Academic Consideration Guide – Faculty of Arts and Science
3-Day Requests (with supporting documentation)

Before you get started, please note the following information:

- All 3-day requests should be made as soon as you require Academic Consideration. You must apply no later than 4 days after the academic requirement you are missing (ex. for an assignment due on October 14th, a request must be submitted by October 17th at the latest).

- A reminder that our office validates that you are experiencing an extenuating circumstance over a certain period of time. Requests should therefore include the due date of a deliverable as, if you were not experiencing an extenuating circumstance on this date, the deliverable should be handed in on time.

- Supporting documentation is required for this type of request and must be submitted at the time of submission.
  - If you do not have access to supporting documentation and it is not feasible to obtain documentation from a health/medical professional for this circumstance (ex: you have a 24-hour flu that does not require a medical visit), we recommend following the directions online to obtain an Attestation Form on page 6.
  - Each student can make **ONE** 3-day request without supporting documentation per term. If you have not yet used this type of request, we recommend doing so before submitting a 3-day request using an Attestation Form. See the “3-day requests (without supporting documentation)” guide under “Applying for Consideration” for more information.

- All correspondence will be sent to your Queen’s email address.

You will also need to have the following items available:

- The course name and number (e.g., PSYC 100) of all courses for which you are requesting academic consideration. Consideration is granted by the circumstance, not by the course, so only one request is required.

- The Instructor or Course Coordinator’s name and their Queen’s email address for each course in your request (you can find this information in the course syllabus or OnQ).
The Portal uses this information to automatically send notifications to your Professor about your request. **Please double check that all information is correct so there is not a delay in your Instructors receiving notifications. It is our recommendation that you DO NOT use AutoFill functions when completing requests through the Portal.**

- Information regarding the missed deliverable (missing a test, assignment, tutorial, etc.)
- Supporting documentation

**What if I forget to add a course or realize that I entered incorrect information in the Portal?**

Don’t fret! Please email asc.consideration@queensu.ca and include the course name, instructor name, and instructor email to have the course added to your existing request. There is no need to submit a new request.
Step 1: Access the Academic Consideration Request Portal from the main Academic Consideration webpage.

Step 2: When prompted, use your netID and password to log into the Portal.
Step 3: You will be asked a series of questions to ensure that you are eligible to apply for Consideration through the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Are you an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts & Science?
This includes online, on-campus, and Bader International Study Centre (BISC) students studying:
- Arts
- Science
- Computing
- Fine Art
- Music
- Kinesiology
- Concurrent Education

Please answer based on your home faculty, even if you are taking an Arts & Science course.

- Yes (I am an Arts, Science, Computing, Fine Art, Music, or Kinesiology student, including Concurrent Education)
- No (I am undergraduate Commerce, Engineering, Health Sciences or Nursing Student, or a graduate student)

Questions are as follows:

- **Are you an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts and Science?**
  - This includes online, on-campus, and Bader International students studying Arts, Science, Computing, Fine Art, Music, Kinesiology or Concurrent Education.
    - If you are not one of these students, please see the [Academic Consideration departments across campus](#) list under “Info for Faculty and Staff” and “Faculty/School Office Contacts for the Academic Considerations” drop down to find the appropriate contact for your Faculty.

- **Is your request related to a significant event?**
  - A significant event refers to students who have been approved to officially represent Queen’s University at a sanctioned event (ie: a musical performance for the Prime Minister, participating in the Olympics, etc.). Students must have already contacted either Queen’s Athletics and Recreation OR the Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs to complete the [Request for Excused Absence for Significant Event form](#) before submitting a request through the Portal. Please see the “[Significant Event Requests](#)” guide under “Applying for Academic Consideration” for more information.
• Do you have a disability or a Letter of Accommodation from Queen’s Student Accessibility Services (QSAS)?
  o If no, proceed to answer the next question.
  o If yes, is this request related to an exacerbation of your disability or condition?
    ▪ No: If the reason for the request is an extenuating circumstance that is separate from the nature of your current LOA (ie: a bereavement, a COVID diagnosis, etc.), please submit a request and we can assist you in navigating next steps.
    ▪ Yes: If your request is in relation to your LOA, or if the situation is exacerbating your ongoing condition, please provide your LOA directly to your Instructor. If you do not have an LOA or require assistance, please contact qsas.intake@queensu.ca. You can find more information in the Accommodation VS Consideration section of our website.

