

## **Important update for undergraduate students (Sussex-validated courses)**

### **No detriment policy – ensuring your grades are not impacted**

We have received approval from the University of Sussex to adopt their 'no detriment' policy which is a measure put in place to ensure **you will encounter no detriment in the awarding of your grade for the year** due to the global pandemic.

This policy has been adopted to take into account the disruption you will have encountered as a result of the move to online learning and the challenges you are facing daily due to the coronavirus pandemic.

#### **What does no detriment mean?**

This means you will have a safety net as we will ensure that your overall year average will not be lower than the average mark you achieved in Semester 1.

The high standard and value of a degree validated by the University of Sussex is extremely important, so **you will need to pass** your Semester Two modules to demonstrate you have achieved the learning outcomes of your course.

Please note, you can certainly improve upon your Semester One performance through achieving higher marks on Semester Two modules. The above is a safety net designed to help you achieve.

#### **Tell me more...**

We know you will have lots of questions about this. We here at UCC and the University are working hard to finalise the details of exactly how this safety net will be calculated for the different courses and student profiles, as well as how we can support students who are unable to complete assessments at all due to exceptional mitigating circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring this principle of no detriment and the safety net is a reality for every student. Therefore, this policy will apply to all students regardless of Level (i.e. Year 1, 2 and 3 are included).

You will get more information about this support measure as soon as the University has confirmed how this will be applied to you. We are looking to update you by Monday 27 April once we have firm confirmation from the University.

**Please continue working towards meeting your learning outcomes for Semester 2 by submitting all assignments.**

We should be able to answer questions about the no-detriment policy from 27 April 2020.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your studies during these times.

Thank you for your patience whilst we sort out the details to questions you may have.

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