



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 determine 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 Disability Resources.
- 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 the flu, a stomach virus, oversleeping, etc., but will only be excused if directly related to the documented disability.
- 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 Disability Resources with any questions related to the accommodation.
- 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.*
- Flexibility in attendance does not mean that course requirements are waived or altered.
- 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.