



## How this guide helps

This guide is to help understand the financial implications of repeating part of your course. Student Finance will generally fund a student for the length of their course plus one 'gift' year to allow for a repeat year or a year on a different course if a student then changes to another subject.

## Advice Centre contact details

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- Website [susu.org/support](https://susu.org/support)
- Facebook [The Advice Centre - SUSU](https://www.facebook.com/TheAdviceCentre-SUSU)

## Wellbeing

The University has support in place to help you with your wellbeing. You can contact the Universities wellbeing team on [studenthub@soton.ac.uk](mailto:studenthub@soton.ac.uk) or by calling 023 80 599 599. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Repeating a year as an internal student

If you enrol at the University to repeat either a whole or part year, tuition fees will be payable. As a student enrolled on a full-time course, you may be eligible for the full funding package as if it were any standard year. However, this depends on your previous study. If you have previously had periods of suspension or other retake years, you are not eligible for further funding except in exceptional circumstances, although an income assessed maintenance loan will continue to be paid providing you do not yet have a degree.

## Repeating a year as an external student

As an external student, (not enrolled), you will not be charged tuition fees. Whilst you will have access to the Library, you will essentially be working independently and not be able to attend lectures and tutorials. As you are still registered with the University, there should be no Council Tax liability whilst you continue to study. However, this is unfortunately not completely clear cut in current legislation. If you receive a Council Tax bill, please contact The Advice Centre.

You will not be eligible to apply for maintenance support throughout the year. It is important to make sure that you will be able to financially support yourself during this period. If part of your retake involves exams, you could also be charged for these.

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### **Compelling Personal Reasons (CPR)**

If you have previously received your statutory funding entitlement but have not been able to complete your course due to reasons beyond your control, you may be eligible to apply for CPR and have an additional year of funding released (or more if necessary).

CPR could include ill health, bereavement, caring responsibilities or essentially anything which has severely impacted your ability to focus solely on your studies.

If you believe that this applies to you, it is recommended that you make an appointment to speak to one of the Advisers at The Advice Centre regarding the process and evidence required by Student Finance. Before the appointment it would be helpful to think about what evidence you may be able to provide to show how your studies were affected by your situation e.g., a letter from your GP.

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