

Project Related Student Welfare

in the School of Computer Science

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<http://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/resources/studentinfo/welfare.html>

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Welfare Issues

During projects not all Welfare matters can be mitigated!

- ▶ Welfare issues must affect an extended period of time.
 - ▶ You have been ill for a lengthy period of time
 - ▶ Something very disruptive has happened in your live
- ▶ Only for serious problems we can make allowances.

Dealing with Welfare Issues

- ▶ We expect you to deal with minor issues yourself.
- ▶ Allow for minor delays in your project plan!
- ▶ What to do if you believe you have a serious problem.
 - ▶ Tell us as soon as possible!
 - ▶ In particular, not after the deadline!
 - ▶ Come to a welfare hour.
 - ▶ During Christmas holidays send us an email.
 - ▶ Provide independent third party evidence.

Extensions for Projects

If you indeed have a serious problems during term time we can give extensions, but

- ▶ Limited extensions only.
 - ▶ Extensions will eat into your revision time for exams!
 - ▶ There are no resits in the final year!
 - ▶ Natural cut off point are June exam boards.
- ▶ Moving project into the summer is practically difficult
 - ▶ You might only be able to graduate in December.
 - ▶ Might need approval by the Extenuating Circumstance Panel.

Lengthy Project Extensions

Consequences of long extensions can be

- ▶ You might only be able to graduate in December
- ▶ You might be forced to start project with a new supervisor
- ▶ Leave of Absence is often the only alternative
 - ▶ Only with solid evidence.
 - ▶ Only if you do not apply too late or at least have kept us informed throughout the term.
- ▶ You will have to do a new project when returning

Problems at the end

- ▶ We are more flexible for problems occurring at the end of the project.
 - ▶ During writing up phase
 - ▶ For moving demonstrations
- ▶ In all cases we always need independent third party evidence.

Welfare Tutors

- ▶ **Dr. Iain Styles**
Room CS-109
Monday 4:00-5:00pm & Thursday 12:00-1:00pm
- ▶ **Dr. Nick Hawes**
Room CS-133
Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Wednesday 12:30-1:30pm
- ▶ **Dr. Ata Kaban**
Room CS-UG32
Friday 1:30-2:30pm
(Welfare issues related to your international student status)
- ▶ **Dr. Volker Sorge**, CS-207, available by appointment. Please contact me if you have any special needs requirements or wish to request a leave of absence.

Email welfare@cs.bham.ac.uk for first contact!