

DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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TOPICS

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Graduating?

We would love to hear any feedback about your experience here at SMU and DASS as a student with a disability. Any feedback to help us improve our services would be appreciated with an email to dass@smu.edu.

Also, if you are staying for graduate school at SMU, let us know so your file will stay active in DASS Link.

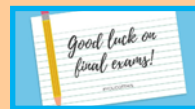


Are you using the Kurzweil reader system?

Kurzweil/Firefly is a software program that reads text aloud on your computer. The user either scans in the text or opens a digital copy of the text and listens to the words. If you are using Kurzweil, please reply to dass@smu.edu and let us know.

We would like feedback from students before continuing the site license for another year.

TOP STUDY TIPS



* *Just get started.* Don't wait until you FEEL like studying. Have a start time planned on the weekend and reading day.

- * *Create a master to-do list* and a schedule for the remaining days in the semester.
- * *Stay healthy.* Get some sleep and avoid caffeine. Seriously – your brain will thank you.
- * *Take short breaks* every hour or so, even if only for 2-3 minutes.
- * *Study in a distraction-reduced environment.* Turn off your cell phone, TV and email notifications.
- * *Manage your anxiety.* By listening to calming music, stretching or breathing deeply, you can avoid stress and release negative thoughts.
- * *Attend review sessions, study groups:* You may be tempted to skip out on that review session or study group but this could be a huge mistake. Structured time can be very productive.

May Term and Summer Letters

NOW is the time to submit your semester request for May Term 2021.

Classes will begin on **May 13th- May 27th** and we recommend you share your letter with your professor before the May Term begins.

Summer & Mini Summer Sessions

If you are attending summer classes that begin June 1st with regular and mini sessions all summer, be sure and submit your semester request for your summer classes a couple of weeks before classes begin so you have time to contact your instructor to discuss testing arrangements well before a test is scheduled!



Fall Semester Requests

The best time to submit a semester request is 2 weeks before classes begin. This allows for any class changes that may have been made (by you) so your letter will be up to date. Once you are notified your letter has been shared with your professors successfully through DASS Link, *you should make plans to meet with them during office hours* (skipping this step means your accommodations are NOT finalized).

Fall classes begin August 23, 2021

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