

# Take-home exams

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## POLICY ON TAKE HOME EXAMS & ASSESSMENT DEADLINES

### 1. Definition

A Take-Home Exam is defined as an assessed assignment which is issued to students as part of the examination diet, with a clearly defined and restricted period allowed for completion by the student outwith a conventional examination setting.

## 2. Take-home exam requirements

The period allowed from issue of the assignment to completion should not exceed eight hours (subject to agreed academic adjustments).

In order to ensure that all students have the opportunity to complete a take-home examination without schedule clashes, it is essential that the period is scheduled by the University Examinations Officer, who will work with Schools to arrange suitable timing.

Schools should consider carefully before allocating multiple modules assessed by take-home examinations in the same semester, as space in the examination diet is limited and the University Examinations Officer may not be able to guarantee more than a 24-hour period in the schedule.

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