



FAQ's What Professors Need to Know

- 1. My student has accommodations but has not talked to me about them. Am I responsible for communicating with the student about their accommodations?**

Although it is the student's responsibility to communicate with the professor about how accommodations will be implemented in the course, the process should be collaborative. This means that it is best practice for professors to be proactive in initiating conversations when needed.

- 2. I teach an asynchronous course, and my student has extended time for assignments, but they already have ample time to complete the assignment. Do I still have to honor this accommodation?**

Yes, the student would be eligible to receive the outlined extension beyond the identified due date. However, it is important for the student and professor to communicate and collaborate when additional time is needed, as accommodations are not applied automatically.

- 3. I just received my student's accommodation letter yesterday and they are asking for assignments to be reopened from the beginning of the term. Is this a part of their accommodations?**

Retroactive accommodations are not guaranteed. When a student requests substantial retroactive extensions (like reopening weeks or months of past work), instructors are encouraged to consult with the accessibility office to determine whether such a request is reasonable.

- 4. My student has a flexible attendance policy accommodation. He called and stated that he could not attend class for the rest of the week due to the passing of a family member and he would like to use his accommodation. Do I have to honor this accommodation?**

Flexible attendance accommodations support students who experience episodic or unpredictable disability-related events that prevent them from attending class. These accommodations are *not* intended to excuse absences for unrelated personal reasons.



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5. Can I ask for documentation about a student's disability?

No. Professors may not ask for medical documentation. The accommodation letter is the formal notice of the student's approved accommodations.

6. What if I disagree with the accommodation?

If you ever disagree with an accommodation, you should *not* deny it on your own. Consult with the Student Accessibility Office before denying or modifying accommodations.