

FAQs for Academic Accommodations

Office of Academic Support



University of Mississippi Medical Center

What are academic accommodations at UMMC?

UMMC policy provides for reasonable academic accommodations to be made for students with verified disabilities on an individualized and flexible basis as specified under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

This [policy](#) can be found in the UMMC Document Center.

Which office manages academic accommodations at UMMC?

The Office of Academic Support in the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs manages the academic accommodations process at UMMC.

Where can I or my student find more information about academic accommodations at UMMC?

Information about the process for requesting academic accommodations can be found at

http://www.umm.edu/academic_accommodations/.

More information about the Office of Academic Support can be found at http://www.umm.edu/academic_support/.

What is the process for granting academic accommodations at UMMC?

Students must submit a Request for Academic Accommodations to the Office of Academic Support that has been completed by the student and his/her health care provider.

The Accommodations Review Committee reviews that Request for Academic Accommodations and makes a recommendation regarding reasonable academic accommodations.

Who serves on the Accommodations Review Committee?

The committee is composed of the academic deans from each school and representatives from the Office of Academic Support, and the committee is supported by UMMC legal counsel.

Should School of Pharmacy students utilize this process for requesting academic accommodations?

No. Students in the School of Pharmacy should apply for academic accommodations through the University of Mississippi, Oxford campus.

What should I do when asked by a student to make course changes due to a disability?

You should refer the student to the Office of Academic Support for further information and assistance. All accommodations for students with disabilities must be requested and recommended through the Office of Academic Support.

How will I know that a student has been granted academic accommodations?

When the Accommodations Review Committee recommends academic accommodations, an official letter is sent to the student and the dean of the corresponding school.

The student must contact their program chair/director and faculty responsible for the implementation of recommended academic accommodation(s). The student must provide a copy of the official letter from the Accommodations Review Committee.

What are examples of academic accommodations?

The recommended accommodations will vary based on the student's disability. Common accommodations are below.

- Time and a half for scheduled written and/or computer-based examinations
- Testing environment with limited distractions during written and/or computer-based examinations when available
- Alterations to classroom seating

What should I do if I have questions about how to implement the academic accommodations?

Faculty often have questions about the implementation of academic accommodations, and should contact the Office of Academic Support.

For example, time and a half for examinations refers to scheduled written and/or computer-based examinations. It should not be applied to experiential examinations, practical examinations, clinical experiences, laboratory experiences, simulation activities, or standardized patient experiences.

When will I receive notification so that I have time to make the necessary adjustments?

Students must contact their program chair/director and faculty in advance for implementation of accommodations. You should contact the academic dean of your school regarding any school-specific time requirements.

Are recommended academic accommodations applied to past course exams or requirements?

No. Academic accommodations are not provided retroactively. Recommended academic accommodations cannot be provided for academic work completed before students receive academic accommodations.

Accommodations may be applied going forward from the date of the official letter from the Accommodations Review Committee.

What if the academic accommodations do not seem reasonable for my course?

You should contact the Office of Academic Support immediately to discuss your concerns.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

You may contact Dr. Natalie Gaughf, Director of the Office of Academic Support, or Dr. Penni Foster at 601-815-5064 or AcademicSupport@umc.edu.

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The Office of Academic Support is located on the second floor of the Verner Holmes Learning Resource Center, across from the entrance to the Rowland Medical Library, in suite U155-A.