

Learning Disabilities

Disability Services

If you have a learning disability or attention deficit disorder—or suspect that you do—we strongly recommend that you contact **Disability Services (DS) at 19 Deerfield Street, 617-353-3658.**

Visit our website at <http://www.bu.edu/disability/>.

Accommodations

To be considered for academic accommodations due to a learning disability, you must apply for such accommodations through DS. Disability Services requires that you complete a Student Request for Accommodation (available from Disability Services) and provide current (not more than three years old) documentation of your disability by a qualified evaluator. Your evaluation should state your specific academic needs. A professional member at Disability Services will review your application and documentation.

To receive accommodations once they have been approved by DS, you must do the following at the beginning of each semester:

- complete a Request for Accommodation form at Disability Services on which you will list your courses and professors for the semester
- provide each of your professors with an accommodation letter, addressed directly to them within two weeks of the date of the letter
- discuss your academic accommodations with your professors

Please note that since using accommodations is voluntary, you are responsible for contacting each professor and arranging accommodations recommended by Disability Services directly with them. We won't know you want the accommodations unless you speak with your professors. Dean Oresick and Disability Services can be helpful in your negotiations with professors if necessary. This entire process takes several weeks, so please **plan ahead**.

Talk with a professional staff member at Disability Services, your CGS advisor, or Dean Oresick (in Room 215) if you have questions about the academic accommodation process.

Extra Time Exams

Extra time on exams is a common accommodation. Please direct requests for extra time on hourly, midterm, and final exams directly to your professor, accompanied by your accommodation letter issued by DS. Be clear about the arrangements for the time and place of testing.