

Media, Arts and Humanities

Finalist Results Day & Resit FAQs

1. When will I know if I have retakes?

Your exam board, your module results, stage result and whether you have been offered any resits or sits will appear on the [Module Results section in Sussex Direct](#) on **Wednesday 19th June 2024**.

2. When will the resits be scheduled?

Resits will be scheduled for the summer assessment period between **Monday 12 August to Saturday 24 August 2024**. Take Away Papers and Examinations may be scheduled in the early part of the following week.

Deadline information will be updated on your Sussex Direct Assessment Deadlines page.

3. Where can I find the resit assessment questions?

Resit questions will be published on the [Resits, assessment, feedback and submissions page](#) of the MAH internal website.

If you have a resit for a module outside of Media, Arts and Humanities, you can [find resit information for other Schools here on the Student Hub](#).

4. Where do I submit my resit assessments?

You will need to submit to the Canvas module the assessment is for.

Full instructions about where to submit your resit can be found on the [Resits, assessment, feedback and submissions page](#) of the MAH internal website.

If anything is still unclear, you can contact the [MAH Curriculum and Assessment team](#), who will be able to advise you further.

5. What is the difference between a sit and a resit?

A resit assessment mark will be capped at the pass mark of 40%. A sit is for an uncapped mark, meaning the full mark you get on the assessment will be used for classification.

The Exam Board is able to offer a sit when you have an accepted exceptional circumstances (EC) claim for the assessment. (If you did not make an EC claim but your assessment was affected by your circumstances you may be able to [make an appeal](#) to request a sit.)

6. I have been given a trailed resit. What does this mean?

The exam board has discretion to allow a student to progress to the next stage of study whilst trailing failed modules up to a maximum of 30 credits. If you have trailed credit you will get another retake opportunity in the next summer vacation assessment period. You will not be required to repeat the teaching. A trailed retake may be a sit (for an uncapped mark) or a resit (for a mark capped at 40%).

If you are struggling to understand the modules you have failed and are worried that you won't be able to pass the resits, please contact your Module Convenors or your Academic Advisor and ask for help.

You can also contact the [MAH Student Experience team](#) for support

7. I have been given the stage result of “Contact your School Office for more information” – What does this mean?

This result means that you will need to contact your School Office to get more information on your Stage Outcome. Please ensure that you do this within 7 days of the day of publication of your results. All students with this stage result will be sent an email from MAH-Educationmgr@sussex.ac.uk on Wednesday 19 June by 5pm. So please check your emails.

8. What is compensated credit?

This means that you marginally failed the module (with a mark of 35-39) but due to your general strong performance you have been awarded the credit. You will be offered an optional retake so that you have the opportunity to achieve a pass mark.

9. What is condoned credit?

The Exam Board can award condoned credit for up to 30 failed credits at the end of your degree. The fail mark will be used on your transcript but you will receive the credit in recognition of your otherwise strong performance. You may be offered an optional retake too.

10. I have an optional retake: what is this and how do I accept or decline it?

An optional resit gives you the chance to potentially improve your grade. When deciding whether to take an optional retake it's important to note that resits are capped at the pass mark of 40%. If you have an optional sit this will be for an uncapped mark.

You may have received an email from the MAH student experience team to advise you about your optional retakes so do check your email.

You can view information and accept the offer of an optional retake via Sussex Direct. You will have to accept or decline any optional resits or sits.

11. What if I get a lower mark on my retake?

It is possible to get a lower mark on your retake. When you decide whether to accept an optional retake it's important to remember that the mark for your retake will stand, even if it's lower than your initial attempt.

12. What if I want to repeat the year instead of taking retakes?

You can request a repeat year by completing form 8 on the [Student applications page](#).

The deadline to submit this application is **5pm on Monday 22 July 2024**. Sussex Direct Module Results/stage results page will be updated to show the repeat stage **by Monday 29 July 2024**.

Note that you can only request a repeat year if you have failed more than 30 credits and have not previously repeated this year of study. Full conditions are noted on the form.

13. I have been offered a Repeat Year/ Repeat Term on Sussex Direct. What do I need to do to accept this?

You must contact the student records team within 7 days of the publication of your result to confirm whether or not you wish to accept the offer; please email spa-assessment@sussex.ac.uk from your university email account. If you do not contact us to confirm your decision you will be withdraw from the University.

If you'd like to talk to someone before making your decision please email MAHStudentExperience@sussex.ac.uk.

14. How do I appeal an Exam Board decision?

Appeals must be made within 10 university working days of the result being published. This means the deadline for appealing an exam board decision is **Wednesday 3 July 2024**. Details of the appeals process and how to make an appeal can be found on the [Academic](#)

[Appeals webpages.](#)

Before submitting an academic appeal, please contact the [MAH Student Experience team](#) who can advise on the best course of action.

15. I have a lot of resits. How do I decide what to prioritise?

If you have several retakes you may have received advice by email about how to prioritise these. If you are unsure and need support contact MAH-StudentExperience@sussex.ac.uk for advice.

16. When do I know if I have passed my retakes?

Your module results and stage results will be published on Sussex Direct on **Thursday 12 September 2024 at 08:00.**

17. What if I fail my resits? Will I still be able to graduate?

If you fail your resits, the Resit exam board will assess your performance and may offer second resits or a repeat year. A second resit is also referred to as a trailed resit. Trailed resits are offered next summer vacation assessment period.

18. What if I want to take my trailed retake earlier?

You can apply to move your trailed resit assessment deadlines from assessment period 3 in August 2025 to May 2025, subject to practical and academic requirements being met. You can apply to move your retakes by completing form 2 on the [Student applications page](#).

19. I have been awarded a DipHE / CertHE. What is this?

You have not passed enough credit to achieve a degree but the Exam Board has awarded you a diploma or certificate in recognition of the credits you have achieved during your studies.

An Exit Award does not entitle you to attend graduation, but you will be contacted with regard to your transcript and certificate.