

Mitigating Circumstances and Predicting Grades

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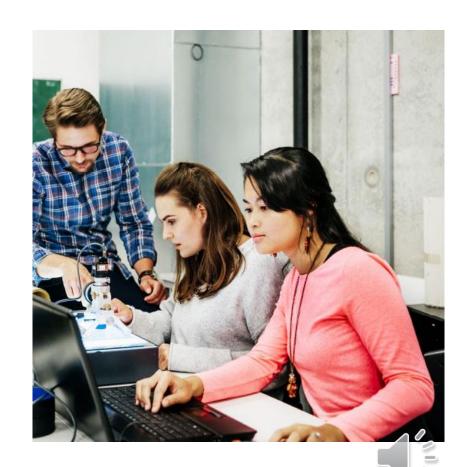


Mitigating Circumstances



- Applicants should report these to the exam board
- Some institutions do have a separate form
- Only submit if they're different to all other students on the whole
- Please do mention it in the reference – in agreement with the applicant
- What did you do during lockdown?







Predicted Grades



- This year will likely be more challenging
- We rely on you as the expert
- Take anything in to account that you can from before and during lockdown
- It can be helpful for us if you explain your methodology
- Remember you are not alone!



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Ranked 6th in The Times and
The Sunday Time Good
University Guide 2021 and
4th in The Guardian

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As an adviser you may experience a number of challenges:

- Ongoing changes to qualifications
- Pressures influencing predictions
- Disruption of teaching
- Fewer internal assessments
- Less face-to-face contacts
- Adaptions to practical assessments
- Uncertainly on how disruption has affected students







Predicted grades should:

- Be in the best interests of the applicant
- Aspirational but achievable
- Determined by professional judgment
- Data-driven as much as possible

And should not be:

- Affected by parents/guardians and/or applicants
- Influenced by entry requirements
- Affected by student behavior or background



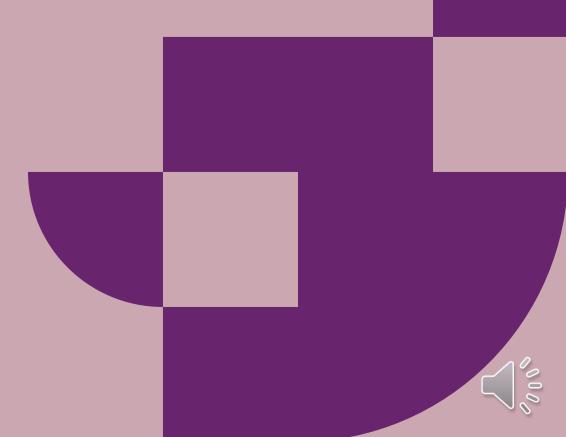
https://www.ucas.com/adv isers/managingapplications/predictedgrades-what-you-needknow-2021-entry







Now over the Huw from Manchester....





Missed extracurricular activities, individual circumstances and work experience

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Individual Circumstances

- Best mentioned in the reference to give context
- Similar to mitigating circumstances helps us give context to applications
- Access to technology and resources



Extracurricular activities

- All applicants affected
- Reflection on lockdown
- Virtual opportunities



Work Experience

- Is it necessary?
- Work experience for Medicine/Dentistry
- What can students do?



Resitting and Autumn Exam Series

- How will it be considered?
- Need to check individual university and course requirements



Future guidance:

- www.ucas.com/advisers/references
- www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus
- www.medschools.ac.uk/media/2636/guidance-on-gaining-relevantexperience-for-studying-medicine-in-the-time-of-covid-19.pdf