• Is your request related to an extenuating circumstance?
  o An extenuating circumstance is a personal circumstance beyond your control that temporarily reduces your ability to meet your academic requirements (ie: bereavement, stomach flu, car accident, etc.).
  o An extenuating circumstance is NOT a personal event, transportation issue, competing commitment, high level of academic or exam-related stress, for chronic technological or workspace disruption or for requests related to religious observance.
    ▪ If you are requesting academic consideration for a non-extenuating circumstance, you should not submit a request in the online portal. Rather, you should review the following information about possible supports/services.

• Is your request related to the current academic term?
  o If yes, please proceed to the next question.
  o If no, is this request related to a course(s) from the previous academic term in which you have been granted an IN (incomplete) grade?
    ▪ Yes: Please proceed with submitting the request and ensure that you input dates into the Portal that align with amended deadlines in the current term.
No: The Faculty Office generally does not accept requests for Academic Consideration once a course has closed/ended; therefore, requests for retroactive academic consideration cannot be submitted through the online portal. Exceptional cases will be reviewed by our Academic Consideration Team on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to the Academic Considerations Team at asc.consideration@queensu.ca for next steps. In this situation, an academic appeal might be recommended. For more information regarding appeals, please visit: Academic Appeals.

- How long will your circumstance last?

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  - Up to 3 days
  - Between 4 days and 3 months

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- Do you have supporting documentation?

  Each student can make ONE 3-day request without supporting documentation per term. This type of request cannot be used during exam periods.
  
  All additional requests require supporting documentation. Please see link or list below for information regarding valid documentation.
  
  Note that all documentation must be provided in English. Please see the Supporting Documentation section on our website.
  
  If you do not have access to supporting documentation, you may obtain an Attestation Form (see text box on page 6).
What is an Attestation Form?

This **one-time use** form may be required in situations when a student is unable to provide supporting documentation to verify a circumstance which may impact their ability to meet essential academic requirements or standards. This form can only be used to support requests for Academic Consideration **for less than 3 days**. Please refer to the [Senate Policy on Academic Consideration for Students in Extenuating Circumstances](#), and the procedures relating to the policy, prior to completing this form.

**How to Obtain an Attestation Form**

Contact [asc.registration@queensu.ca](mailto:asc.registration@queensu.ca) to request a form. Please title your email “Attestation Request” and include your name, student number, and the dates of your request in the body of the email. If you fail to include this information there may be a delay in processing your request.

Once you have answered each of these questions, please hit the ‘Next’ button to continue to Step 4.
Step 4: Please enter your personal information into the Portal.

**Personal Information**

- **Student Number***
- **First Name***
- **Last Name***
- **Email***
  - @queensu.ca
- **Re-type Email***
  - @queensu.ca
- **Please indicate your telephone number, should we need to contact you regarding your request***
  - Format: 613-555-5555
- **No telephone**
- **Faculty***
  - Faculty of Arts & Science

You must be an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts and Science to submit a Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances through this system. If you are a student from another Faculty (i.e., Commerce, Engineering, Health Sciences or Nursing student, or a graduate student), even if you are taking an Arts and Science course, you should submit your request for academic consideration according to the protocol and procedures of your home Faculty.

For the term of this request, how do you study at Queen’s?

- **Please choose**

- **This information will be used to send automatic emails to you so please double check that all information is correct so there is not a delay in processing your application.**
- **Please consider the following when selecting how you study at Queen’s:**
  - **On Campus** = Courses taken at Kingston, ON campus and may also include some online courses
  - **Online** = All courses taken online
  - **BISC** = The Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle
Step 5: Please select the dates that you are currently experiencing an extenuating circumstance. Note that you will only be able to select dates from the current semester.

**Dates**
The maximum amount of time that can be selected is three months.

- **Term:**
  - Please choose...
  - If your extenuating circumstances will extend into the subsequent term, you will need to submit an additional request once that term starts for academic consideration for those new courses.

