

DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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DASS Student Support



If a DASS student is having issues implementing accommodations for a particular class or with a particular instructor, the student is encouraged to contact the DASS Coordinator for assistance.

We often can help ensure a plan is put in place and help you navigate the situation. We don't know you're having problems if we don't hear you!

2nd Notice !! Final Exams – IMPORTANT for anyone with testing accommodations

Final Exams will be held beginning **May 6th through May 12th**. The University's [final exam schedule](#) can always be found on the SMU website.

All exams will be delivered virtually and the procedures for DASS students should likely be the same as every other exam by notifying your instructor well before the exam date to ensure your accommodations can be set in place. (Dedman Law students should contact Dean Yeager's office or Kim Grace).

DASS assumes your instructors will be able to virtually proctor you for final exams, but if there is a conflict that can't be resolved between you and your instructor, our office can offer support.

If your instructor needs DASS to proctor your final exam, you, the student, must schedule no later than **April 29th in DASS Link**. Be sure to select "Final exam" so the system calculates the extended time correctly. Call before **4/29/21** with any questions. 214-768-1470.

Here is your [DASS Link login](#) to review scheduling a test.

April is Autism Acceptance month,

formally known as Autism Awareness month.



The [Autism Society of America](#), the United States' oldest leading grassroots autism organization, is celebrating Autism Acceptance Month (AAM) in April 2021.

This year's campaign is titled "Celebrate Differences," and it is "designed to build a better awareness of the signs, symptoms, and realities of autism." The 2021 focus is to "provide information and resources for communities to be more aware of autism, promote acceptance, and be more inclusive in everyday life."



Congratulations to our 2021 Extra Mile Award recipients!



Dr. Mark A. Chancey, Professor in the Department of Religious Studies of Dedman College School of Humanities and Sciences

Dr. Mark Chancey collaborates with students to ensure their accommodations are effective in his classes, and this year, modifying them to fit with the remote learning environment. Students said that they appreciate his proactively reaching out, anticipating their needs, and checking in with them throughout the semester.



Dr. Kara Sutton, Lecturer in the Sociology Department of Dedman College School of Humanities and Sciences

Dr. Kara Sutton creates a welcoming environment for students to discuss implementing their accommodations. New SMU students said they were thankful to have had her as one of their 1st professors because her caring demeanor and knowledge of the accommodation process helped them feel safe to advocate for themselves.



Samantha Thomson LoCoco, Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of English's Writing and Reading Program of Dedman College School of Humanities and Sciences

Professor Samantha Thomson Loco was praised by students with ADHD for preparing "extremely engaging" lectures that kept their focus. In addition, students with testing accommodations and demanding schedules appreciated her availability outside of class and office hours to proctor their exams herself.

Presented by Sydney Atlass, President of Students for New Learning

Thank you for going the extra mile for SMU students who learn differently.

Popcorn for the People

is new to The Market at Hughes-Trigg and is produced by a nonprofit, proudly employing individuals with Autism and other disabilities! Their gourmet popcorn is created, packaged, and sold by adults with Autism. Join us in combating the 80% unemployment rate in the Autistic community. Pick up a bag next time you visit The Market in Hughes-Trigg!

