

Law Student Disability Services 2024

Accommodations for Disabilities

The use of accommodations in post-secondary institutions is based upon more than just the diagnosis of a disability. It is based upon the severity of impact (Functional Impact) on a major life activity. The school requires documentation that provides more information than just a diagnosis; it must address the severity of impact.

A student must meet the requirements of each course they enroll in. It is important to separate personal skills and behaviors from academic requirements. A student with a disability will be graded using the same criteria for all students.

Procedure for Obtaining Accommodation

Students must complete the application form, "Request for Accommodation For Disability" available at Request for Accommodations.docx

- 1. Students must provide adequate documentation of their disability and its impact on their education.
- 2. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will review the request to determine the appropriate accommodations based on the documentation provided and the educational requirements of the law school. In some cases, the Associate Dean will discuss the accommodations with the student.
- 3. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify the student of the approved accommodation(s), if any.

Documentation Requirements

Disability Services at Oklahoma City University School of Law asks students who request disability accommodations to describe their disability, their past use of accommodations, and the disability's likely impact on their educational experiences. The student must provide documentation to support the request, which may include medical records, psycho-educational test results, and school records. Documentation can provide OCU with information about how the student's disability affects the student's ability to think and learn and can provide insight into appropriate and reasonable accommodations. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs normally discusses documentation requirements with a student requesting an accommodation and can help identify other ways to demonstrate the academic barriers facing the student.

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Accommodations for the Bar Examination

The bar examiners in each state, and the National Conference of Bar Examiners, have separate guidelines, procedures, deadlines, and documentation requirements for accommodations on the bar examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. If you have a qualifying disability and you need an accommodation for the bar examination, you must contact the bar examiners in the jurisdiction where you intend to take the bar examination and comply with their requirements. Submission of documentation of a disability to the School of Law and the granting of an accommodation by the School does not ensure that you will receive an accommodation on the bar exam. Each state's board of bar examiners makes a separate decision, and only they can grant an accommodation for the bar examination.