- **Request for Academic Considerations starting on:**
  - March 12, 2021

- **Date of anticipated full recovery:**
  - March 12, 2021

- Can’t select the dates you need? Remember that you are only able to submit requests for the current academic term.

- The Faculty Office verifies the dates that you are experiencing an extenuating circumstance – not the dates that you want to extend a deadline.
  - Example: You attended at dentist appointment on March 1st. You would enter March 1st as the date in the Portal, not March 1st – 3rd because you want a few extra days to catch up on work.

- Once you have reviewed your request, we will send verification to your Instructor(s), who will use this information to provide Academic Consideration. Professors have discretion to provide a few extra days to assist you. Please discuss new deadlines for any missed deliverables with your Instructor/TA directly.

Step 6: Enter course data for each course that will be impacted by your extenuating circumstance and where marks are associated with your absence.
• Taking more than 1 course? Please use the “Add another course” button at the bottom of the table to add additional course information.
• You will need to list the missed academic requirement(s) for each course.
• If you miss a course or find that you need additional time that includes a missed deliverable in another course, please see the “What if I forget to add a course or realize that I entered incorrect information in the Portal?” text box on page 2 for more information on adding this to your request.
• The Portal uses this information to automatically send notifications to your Instructors about your request. Please double check your syllabus to ensure that all information is correct. Incorrect information results in notification delays - it is your responsibility to ensure details are entered into the Portal correctly.
  o Remember! Any delay in contacting your Professors may limit the Academic Consideration options available.
• Some departments use “Course Coordinators” to assist Professors with the volume of Consideration requests they receive. Please check the course syllabus for the correct email address to send requests – requests can only be sent to one contact per course.

Step 7: Select the extenuating circumstance you are experiencing.

Extenuating Circumstance
For what extenuating circumstance are you requesting academic consideration?
- Health Condition or Injury
- Compassionate / Personal
- Bereavement
- Technological or Workspace Disruption
- Confidential
- Other

Once you have answered each of these questions, please hit the ‘Next’ button to continue to the next step.
Step 8: Upload your supporting documentation.

**Supporting Documentation**

Please describe your documentation below, then use the “Browse” button to find your documents and the “Upload” button to add your documents to this request. You can submit more than one document up to a maximum of 12. If you do not have documentation, you may be eligible to request an Attestation Form. For more information please see the Supporting Documentation section on our webpage.

Documentation may include:

- A medical report, or medical prescription
- Verification of Personal Health Condition Form
- Verification of Confidential Extenuating Circumstances Form
- A note from a health care professional or other professional (i.e., doctor, nurse practitioner, social worker, counsellor, occupational therapist)
- An obituary or death certificate
- An accident report or police report
- A court order
- Dated receipt of repair (e.g., to demonstrate hardware/software repair)
- Dated news articles, weather reports or screenshots from a utility provider (e.g., to demonstrate Internet access affected by power outage)

All requests for academic consideration during exam periods require supporting documentation. For more information please see the Supporting Documentation section on our webpage.

All documentation must be submitted in English. If your documentation is not in English, please see the Frequently Asked Question "Can I submit documentation in a different language" on our website. You will need to provide additional translation information.

- **How to Submit documentation:**
  - Please indicate the type of document you have uploaded (i.e: Doctor’s Note, Obituary, etc.)
  - Select “Choose File” and select the file you’d like to upload. Click “Open.”
  - Have more than one supporting document? Use the “Add another document” button at the bottom of the table to upload additional information and complete the process outlined above. Please upload each file to the Portal separately.
  - Select “Submit.”
• Having trouble adding documents? Please consider the following when uploading documentation:
  o Ensure that the file is in a supported format (.pdf, .jpeg, .jpg, .png, .tiff)
  o Ensure that you do not have any special characters in the name of the file (ex. *, -, etc).
  o We recommend re-naming your document to include just your student number or initials (letters or numbers only).
  o If you try all of these and are still unsuccessful, please contact our office for further support at asc.consideration@queensu.ca. Including screenshots when contacting our office is helpful for our staff to assist you further.

