

Information for Students with Special Academic Needs

According to the latest social survey of the Deutsches Studierendenwerk about 16 per cent of all students suffer from a chronic mental or physical illness, disability, developmental or partial performance disorder which is so severe that it restricts them in their studies. These students are eligible to apply for special services e.g. additional time for exams or other means of compensations for disadvantages

Advisors and contact details for international student

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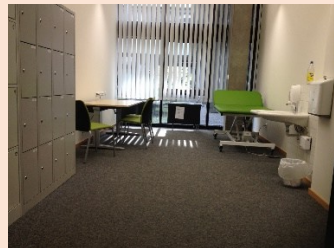
Link to homepage: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/studies/advice-help/studying-with-a-disability/contact-persons>

International exchange students from partner institutions should contact:

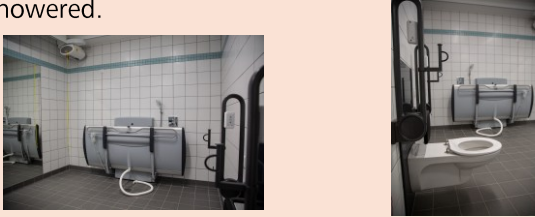
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Link to homepage: <https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/international/coming-to-regensburg/exchange-programs>

Required Means of Assistance	Faculties at UR
Wheelchair	<p>All buildings on campus are accessible for wheelchairs. Furthermore, there are also several sanitary facilities on campus accessible for wheelchairs.</p> <p>Public transportation:</p> <p>All city busses are accessible for wheelchairs.</p> <p>Trains: The German railway companies offer several services to assist passengers with special needs. Please note that you have to register for these special services in advance.</p> <p>Housing: Special housing facilities are available on request. It is recommended to inform the International Office well in advance of any special needs.</p>
Visually impaired	<p>Guide dogs are allowed on campus and all buildings. The campus is partially white cane friendly.</p> <p>Our central library offers special workstations and</p>

	<p>services for visually impaired students. It is possible to take exams with the help of assistants or at special computer workstations.</p> <p>Housing: Special guide dogs are allowed in student residences.</p>
Room for rest and relaxation	<p>There is a special room available on campus for students who need to take a break and get some rest (building PT 2.0.21)</p>  <p>Picture description: The interior of the special restroom is depicted. The room is equipped with a daybed, a table with chairs and a sink</p>
Assistance dogs	Dogs which are trained for special assistance are allowed on campus as well as in student residences.
Dyslexia	The university offers a special software for students with dyslexia which is available at the university's computer center (ClaroRead). Students may also apply for additional time for exams.
Dyscalculia	Unfortunately, currently students with dyscalculia are not eligible for any additional time for exams.
People with hearing and auditive impairments	It is possible to get special assistants for lectures and seminars. Mobile SM devices for sending audio messages directly on hearing aids are also available on request. Special arrangements for exam situations are possible.
Psychological disabilities (for example: Autism, etc.)	Students may apply for additional time for exams or other special academic accommodations on the basis of recent medical reports and documentation.

Possible Means of Compensation	Remarks
Additional time for oral and written examinations	Depending on the individual situation and the medical history, students may get between 15 – 50% extra time. It is necessary to note though that in most cases, students are granted additional time between 15 – 30%. 50% extra time is normally only granted for very severe cases of impairment.

<p>Use of a personal computer during classes and continuous assessments</p>	<p>Students can get the permission to use a personal computer during classes. Usually, the personal computer is provided by the university (either the department or the computer center).</p> <p>If necessary, students need to hand in a written explanation for the use of this tool.</p>
<p>Specific classroom for written examinations</p>	<p>If needed, a specific classroom can be organized upon request.</p>
<p>Permission to breaks, and to eat and drink during courses and exams</p>	<p>Depending on the individual situation, it might be necessary to have several breaks during classes and exams, as well as to have the permission to eat and drink during courses and exams. In order to get this permission, students need to hand in an official request together with some kind of medical confirmation.</p>
<p>Note takers during exams</p>	<p>Study assistance is allowed but not organized by the university. Students have to organize their assistance or note takers on their own.</p>
<p>Specific software or hardware</p>	<p>UR offers specific computer workstations for visually impaired students, special microscopes, as well as a special software program (ClaroRead).</p>
<p>Special restrooms (“restroom for all”): physics building 5.0.17</p>	<p>The university provides not only special restrooms which are suitable for wheelchairs but also a special restroom equipped with a ceiling lift, a lounge for the change of diapers as well as for getting showered.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  </div> <p>(Picture description: Two pictures show the interior of the restroom designated for wheelchairs and other special needs)</p>
<p>Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with special needs are granted extra time for loaning books • Digitalization of texts in legible versions or audio files • Literature services (support with photocopies, getting books or journals from the library, etc.) • Special support for students with hearing impairments

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drool catchers are available in several reading rooms
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	Students with mental health issues
Counselling services on campus	<p>The university offers special counselling services for students for free. Due to limited capacities, these advisors cannot provide intensive counseling but they are excellent first point of contacts and can help students organize help throughout their studies. Furthermore, the student service organization (Studierendenwerk Niederbayern/Oberpfalz) also offers psychological counselling.</p> <p>All contacts together with 24hrs help lines are published here: https://www.uni-regensburg.de/en/international/coming-to-regensburg/living-in-regensburg/psychological-counselling</p>
Special academic accommodations / means of compensations of disadvantages	<p>If you need any special academic accommodations due to mental health issues, please contact the responsible advisors listed on top of this pdf for advice!</p>

General Remark:

All students who have applied successfully for special academic accommodations, need to contact and inform their instructors as soon as possible in order to have enough time to organize the special accommodations for their exams.

Please note that some services (especially if special staff is necessary) may need to be financed by students themselves.