

Trailing Modules

1. Students on some courses are permitted to 'trail' modules into the next academic year. This means that they can progress to the next year of the course even though they have not yet passed all modules from the previous year of the course.
2. This may be a 1st, 2nd or 3rd attempt.
3. In this situation the student will re-enrol as usual at the beginning of the new academic year (usually in September).
4. The student will be charged the usual fee for the new academic year (which will be charged to Student Finance England where appropriate) and, where relevant, will be able to claim maintenance funding from the Student Loan Company (SLC) as usual.
5. The student will usually have to complete outstanding assessments for the trailed module(s) early in the academic year and the module will go to a Board of Examiners in November.
 - a. If the trailed module(s) are passed at the November board the student can continue as usual
 - b. If the trailed module is failed at the November board (or a later board) and is a final attempt then the student's registration on their course will be terminated at that point.
 - c. If the trailed module is failed or deferred at the November board but the student has another attempt, then the student will usually be required to take an interruption of study and resume at the beginning of the following academic year. They will be offered an opportunity to take further attempt at assessment but without further attendance on the course.
6. If the student fails or takes an interruption following the November board they will be charged fees up to this point. The fees will be pro-rated to the point that they interrupted/withdrew according to the Tuition Fee Policy.
7. **Students in this situation (who fail or interrupt) and whose fees are paid by Student Finance England should note that this will use their SFE 'gift' year.**
8. Student Finance England usually fund students for the length of their course plus an additional year (minus any previous years of study which they funded). Please see here for more details. [Going back to uni or repeating a year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).
9. Students who use their gift year in this way will not then be able to use it for a further interruption/repeat year or for a new course of study.
10. Students who fail or interrupt and have received SLC maintenance for the current academic year up to the point that they withdraw or interrupt, may be required to pay back immediately any overpayment of their maintenance loan or grant. Please see here for more details: [Repaying a student loan or grant overpayment - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). They may also receive reduced maintenance funding in the subsequent year.

Repeating students

11. Students on some courses are permitted to repeat the year in full or in part.
12. Students repeating will be charged fees (according to the Tuition Fee Policy) and, where relevant will be eligible to receive maintenance grants or loans from Student Finance England for the period of the year for which they are fully enrolled.
13. Students who repeat and whose fees are paid by Student Finance England will use their gift year. Please see here for more details. [Going back to uni or repeating a year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). The gift year will then be unavailable for a further repeat year, interruption or a further course of study.
14. Please contact the Student Finance Policy Officer for advice studentfinance@sgul.ac.uk.