

Common Questions About Accommodations

At the University of Vermont, we understand that students may have questions about the accommodation process. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and their responses.

1. Who is eligible for accommodations?

Students with documented disabilities, including physical, sensory, learning, psychological, or chronic health conditions, may be eligible for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

2. How do I request accommodations?

Students must submit a request to the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) office, along with documentation from a qualified professional. An intake meeting will be scheduled to discuss needs and determine appropriate accommodations.

3. What types of accommodations are available?

Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include extended test time, note-taking assistance, alternative formats for course materials, assistive technology, and housing or dining accommodations.

4. Will my instructors be notified of my accommodations?

Students receive an official accommodation letter, which they must share with their instructors. SAS does not automatically notify faculty, as students have the right to decide when and how to disclose their accommodations.

5. What if I need additional accommodations after the semester starts?

Students can request a review of their accommodations at any time by contacting SAS. Additional documentation may be required for new accommodation requests.

6. Do accommodations apply to internships or study abroad programs?

Yes, accommodations can extend to internships, clinical placements, and study abroad programs. Students should contact SAS as early as possible to coordinate support for these experiences.

7. Will my disability be kept confidential?

Yes, disability-related information is confidential and kept separate from academic records. SAS only shares information with faculty and staff on a need-to-know basis with the student's consent.

8. Do accommodations modify course requirements?

No, accommodations provide equal access but do not alter fundamental course requirements. Students must meet the same academic standards as their peers.

9. What should I do if I encounter difficulties with my accommodations?

Students should contact SAS immediately if they experience challenges with their accommodations. SAS can provide guidance, mediate discussions with instructors, or explore alternative solutions.

10. Where can I get more information or assistance?

For any questions or support regarding accommodations, please contact us at access@uvm.edu, (802) 656-7753.