

Academic Accommodations Matrix

Part 1: Specific Learning Disorders

Definition: Specific learning disorders are neurodevelopmental disorders that are typically diagnosed in early school-aged children, although may not be recognized until adulthood. They are characterized by a persistent impairment in at least one of three major areas: reading, written expression, and/or math. Some examples are:

- ADHD
- Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

Severity Degree	Accommodation 1	Accommodation 2	Accommodation 3
Mild: Some difficulties with learning in one or two academic areas, but may be able to compensate	20% additional time on exams and submissions		
Moderate: Significant difficulties with learning	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Approved use of computers instead of handwriting for writing tasks, and approval to voice record lectures	
Severe: Severe difficulties with learning	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Approved use of computers instead of handwriting for writing tasks, and approval to voice record lectures	Approved use of private classrooms during exams and presentations

Part 2: Intellectual Disability

Definition: Intellectual disability involves problems with general mental abilities that affect functioning in two areas:

- Intellectual functioning (such as learning, problem solving, judgement)
- Adaptive functioning (activities of daily life such as communication and independent living)

Severity Degree	Accommodation 1	Accommodation 2	Accommodation 3
Mild	20% additional time on exams and submissions		
Moderate	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Approved use of private classrooms during exams and presentations	
Severe	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Approved use of private classrooms during exams and presentations	Approval of presence of shadow teacher recruited by family

Part 3: Chronic Mental Health Disorders

Definition: Chronic mental health disorders refer to conditions with persistently debilitating psychiatric symptoms and severely impaired function.

Severity Degree	Accommodation 1	Accommodation 2	Accommodation 3
Mild	20% additional time on exams and submissions		
Moderate	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Excused Absences as needed (Must be pre-approved by Wellbeing department)	
Severe	20% additional time on exams and submissions	Excused Absences as needed (Must be pre-approved by Wellbeing department)	*Deferral requests as needed (Must be approved by Wellbeing department)

* Because of the fluctuating nature of the disorders, approval of deferral requests will be based on submitting evidence by an official psychiatric body to the Wellbeing department, citing extenuating circumstances.