

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please note that:

- (i) There are no Special and/or Aegrotat Examinations in papers for Honours degrees or BEd degrees as well as for Hons BCompt and Hons BA(SW) degrees written during the October/November examinations. No Special and/or Aegrotat Examinations can be granted in study units consisting of practical work or containing a component of practical work.
- (ii) Note that if a Special/Aegrotat examination is granted, it is regarded as your second and final examination opportunity. You will not be entitled to a supplementary examination on grounds of your performance in the Special/Aegrotat examination.
- (iii) Should you wish to change your address and/or your examination venue, you are requested to inform the University under separate cover.

17 Supplementary, aegrotat and special assessment opportunities

Please note that there are undergraduate modules which do not make provision for aegrotat or special examinations. No supplementary examinations are granted in respect of aegrotat or special examinations.

- 17.1 Except where expressly stated to the contrary, a student will be granted a maximum of 2 assessment opportunities in a module without having to re-register for the module. CTA Level 1 and CTA Level 2 students only have one examination opportunity. Thus, where a student is granted a supplementary, aegrotat or special assessment opportunity, this will be the final assessment opportunity without the student having to re-register for the module. Students who fail or are absent (for whatever reason) from the second assessment opportunity will not be granted a further opportunity without re-registering for the module. Students who passed their examinations cannot apply for a second assessment opportunity in order to improve their results. Such students must re-register for the module(s) concerned for non-degree purposes.
- 17.2 An aegrotat or special examination in the following examination period may be granted to a student who has been prevented from taking the preceding examination or has been unable to complete the examination as a result of:
 - illness on the day of or immediately before or during the examination, provided that the application is accompanied by a certificate, issued by a medical practitioner registered with the SA Medical and Dental Council, specifying the nature, commencement date and duration of the illness and declaring that for health reasons it was impossible or undesirable for the candidate to sit for the examination on the day concerned or a letter from the invigilator certifying that the candidate left the examination hall due to illness; or
 - personal circumstances, such as work commitments (official letter from employer is required) or work-related travel, serious illness or death of a relative during the examination period, provided that satisfactory evidence of such circumstances is produced (see below).
- 17.3 A student will be granted a second assessment opportunity (supplementary examination) in a module if s/he achieves a minimum final summative assessment mark of 40%, as well as complying with the additional (where relevant) specific criteria for an aegrotat, special or supplementary assessment for the module. Students will only be registered for the second assessment opportunity upon payment of the prescribed fee. The University awards supplementary examinations and students cannot apply for this opportunity.
- 17.4 Where an examination is deferred and a special or aegrotat examination (second examination opportunity) is granted, without the examination having been written at the first examination opportunity, such deferred examination will be regarded as the second and final examination opportunity for that academic year. No further supplementary, aegrotat or special examinations will be granted and students who fail or are absent from such an examination (for whatever reason) will have to re-register for the relevant module/paper during the next academic period.

Please note: A student must have obtained examination admission and have paid the full registration fee in respect of the relevant module. The prescribed examination fee must accompany the application for the aegrotat or special examination. Examination fees are not refundable or transferable.
- 17.5 No alternative dates or times can be arranged in cases where examination dates and/or times clash.

Note: A student will not be granted admission to a or special assessment on the basis of clashes in examination dates; save where the clash may arise as a result of a change to the provisional timetable made by the University after the registration period.
- 17.6 Applications for special examinations must be accompanied by original documentary evidence giving full details as to why the student was prevented from writing the examination. Applications must be submitted WITHIN 10 DAYS of the original examination date. Please ensure that your student number appears on all documentation. Medical certificates received without an accompanying written application will be deemed to be an incomplete application and will, therefore, not be processed or considered. Applications can be submitted via fax (012 429-4150), e-mail (aegrotats@unisa.ac.za) (your student number must appear in the subject heading) or may be posted to the university (PO Box 392, UNISA, 0003). It remains the student's responsibility to ensure that the university receives the original application and any accompanying documentation before the closing date.
- 17.7 Undergraduate students in their final year of study who have one or two modules outstanding to complete the qualification may qualify for assistance in terms of the Procedure to assist students who have one or two modules outstanding to complete a qualification. The student must have written and failed the modules in the last examination. The University reserves the right to award or decline the special assessment opportunity based on the student's formative and last summative assessment. Postgraduate students (who qualify) must owe 24 credits or less in order to be considered for the above assistance.
- 17.8 The year mark will not contribute to the calculation of the final assessment mark in the case of a or supplementary assessment.
- 17.9 Special, aegrotat and supplementary assessments will be scheduled at the same examination centre at which the student was scheduled to write the previous examination, save where prior arrangements have been made with the University. No assessments in lieu of the above will be scheduled outside of the official examination periods.
- 17.10 Senate may approve that there is no second assessment opportunity in respect of specific undergraduate modules. Where this rule is in place, the information is expressly set out in the relevant tutorial letter, which forms part of the student's agreement with UNISA.
- 17.11 Most postgraduate modules also have a second examination opportunity, save for the CTA Level 1 and CTA Level 2 examinations. The following should also be noted.
 - 17.11.1 the assessments for the MBL modules and certain postgraduate modules are conducted in October/November, with special, supplementary and aegrotat assessments scheduled in January of the year following; and
 - 17.11.2 the assessments for the MBA modules and most postgraduate modules are conducted in May/June and the special, supplementary and aegrotat assessments (for students who qualify) are scheduled in October/November.
 - 17.11.3 the assessments for most postgraduate modules are conducted in January/February and the special, supplementary and aegrotat assessments (for students who qualify) are scheduled in May/June of the same year. Postgraduate students who have their second assessment opportunity in May/June must re-register for the module by the official closing date for registrations in the event that they fail the second assessment. No late registrations will be considered. Students who have re-registered and pass the second assessment, must themselves liaise with the Registrations Division regarding a refund for fees already paid.