

A QUICK GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATIONS

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Make sure you have a valid accommodation letter for each semester
 - Email Accessibility Services to request the renewal of your accommodation letter
- Initiate contact with Instructors regarding your accommodation letter as soon as you are granted accommodations
 - ➤ Introduce yourself
 - Determine the best way to communicate (in person, email or phone)
 - ➤ Do not have to discuss the nature of your condition, but you should be prepared to discuss how your Instructor can assist with disability-related issues in the course
- Accommodations are not retroactive
 - Plan accordingly and make requests prior to the start of the semester
- Coordinate logistics of approved accommodations with Instructor
- Note takers/interpreters: if applicable, discuss the logistics of this with your Instructor <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Student Note-Taker</u>

- When utilizing testing accommodations, please make this request through your Instructor with advance notice
- Students using a Reader/Scribe, contact Accessibility
 Services to coordinate service at least 2 weeks in advance
- Secure Assistive Technology (AT), if needed as soon as possible
 - > Student is responsible for purchasing AT
 - ➤ For information regarding AT resources, please contact Accessibility Services.
 - Students needing materials in alternate formats should make request to Accessibility Services 4 weeks before classes begin.
 - Contact Accessibility Services immediately if you have questions or concerns about your accommodations.



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INSTRUCTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Confirm with student and accessibility services that you received student's accommodation letter
- Arrange time with student to discuss logistics of approved accommodations
 - Students do not have to discuss the nature of their condition, but should be prepared to discuss how you can assist with disability-related issues in the course
- Do not provide any accommodations unless you receive a current accommodation letter
- Provide **only** the approved accommodations
- Accommodations are <u>not retroactive</u>

- Extra Time *USE* only on timed tests/Use in the Testing Center
- Contact Accessibility Services immediately if you have questions or concerns about the student's accommodations
- Note takers/interpreters: discuss the logistics of this with the student
- Include <u>Universal Design</u> (UD) when designing your course
 - Use of supplemental materials, external websites and resources should be accessible to all students
 - Please contact Accessibility Services if you have any questions
 - All videos and audio materials should be captioned

For more information, contact:

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AS Engage page provides information about Universal Design, Case Scenarios, and Quick Tips for Faculty. Faculty can also find a wealth of information regarding student accommodations. Please visit AS Engage page:

https://engage.umuc.edu/community/diversity-and-equity/equity/office-of-accessibility-services/faculty-resources