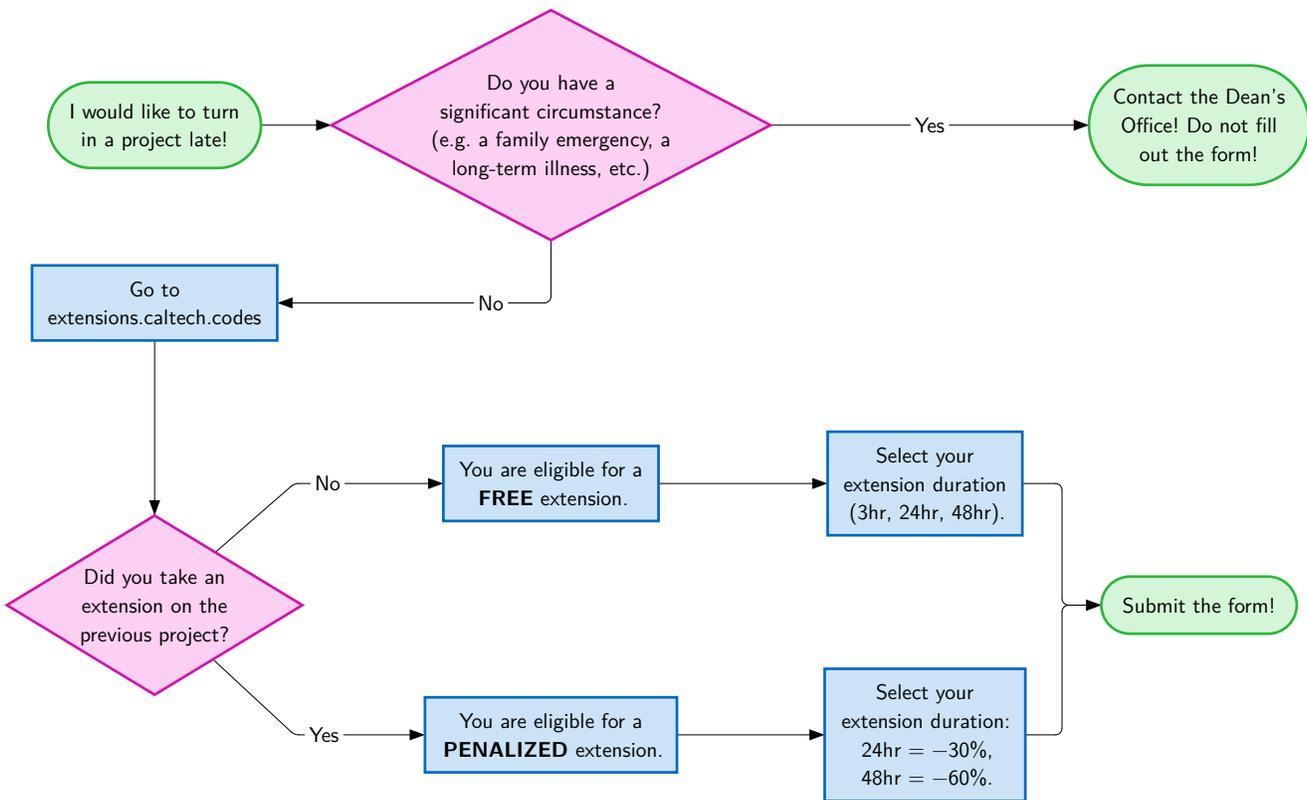## Course Policies

Late Policy

We've designed a late policy that is very intentional in providing flexibility while also making sure students do not fall so far behind that they might not be able to pass. Please see below for details.

To handle our policy, we have written a tool that will tell you what options are available to you at any given point:

https://extensions.caltech.codes

Please do not e-mail us asking for an extension. You must use the website form. There are limits and restrictions on extensions which the form outlines. Please read these **before** you need an extension!

This flowchart outlines common scenarios in which a student may need an extension:

DUETs Policy

A DUET (**D**emo, **U**nderstand, **E**xperiment, **T**theory) session is a series of short low-pressure collaborations with several members of course staff! These are a chance for you to share what you have learned and accomplished over the course of writing a solution to the project!

Each segment of the DUET is intended to exercise a different part of your "computational brain".

- The **D**emo component will allow you to show off the final product that you worked on to an audience.
- The **U**nderstand component will stretch you to explain the higher-level ideas in your code (rather than the individual lines). This is a super important part of collaboration when working on code with a team.
- The **E**xperiment component will ask you to re-imagine what might happen if your code were somehow slightly different. To engage your computational thinking skills, we will ask you to make a guess before looking at the

actual result, and we'll work through any differences. This form of experimentation has been shown in various educational research to significantly improve learners' conceptual understanding of higher-order concepts.

- The **T**heory component will ask you to justify your program or algorithm's correctness or runtime. We won't ask for full proofs, but you will need to convince the staff that you know why it works.