

'Surprising Terms'

The University has compiled the following information to which the attention of students and applicants is drawn as potential 'surprising terms' (as defined by the Competition and Markets Authority).

1. Attendance Monitoring

Student attendance and engagement with their course of study is monitored, as inadequate attendance may affect academic progress. Monitoring is undertaken primarily for reasons of student welfare. It is a requirement for international students having entered the UK to study on a Tier 4 visa. More information is provided at <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/aro/dar/quality/categories/attendance/principles/>

2. Examination Resits

2.1 First Year Re-Sits

First Year Boards of Examiners are organised at Faculty level. First year examinations are typically held in May and June annually and Boards of Examiners meet near the end of June to consider progress decisions. Students failing modules or individual pieces of work would usually be required to re-sit examinations or submit additional pieces of assessed work to demonstrate that they have achieved the required standard to enable them to progress to subsequent years of study. Resit opportunities are typically offered in the September of the same calendar year i.e. before students would be due to return to year 2 of their course in October. However, students should be aware that if, through illness or other mitigating circumstances, they are unable to take resit examinations or submit additional assessed work at this point, a further resit/resubmission opportunity may not be available to them until the following June. In these circumstances, these students would be classified as 'resit without residence' students and would not be able to re-join classes with their cohort from the previous year. Following their resit or resubmission in the following June, the next year's Board of Examiners would consider their performance and they would at that time be permitted to proceed to their second year of study in the event that they had achieved the required standard.

If students fail resits at the second attempt, they will be required to withdraw from the University.

2.2 Intermediate Year Re-Sit Practice

It is not normally possible to re-sit intermediate year examinations. Academic departments will be able to provide more detailed information.

3. Other Circumstances In Which Students May Be Required To Withdraw From Their Course

(a) Cheating in a University Test; Plagiarism

In extreme cases, or repeated instances of cheating, a University Investigating Committee may decide to terminate a student's registration. See Regulation 11 Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of Suspected Cheating in a University Test <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/calendar/section2/regulations/cheating/>

It is incumbent upon all students to familiarise themselves with guidance on appropriate academic practice and to be aware of Warwick's policy towards and procedures for dealing with instances of plagiarism. All students should be familiar with what constitutes plagiarism as set out in Regulation 11 which applies to assessed work and formal tests.

(b) Ill Health

Students experiencing significant ill health may be permitted a period of temporary withdrawal. Permanent withdrawal on the grounds of ill-health may eventually be agreed by the Academic Registrar in accordance with Regulation 36 Governing Student Registration, Attendance and Progress

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(c) Disciplinary Offences

A University Discipline Committee, in upholding a charge against a student of a major disciplinary offence, may make a judgement that a student should be permanently withdrawn. See

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/calendar/section2/regulations/disciplinary/>

Students may also wish to take particular note of stipulations in relation to illegal substances and provisions relating to the powers invested in the office of the Vice-Chancellor in relation to precautionary suspension.

Students may find it helpful to be aware of fines which may be levied for instances of misconduct as set out at

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/studentssupport/lifeinhalls/regulations/fines/behavioral/> and

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/studentssupport/lifeinhalls/regulations/fines/healthsafety/>

(d) Fraudulent Admissions Information

A student found to have submitted fraudulent information within an application for a place on a course of study in a case upheld by the Committee on the Admission of Students to Courses of Study may have their registration at the University terminated. See

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/calendar/section2/regulations/admission/>

(f) Fitness to Practise

A University Fitness to Practise Committee, in upholding a decision that a student is not fit to practise, may lead to a student being permanently withdrawn from the University. See

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/calendar/section2/regulations/fitnessstopractise/>

4. Departmental requirements

Academic departments may have their own assessment conventions and there may be elements of specific courses of study which must be passed at the first attempt and or which must be passed (including via a resit) in order for a student to benefit from accredited status with a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Board upon graduation. Students are advised to check with the relevant academic department to determine if any such requirements pertain to their course of study.

5. Complaints not considered by the University

(a) Admissions decisions

Unsuccessful applicants to programmes of study at Warwick may not complain against an admissions decision, unless they believe that the service provided through the admissions process has not met the appropriate standard or if they believe that a procedural irregularity has affected the decision. Applicants do not have a right of appeal against the academic judgement made about their application.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/complaintsprocedure/>

(b) Academic judgement

The University will not consider complaints that challenge academic judgement where due process has been observed, for example a complaint challenging a mark attributed to a piece of assessed work, where appropriate support/supervision and resources have been provided.

These exemptions mirror the stance adopted by the Office of the Independent Adjudicator.