



ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Occasional Extension of Assignment Due Dates

Federal law mandates that institutions provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities, which may include occasional extension of assignment due dates when deemed appropriate. If this accommodation has been approved, the following guidelines apply:

Occasional Extension of Assignment Due Dates:

- No more than 2 per semester per class or more than 24-48 hours post due date.
- Unless accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the assignment, such as message board posts or group assignments.
- Students are responsible for requesting an extension as far in advance of the due date as reasonably possible, given the nature of their disability and symptoms.
- If the request for an extension is made after the due date, the ADRC should be contacted for consultation.

Student Responsibilities

- Students are responsible for requesting an extension as far in advance of the due date as reasonably possible, given the nature of their disability and symptoms.
- Same day requests may not be considered.
- If the request for an extension is made after the due date, the ADRC should be contacted for consultation.
- Assignments like papers, projects, and homework often have extended availability as outlined in the course syllabus. Students are encouraged to complete these as early as possible. However, we recognize that students with unpredictable disabilities may experience situations where their symptoms prevent timely completion, even with their best efforts. This flexibility aims to help minimize the academic impact of such disabilities.
- This accommodation does not apply to extension requests unrelated to the student's disability (e.g., vacation, employment).

- If a student's request for extensions exceeds the approved accommodation (more than 2 per semester), they may need to explore other options such as withdrawal, medical leave of absence, or an incomplete. The ADRC does not approve or process these options.

Professor Responsibilities

- Professors are expected to provide occasional assignment extensions as a reasonable accommodation, unless doing so would fundamentally alter the core learning objectives or design of the course.
- If you believe that this accommodation would fundamentally alter your course, please [contact the ADRC](#) to discuss it further.
- If the request is made the same day the assignment is due, the professor can determine whether or not to allow the extension.
- **Important Note:** The guidelines for this accommodation are based on a standard 16-week course. If your course structure differs, please [contact the ADRC](#) to discuss how this accommodation applies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this accommodation or the frequency of absences, please [contact the ADRC](#).