

The IOE will adopt the following standard faculty policy on word count penalties:

Work that exceeds the word count by more than 10% will be reduced by one grade or 10 percentage points. This must not take the mark below the Pass Mark. Any material in addition to the 10% excess may not be taken into account in grading.

For example, if a 6,500 words is submitted for an assignment with a 5,000 word count limit, the final 1,000 words may not be taken into account in grading – the assessor is not required to read or consider these additional 1,000 words.

There will be no penalties for any submissions, which are under the word count.