

NORMALLY ACCEPTABLE AND NORMALLY UNACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR A TLA TO BE AGREED

Each case will be assessed individually to determine whether a student meets the criteria for TLA development and agreement.

A student may present a mixture of reasons for TLA development. Some of those reasons may fall within the normally acceptable and some within the normally unacceptable categories. If this is the case, it may still be possible for a TLA to be agreed but this will be solely to cover those reasons which are acceptable under the TLA procedures.

Normally <u>acceptable</u> reasons for TLA agreement	
Type of circumstance	Further information
Accident or injury	Where a medium-term / long-term recovery period is required, for example a broken limb
Participation in legal / court proceedings of an on-going nature	Including being a witness or juror in a protracted court case
Bereavement	Of a spouse or partner, close relative or friend
Being the victim of crime	Including being the victim of violent crime which is being investigated by the police
Significant caring responsibilities	Including an on-going illness of a child, parent, sibling, spouse or partner
Exceptional family crisis	Including major illness of relative or partner, divorce or separation
Exceptional financial difficulties	Where there is clear evidence that the situation is serious, unexpected and not of the students own making
Medium-Term / Long-Term Health issues (not related to disability under Equality Legislation)	Including where a student is undergoing diagnostic tests or a number of consecutive hospital / specialist treatments
Pregnancy, Maternity and Paternity	Including a difficult or unplanned pregnancy
Serious or significant personal incidents	Including house fire, homelessness, unexpected house move, direct experience of natural disaster

Normally <u>unacceptable</u> reasons for TLA agreement
Term-time holidays or weddings
Childcare issues (unless significant and exceptional)
Pregnancy of a relative or friend (not student's partner or spouse)
General financial difficulties (unless significant and exceptional)
Ailments that could reasonably be supported through the Extenuating Circumstance procedures
Individual hospital appointments which are not part of on-going diagnostic or treatment processes
Impact of involvement in academic integrity (plagiarism or academic misconduct) proceedings
Academic workload pressure (unless a student is completing deferrals alongside other modules of study or alongside reassessment)
Difficulties in accessing resources or computing accounts due to outstanding University debt (unless evidence proves it is not of the students own making)
Issues between friends
Illness or loss of pets
Transportation difficulties
Computer difficulties or equipment failure (unless this relates to specialist software/equipment required for reasonable adjustment of a student's LSP condition)
Supporting a friend at court