**Step 9:** Review and agree to the terms and conditions. You must click each checkbox and add your name below before submitting.

**Terms and Conditions**

Please review and agree to the following statements:

☐ I understand and acknowledge that privacy and confidentiality of the personal information collected through this portal will be maintained to the extent possible; however by necessity, some information may be shared on a need-to-know basis among University personnel (e.g., Faculty Office, Instructors, Exams Office, Student Wellness Services, Human Rights and Equity Office, etc.) for the purpose of arranging academic consideration. Confidentiality cannot be maintained where there is reason to believe that a student may be at risk of harming them self or others. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Queen’s University Royal Charter, 1841, as amended. Questions regarding the collection of this personal information should be directed to the Faculty of Arts & Science, 94 University Ave, Kingston, 613-533-2470, asc.consideration@queensu.ca. Please request to speak to the Academic Consideration Manager.

☐ I solemnly declare that I am unable to attend class or complete academic work due to a personal circumstance (e.g., a sudden illness, serious injury, bereavement, traumatic event, serious personal/family crisis) beyond my control that has a direct and substantial impact on my ability to meet essential academic requirements or standards.

☐ I understand that it is my responsibility to submit my Request for Academic Consideration for an Extenuating Circumstance as soon as the need is apparent (no more than 24 hours after the end of my academic consideration request), and to follow-up with my instructor(s) about missed academic requirements.

☐ I am submitting this Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances as a request made in good faith for academic consideration for a maximum of 3 days, at which point I expect to resume all academic obligations.

☐ I understand that providing any false or misleading information, or using this form to delay or avoid fulfilling academic requirements, constitutes a breach of academic integrity as outlined in The Queen’s University Senate Policy on Academic Integrity Procedures. For Faculty-specific academic integrity policies, go to [http://www.queensu.ca/academicintegrity/home](http://www.queensu.ca/academicintegrity/home).

By completing this request, you are providing your electronic signature and certifying that you agree to the statements above and that you are the student listed below.

**Student Name:**
**Step 10:** Review that all information is entered into the Portal correctly.

- If there are changes you wish to make, please select the back button at the bottom of the page to retain the information you’ve entered.
- If all information is correct, please select “Submit.”
- If you see the following Confirmation page, your request has been received by our team.

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**Confirmation**

Thank you for submitting your request for academic consideration. You will receive an email with further instructions and information. Please note that it is your responsibility to follow-up with your instructors as soon as possible either by email or in-person to discuss your request and determine what academic consideration can be granted.

- Request Number: 20954
- Date: 2021-03-30

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What’s Next?

• Notification of your request will automatically be sent to you and your instructor. Our staff will review your documentation.
  o If you do not hear from our team within 48 hours, your request has been approved. When applying over a weekend, our team will review on the next business day.
  o If our team needs more information, we will follow-up with you to determine next steps to validate your request. You may be asked to submit additional documentation; we recommend that you follow the “Adding Documentation to a Request” Resource Guide, if you have trouble (available on our website).

• Remember it is your responsibility to follow-up with your instructors as per the direction listed in each course syllabus, as soon as possible. Any delay in contacting your Professors may limit the Academic Consideration options available. Your instructor will determine what Academic Consideration is appropriate for your course based on the essential requirements/learning outcomes of the course. All students who receive Academic Consideration must meet all essential academic requirements/learning outcomes and standards of the course.

• Should your Professor require you to upload proof of a request to an online platform for tracking purposes (ie: OnQ), please use this system-generated email notification, which can be saved as a document for easy uploading. If you need support in doing so, please contact our team (below).
  o Tip! Create a folder in your email inbox for all correspondence from the Academic Consideration office. This makes it easier to find information, in case you ever need it (ie: information is needed for an appeal, etc.)

• If you have any questions about your submission, please contact the Faculty Office in one of the following ways:
  o Email: asc.consideration@queensu.ca
  o Phone: 613-533-2470, Option 4 (Please note that our phone lines are only open during office hours):
    ▪ Tuesdays from 2:00pm – 3:00pm
    ▪ Thursdays from 10:30am – 12:00pm