to word-processed documents, spreadsheets, images, audio / video clips. Max upload size 1GB
- **Turnitin** - .DOC, .PPT or .PDF files to a maximum of 100MB. PDF files must contain highlightable text.
- **Panopto** - Compatible files include: AVI, MP4, MPG, WMV, MOV, QT, ASF, 3GP, WMA, MP3, M4V. No limit to upload size.
- **Workflow** – Accepts a range of text, image and media files including PDF, JPG and MP4, as well embedded content from other platforms such as YouTube and Vimeo. Total portfolio size limited to 2gb, individual files limited to 50mb per file.

Where a different format is a fundamental part of the assessment (e.g. websites, blogs etc.), alternative acceptable formats will be included in your assessment brief.

The University defines Extenuating Circumstances as sudden, significantly disruptive, and beyond the student's control. As online submission platforms cannot be supported technically out of normal office hours (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday), you are expected to allow yourself enough time to successfully upload your assignment and check the submission has been accepted.

Difficulties with Online Submissions

If you experience technical difficulties in the online submission process, you should first consult your Tutor to let them know.

We recommend taking screenshots of the issue as evidence including the date and time stamp. This can be used should you need to submit an Extenuating Circumstance for a late submission.

You can also contact the **Learning Technologist support team** for help: learningtechnologists@southessex.ac.uk

Please note: assistance cannot be guaranteed out of office hours (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday). You should therefore allow yourself enough time to seek submission support if necessary.

See [HE Policies and Procedures](#) for information on how to request adjustments in the assessment process.

Individual Support Agreements and Adjusted Deadlines

If you are disabled, you may be offered an adjusted deadline if this is the most appropriate way to accommodate your needs.

You will need to negotiate adjusted deadlines with your course team and the Disability Service, ideally at the time the assessment is set, but no later than 14 days before the standard assessment deadline. Adjusted deadlines must be approved in advance for each individual element or unit: you should not assume you have extra time for all units. Different assignments will require different adjustments. An adjusted deadline may need to be set during vacation periods to ensure you are not disadvantaged in future assessments. The rules regarding non-submissions and missed deadlines still apply to any student who misses their own deadline.

Academic Integrity

It is your responsibility to ensure that your work is your own. All assessment submissions will be checked for evidence of plagiarism or other academic misconduct.

Turnitin UK compares student work against the world's largest academic database, generating an originality report for the submission. If your course uses Turnitin UK, it will be used to check the authenticity of your work. If you are asked to submit via another channel, the University may use Turnitin UK to check an individual piece of work if there are any doubts about its authenticity. You may be required to submit an electronic copy of your work for this check to be carried out. Failure to submit this copy may be considered a breach of the Academic Misconduct regulations.

A decision on the authenticity of your work will be reached via the academic judgement of the assessors. If plagiarism is suspected, it will be investigated under the University's Academic Misconduct Procedures published under University of Arts London on our [HE Policies and Procedures](#) webpage.

You can avoid plagiarism in your work by ensuring that, for any assignment, you refer to our [Academic Skills Canvas](#) page for further information or refer to your Student Planner.

This lists the correct way to reference any source, from books, journals and essays to works of art and web pages. You can also use Turnitin UK to check your own work by uploading draft assignments and checking your own originality report, helping you to avoid plagiarism in your final submission.

You can also email HESupport@southessex.ac.uk for individual support on essay writing, research, referencing, presentation skills, critical thinking, analysing and evaluating and much more!