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 Office of Disability Services (ODS) at 19 Deerfield Street, 617-353-3658.

Visit the website at http://www.bu.edu/disability

Accommodations

To be considered for academic accommodations due to a learning disability, you must apply for through the Office of Disability Services. ODS requires that you complete a Student Request for Accommodation (available from the Office of 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 of the Office of Disability Services will review your application and documentation.

After accommodations have been approved by ODS, you must do the following at the beginning of each semester to receive accommodations:

- complete a Request for Accommodation form at Office of 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 of your professors directly to arrange the accommodations recommended by the Office of Disability Services. We won’t know you want the accommodations unless you speak with your professors. Dean Oresick and ODS 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 the Office of Disability Services, your CGS advisor, or Dean Oresick (in Room 211) if you have questions about the academic accommodation process.

Extra Time Exams

Extra time on exams is a common accommodation. After accommodations have been approved by ODS, please direct requests for extra time to your professor before every hourly, midterm, and final exam, accompanied by your accommodation letter issued by ODS. Be clear about the arrangements for the time and place of testing.