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## Worried about failure?

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### **See your Tutor and Director of Studies at once!**

Further information is in the Student Procedures and Guidance section on the College website:

(LINK to student procedures page)

Undergraduate exam arrangements: information for candidates:

[https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/UoC\\_CambridgeStudentsExams/SitePages/Exam-Information.aspx](https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/UoC_CambridgeStudentsExams/SitePages/Exam-Information.aspx) )

Graduate exam arrangements: information for candidates:

<https://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/exams/students/postgraduate-exam-information>

### **What happens if I fail?**

Failure to pass the year is extremely rare in Cambridge, but it does occur, and is very serious. It will normally mean that you have to leave the University.

If you should fail, the Senior Tutor will write to you formally. You should contact your Director of Studies and Tutor as soon as possible. If they are away, contact the Tutorial & Academic Office. There will be someone in College to advise and support you, in the sense of taking you through the steps in the University procedures and helping you think through your options.

### **Can I re-sit examinations I've failed?**

No: University regulations do not normally allow re-sits of Tripos examinations.

[NB: the 2<sup>nd</sup> MB exams for medical and veterinary students do allow re-sits, and a student who fails these at the first attempt will automatically be entered for the next sitting of these exams. Normally only one re-sit is permitted.]

### **What if I was ill during the year?**

If you were ill during the year, or had some other grave cause that prevented you from studying, the College should already have evidence of this from a medical practitioner. You should have made your Tutor and Director of Studies aware of this during the year.

Remember: it is your responsibility to make any difficulty known to your Tutor and your DoS, and to ensure that medical evidence supports any claim that illness or other grave cause impeded your ability to prepare for the examination. There is very little that can be done if a medical condition, whether physical or psychological, is made known to us only after your failure.

### **What if I am ill during the exams?**

If you feel ill on the day of an exam and cannot sit the paper, you should get medical evidence that day from a medical practitioner (who may be the College Nurse) and inform your Tutor and the Tutorial Office as soon as possible.



### **What if something else happens?**

If you experience a bereavement or other traumatic event close to or during your exams, let your Tutor know and discuss your options with them.

### **How will College support me?**

In all cases where something has gone wrong resulting in your missing or failing a paper, the College will advise you on whether an application to the University to allow you to continue your studies is possible. Applications are made to the Examination Access and Mitigation Committee, with a supportive letter from your Tutor and, where relevant, medical evidence. An application is not possible in every circumstance, and not all applications are successful.