LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (BLACKBOARD) GUIDELINES

Attendance

The Faculty of Science requires that students attend 80% of all classes to pass a unit of study. For example, for a unit of study with classes scheduled each week for 13 weeks of semester, students may miss no more than 2 weeks. The Faculty may determine that a student has failed a unit of study because of inadequate attendance. For placements, usually scheduled two days a week over 24 weeks, students are expected to make up missed placement days if they need these to meet accreditation requirements.

Disruptions to your study
If your assessments are disrupted by illness or misadventure or unavoidable community commitments, apply online for Special Consideration:

If you have (or develop) a continuing issue, register with Disability Services:
www.sydneu.edu.au/disability

The Faculty of Science does not permit informal special consideration. Note that students who apply for and are granted either special arrangements or special consideration for examinations will be offered a replacement exam prior to the Examiner’s meeting. Later dates for replacement assessments may be considered where the application is supported by appropriate documentation and provided that adequate resources are available to accommodate any later date. All Special Consideration requests are processed centrally and Professional Practitioners certificates will be cross checked with medical service providers. Please keep a hard copy of all documentation you submit until you graduate.

Late penalties
Students who require an extension must submit a special consideration application. An assessment submitted late without an approved extension through special consideration may result in an Absent Fail for the piece of work. Students who submit assessments following the due date will also not qualify for a grade of Pass with Merit for that assessment. No more submissions will be accepted after the closing date of the assignment, which will result in an Absent Fail for the unit of study.

Learning Management System (LMS) Blackboard access
Students are required to be given access to the Learning Management System (LMS) Blackboard site for Units of Study from the beginning of the week before semester begins. The unit of study outline which includes details about assessment due dates and closing dates, will be available on the Learning Management System (LMS) Blackboard site from that time. Changes will not be made to these details throughout semester except in exceptional circumstances. Lecturers will upload readings to the LMS Blackboard site through eReserve.

Assuring Academic Integrity
All written work must be submitted to Learning Management System (Turnitin) similarity detecting software. If we suspect your assignment has been written by someone else, we reserve the right to ask you to explain and defend the work you have submitted as your own, in person. If you are a commencing student at the University of Sydney you are required to complete the Academic Honesty Education Module. Please complete the Academic Honesty Education Module before submitting any written work to any unit of study.

Assessment standards and criteria
Accreditation standards require competency is demonstrated for all graduate outcomes, therefore students must demonstrate satisfactory performance on all assessments to satisfy requirements for any unit of study. Students who do not make a serious attempt to complete these compulsory assessment requirements will receive an Absent Fail for the unit of study, regardless of other assessments. Marking criteria and guidelines for each assessment is available from the relevant sections of the course handbook.

Marking criteria
Clinical Psychology units of study have competency based assessments. That is, there are various competencies for different units of study that candidates are expected to achieve. Those students who successfully achieve these standards are usually awarded a PASS mark. Because the nature of work as a clinical psychologist is very varied, it is not unusual for students from time to time to receive an INCOMPLETE mark for one or more areas of the course. The CPU staff members are committed to working with students to help them achieve skills that meet the expected level of competence. Students therefore should not feel that INCOMPLETE grades are the equivalent of a FAIL. Similarly, students should not expect to gain PASS WITH MERIT in all their courses. In most courses, only 10% of students will be awarded a PASS WITH MERIT, despite the fact that all students are used to gaining high levels of academic achievement. Marking criteria is available in the relevant sections of the course handbook.

School Intranet Clinical Psychology forms – Course handbook:
http://www.psych.usyd.edu.au/Local/Forms/clinical_psychology/