



Excused Absences

- “Flexibility in Attendance as long as it does not take away from the essential learning requirements of a course or program” is an accommodation that may be given to a person who has a chronic impairment that could prevent that person from attending class due to complications from their disability. The decision for giving someone flexibility in attendance is based on the documented disability and is determined on a case by case basis.
- If a student is approved for the accommodation it will appear on their Accommodation Verification Letter (AVL), sent directly from the Office of Disability Resources.
- As indicated on their AVL, students who are approved for flexibility in attendance are also approved for the following accommodations: Ability to reschedule presentation or exam within 48 hours when student uses “flexibility in attendance” on originally scheduled day of presentation or exam. Doctor’s note must be submitted to ODR in order to reschedule the same presentation or exam more than once. If flexibility in attendance is used and *submitting homework electronically is not possible* then the student will submit homework within 24 hours.
- Students who are approved for flexibility in attendance can only use this accommodation for in-person or synchronous online classes. Students are not permitted to use this accommodation for online classes that are asynchronous and without required attendance.
- Students who are approved for flexibility in attendance can only use this accommodation if they miss class *due to a complication with their disability*. The absence is not excused if the student misses class due to common illness, oversleeping, etc.
- If the student misses class due to complications from their disability, they must email the professor as soon as reasonably possible, letting the professor know that class is being missed due to the disability.
- It is strongly suggested that faculty members contact the Office of Disability Resources with any questions related to the accommodation.
- Flexibility in attendance does not mean that course requirements are waived or altered.
- Drexel is on a 10 week quarter system. Missing more than a few classes of a course could *fundamentally interfere with the course requirements, making the accommodation no longer reasonable*.
- Students who miss a significant amount of their classes, may have to consider other options and will need to speak with the professor and/or advisor to discuss alternative options that may include an Incomplete, Course Withdrawal, or Medical Leave of Absence.