

Counselling Services

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHILST YOU ARE A STUDENT

What you can do.....

Just because you have decided to study does not mean that the rest of your life goes on “hold”. Many students experience change or crisis during their time at university, and the impact on their studies and progress can be severe. Below is a brief guide to assist you to manage life changes whilst minimising the impact on your results and course progress.

QUT Virtual’s Student Services pages contain policy guidelines and practical application instructions for concessions which can be made for students under certain special circumstances. See www.studentservices.qut.edu.au, and use the links or the search box to locate the exact information you need.

Special circumstances outlined on these pages include:

- Leave of Absence (including postponement of commencement of studies, called Deferment at QUT)
- Students with religious obligations
- Withdrawing from units (including remission of fees)
- Withdrawal without academic penalty
- Interrupting studies
- Special consideration
- Deferring exams
- Academic probation
- Exclusion

Policies and practices regarding **extensions on assignments** tend to be specific to individual faculties. It is recommended that students become acquainted with their faculty rules. In general, concessions can be made for special circumstances and illness. Supporting documentation is often required before an extension is granted.

If you are unclear about what “special circumstances” might include, whether your circumstances fit within the guidelines, or if you need advice regarding the provision of documentary evidence to support your application, arrange to speak to a counsellor either face-to-face or by phone. You may also find it helpful to discuss the impact of your circumstances on you personally, as well as on your studies.

Counselling Services are available all year apart from two weeks around Christmas.

QUT Counselling Services offers professional assistance with this and other issues

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