

Policy Title:	Deferral of Academic Requirements		
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1 POLICY

A student may be granted an opportunity to defer academic requirements if, due to extenuating circumstances, they are unable to satisfy the requirement at the time scheduled by the faculty member or outlined in the schedule provided by the academic program.

1. The Director of Education/Director of Graduate Studies, upon review of documentation to support the request, may grant deferral of the academic requirement.
2. Students who wish to appeal the decision of the Director of Education/Director of Graduate Studies as it relates to a decision to not grant a deferral, may do so to the Vice-President, Academic and the Registrar. Such an appeal must be submitted, in writing with supporting documentation, within two business days of the denial of the original request for deferral.
3. Deferrals of examinations that require that the deferred exam be administered at an alternate time will be subject to an examination fee. Such a fee must be paid in advance of writing the deferred examination. In exceptional circumstances, such fees may be waived upon the approval of the Registrar in their sole discretion.
4. In the event a deferral of an academic requirement is not granted, a mark of zero ("0") will be recorded for the missed academic requirement.
5. The only documentation accepted by CMCC for the purposes of supporting a deferral request relating to student illness and/or injury is the form prescribed by the institution.
6. CMCC reserves the right to verify all documentation associated with a student's request to defer an academic requirement.
7. The content and format of the deferred assessment may not be appealed.

2 PURPOSE

To provide students who, due to extenuating circumstances, could not fulfill an academic requirement at the scheduled time.

3 SCOPE

All students.

4 INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE PLANS

The policy affords students an opportunity to satisfy the requirement at a later date by completing an alternate assessment or assignment. The alternate assessment or assignment may differ in format and content from the regular requirement as prescribed in the course outline, although it shall cover the same material and carry the same weight in the calculation of the student's course grade.

5 RELATED POLICIES (not a comprehensive list)

- Academic Appeals
- Examinations
- Examinations – Re-read
- Examinations – Supplemental
- Student Code of Conduct: Academic

6 DEFINITIONS

An academic requirement is defined as a component of a student's assessment in a course that is required for course completion. Such an academic requirement can include, but is not limited to:

- a. any academic activity that is graded for the purpose of determining a student's final grade in a course
- b. mandatory attendance in labs, small groups, and clinical experiences
- c. systematic review and research thesis.

Alternate assessments are examinations or assignments that have been rescheduled to a later date than the original assessment for valid reasons.

Business days are Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Extenuating circumstances are those that are beyond the control of the student. While such circumstances could include illness or injury, they must be validated in terms of their limitation on academic functioning and severity of risk of harm to self or others by a health care professional who is licensed within the specific scope of practice.

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-----**END OF POLICY**-----

7 PROCEDURES

1. A student who cannot satisfy the academic requirement as specified in the course outline at the scheduled time due extenuating circumstances must inform the Director of Education or Director of Graduate Studies at the earliest possible time. It is expected that unless there are circumstances that prevent it, notice of the extenuating circumstances will be provided within one business day after the event. Circumstances brought to the attention of the Director after the reasonable period of notice, or when first available, may not be used as grounds for a subsequent academic appeal.
2. For requests involving student illness and/or injury, the student must provide a completed Verification of Illness and Injury form, a Request for a Deferred Academic Requirement and other relevant documentation, if any, at the earliest possible time to the Director. If required, the Registrar will verify all documentation provided with the request for deferral. In certain cases, further documentation of the reasons for the request(s) may be required.
3. Supporting documentation for deferral requests will be reviewed by the Director but will not be retained. The student is expected to retain such documentation should it be required for future reference.
4. The Director of Education/Director of Graduate Studies will, within two business days of receiving notification of the missed academic requirement, email the student to arrange to meet to determine their eligibility for a deferral. During these two days, the student is responsible for checking their emails and confirming the appointment.
5. If the student is deemed eligible for a deferral, they must take the confirmed documentation to Student Services and, if applicable, pay the deferred examination fee within two business days. The confirmed documentation will be retained on the student file.
6. The deferred assessment will be scheduled by CMCC as soon as possible after the student's return to school.

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8 ATTACHMENTS

None