## A GUIDE TO OUR ‘NO DETRIMENT’ POLICY

### SAFETY NET 1

**Expanded Opportunities for Reassessment Before 2020-21**

- If you do not pass a module because you were unable to complete an assessment in the upcoming exam period, you will be offered reassessment.
- These resits will be treated as first sits and will be uncapped and free of charge.
- We have also increased the number of credits that you can be offered reassessment in.
- For UG students, reassessment will be offered over the Summer/ in September, which will help to ensure that you can meet the requirements to progress to your next year of study.

### SAFETY NET 2

**A Streamlined Approach to Extemporizing Circumstances and Examination Absence**

- If you are unable to complete an Alternative Assessment please tell us using the Notified Absence from Exams form found on your MyEssex portal. You do not need to make an extenuating circumstances claim or provide any evidence. Safety Net 1 means that regardless of why you were unable to complete the assessment, if you do not pass the module you will be offered another attempt for uncapped marks.
- Our Exam Boards will be taking a holistic approach when making outcome decisions this year. We therefore ask that you do not submit extenuating circumstances for the general disruption caused by Coronavirus.
- However, if your circumstances present individual difficulties to your ability to perform, we ask that you submit extenuating circumstances via the form found on your MyEssex portal.
- We understand that you may not be able to obtain evidence to support your claim, and so we will not require it. You can self-certify.

### SAFETY NET 3

**More Flexibility in the Management of Marks and How they Contribute to the Module Outcome**

- Where you have already met the learning outcomes for a module based on assessment you have already passed, the Alternative Assessment can only improve your module aggregate.
- Where you have not yet completed or passed enough assessment to meet the learning outcomes for a module, you will need to complete the upcoming assessments to be able to pass this module. Safety Net 4 means that all students’ performance in the module will be reviewed.

### SAFETY NET 4

**Overall Grade Distribution Comparison**

- We will be actively comparing module marks this year with the previous three years to ensure that the marks are in line with previous achievement.
- The Board of Examiners will look at the performance of students on your module as a whole. If your module cohort performs more poorly than we would expect based on the last three years of students taking that module, we will consider the marks to ensure that you are not disadvantaged.

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