Academic consideration for **graduate students** in extenuating circumstances*

* Process flow chart for graduate students (consult SGS Protocol for Short-Term Academic Consideration)

**Request for academic consideration for up to 3 days** due to unexpected illness or sudden event leading to physical or mental impairment

- Inform your instructor, supervisor and/or your program's graduate coordinator at the earliest possible time
- Complete the Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances form
- Submit the form to your graduate program office as soon as the need is apparent and no later than 24 hours after the period of brief absence
  - Communicate with your instructor (not your TA) or supervisor about missed academic work
  - If you require an extension of your brief absence of a day or two consult with your instructor(s) and/or supervisor
  - Complete all academic work as per the consideration granted

If consideration for a longer period of time is required follow the **Requests for academic consideration between 4 days and 3 months** for reasons including: illness, serious injury, surgery, or significant personal crisis with an expected return to full academic function within 3 months

- Seek support and services from relevant campus units or community-based services
- Contact your instructor(s), supervisor and/or program office as soon as possible
- Complete the Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances form and submit to your graduate program office
- Provide verification documentation (e.g. Verification of personal health condition form, Verification of confidential extenuating circumstances form, etc.)
  - Communicate and update your instructor(s), supervisor and/or program office regarding your recovery as appropriate
  - Complete and submit academic work as per consideration granted

**Contact Queen's Student Accessibility Services to register and request accommodation if more time is required**

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Academic consideration for graduate students in extenuating circumstances* Process flow chart for graduate programs, instructors and supervisors (consult SGS Protocol for Short-Term Academic Consideration)

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- No verification material required from a health care professional
- Accept the Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances [inform TAs or others to bring request directly to instructor or supervisor]
- Assess missed academic obligations and provide a reasonable, case-specific consideration [maintain academic standard and equivalence]
  - If student requests an additional day or two, communicate with student regarding any additional or modified academic considerations
  - If an brief absence extension is not possible, direct student to resubmit the request form to make a request for academic consideration between 4 days and 3 months
- Keep a written record of interaction with student and action taken and submit to graduate coordinator (or delegate), who will store it securely separate from the student’s academic file
- Protect privacy and confidentiality; share information only as needed

Requests for academic consideration between 4 days and 3 months for reasons including: illness, serious injury, surgery, or significant personal crisis with an expected return to full academic function within 3 months

- Refer student to supports and services as appropriate
- Accept the Request for Academic Consideration for Extenuating Circumstances Form and verification documents [inform TAs or others to bring request directly to instructor or supervisor]
- Assess request and academic obligations and provide reasonable, case-specific obligations [maintain essential requirements and standards]
  - Ensure collaboration between instructors and supervisor regarding response to student
  - Keep a written record of interaction with student and action taken and submit to graduate coordinator (or delegate), who will store it securely separate from the student’s academic file
  - Communicate with student and discuss timeline to return to full academic function
  - If the student may need more time or ongoing needs to meet academic requirements, refer the student to Student Accessibility Services
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