

Information on disadvantage compensation for students with disabilities/chronic illnesses

Students with a disability, chronic illness or not only temporary health impairment that makes it harder from them to complete pass/fail and graded assessments can submit a request for disadvantage compensation.

Disadvantage compensation aims to ensure that the pass/fail and graded assessments can be completed under appropriate conditions and with equal opportunities. Disadvantages that students with the above-mentioned impairments have in comparison to other students when completing pass/fail and graded assessments should be compensated for as far as possible. The requirements that are part of the examination's performance profile may not be waived and there shall be no overcompensation. Measures to compensate for disadvantages must be determined individually in advance of the respective pass/fail or graded assessment.

Prerequisites for the granting of measures to compensate for disadvantages:

- Presence of a disability, chronic illness or not only temporary health impairment. In comparison to other students and under the regular conditions, the completion of pass/fail and graded assessments is more difficult, due to the impairment.
- The requirements of the pass/fail or graded assessment are not changed by the measures to compensate for disadvantages.

Examples of disadvantage compensation:

Writing time extensions for exams
Breaks in exams
Separate room during the exam
Extension of submission deadlines
Use of technical aids

Form and content of the request:

The request must be submitted in writing to the departmental examination committee (in bachelor's and master's degree programs) or to the respective Dean of Studies (in state examination programs).

It should contain as much information as possible about the specific restrictions on the completion of the respective pass/fail or graded assessment and about which measures are being requested.

A medical certificate must be submitted with the request, clearly stating the health impairments and the resulting restrictions on the completion of pass/fail and graded assessments.

The request must be submitted together with the examination registration or at the latest one month before the respective pass/fail or graded assessment.

Contact:

You can obtain further information and advice on disadvantage compensation from the [Representative for Students with a Disability/Chronic Illness of the University of Freiburg](#) and from your examination office.