

Office of Student Accessibility Services
EXTENSIONS ON ASSIGNMENTS ACCOMMODATION

WHAT IS IT?

The purpose of the extensions on assignments accommodation is to provide reasonable flexibility (typically 1-3 days) for students with disabilities if episodic and acute disability symptoms interfere with the ability to meet a course assignment deadline.

WHAT IS IT NOT?

- Unlimited acceptance of late work
- Retroactive requests
- Difficulty with personal organization and time management
- Failure to follow agreed-upon plans or alternate timelines

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Complete the Deadline Modification Agreement Form with the student
- Maintain communication with the student
- Respect the privacy of students with disabilities
- Treat disability information as confidential

WHAT SHOULD I AVOID?

- Disclosing a student's disability or status with OSAS to others or speaking to the student about disability-related needs when others are around
- Asking the student to provide a doctor's note to justify use of this accommodation
- Assuming all students with disabilities share the same experiences

FACULTY, STUDENT, & OSAS PARTNERSHIP

- Students are encouraged to work with their instructors early in the semester. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor if the accommodation is needed, preferably before the assignment due date
- This accommodation is considered assignment-by-assignment, rather than a blanket extension for all assignments. Extensions should be reasonable, in that they do not compromise the integrity of the assignment, course, and/or program
- Instructors should engage in dialogue with the student regarding assignment extension expectations, using the form included above
- Instructors may request consultation with OSAS if they believe that extending the deadlines for assignments would fundamentally alter an essential element of their class