

## DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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Your DASS Link login: <https://smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/students/login>



### TOPICS

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- \* **SPRING LETTERS**
- \* **“THE HILL WE CLIMB”**
- \* **SPRING TESTING REMINDERS**
- \* **ACADEMIC COACHING**

#### “The Hill We Climb”



Amanda Gorman, [Youth Poet Laureate](#), has learning disabilities that have shaped her. View her [poem](#) at the Presidential Inauguration January 20, 2021.

#### DASS Spring Semester Testing Reminders

- \* The same testing guidelines for the fall semester will carry over to the **spring semester**. Testing will mostly be managed by your professor, TA, or someone in the department.
- \* DASS will serve as a back-up to faculty who aren't able to proctor DASS students with testing accommodations. Only schedule at DASS if your instructor is NOT able to virtually proctor you him or herself. You MUST schedule **7** days in advance or more (if taking it at DASS)!
- \* To schedule a test at DASS, follow the instructions for setting it up in [DASS Link](#). Be sure to select one of the two types of “rooms”: “Virtual for remote test proctoring” or “Reader or Scribe testing room”. The latter is only for someone who requires a reader or a scribe for the test AND is approved for that accommodation.
- \* If you're taking your test on Canvas with extended time, it is helpful to send a reminder a few days before to your instructor to adjust the test time. Check the total testing time immediately when you start your Canvas test and alert your professor if it isn't correct.

#### Requesting DASS letters for Spring 2021 Semester

Welcome back to campus!

**Now** is the time to submit your “Semester Request” for your spring accommodation letters through DASS Link!

Instructions can be found here:

<https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/DASS-Link/StudentInstructions/SemesterRequest>.

Select Accommodation >> Select Semester Request

- ⇒ Be sure to **“Review the Renewal”** every time! Only check the classes you're enrolled in for that semester, and only the professors you want to receive an electronic letter unchecking any classes where you are just waitlisted. If you don't want a particular accommodation included in your letter to your professor (maybe a non-classroom accommodation), be sure it is unchecked.
- ⇒ Once you submit your semester request, a staff member will review and finalize your request and then a letter will be saved in your DASS Link account and you and your professors will receive email notifications.
- ⇒ If you add a class to your schedule **after** you make your Semester Request, you must again follow the above steps to submit another accommodation renewal request for your new class. Only check the box for the **new** class.
- ⇒ After the letter is electronically submitted and approved, it is **very important** that you meet with your professor to discuss your testing needs and other accommodations. **We repeat**, you still **need to communicate with each professor** to discuss how to implement your needed accommodations. **NOT meeting/communicating with your instructor could create a DELAY in you receiving your accommodations.**
- ⇒ Have a copy of your class schedule with you when you meet with your professor in order to determine how your accommodations will be handled and write down what is decided for your testing.

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#### ACADEMIC COACHING

*Need help with time management, organization and studying?*

DASS offers free, one-on-one academic coaching for undergraduate students with LD/ADHD. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, log into DASS Link to make an appointment with **David Tylicki**, our DASS academic coach.

<https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/DASS-Link/StudentInstructions/Appointments>

For more information:

<https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/SuccessStrategies/AcademicCoaching>.