Per assignment deadline extension(s)

Per assignment deadline extension is an accommodation approved for students with a disability / chronic medical conditions that are episodic in nature with periodic flare-ups which result in occasional interruptions that interfere with the ability to meet a deadline.

This accommodation is designed to build in a modest amount of flexibility, 2 additional days is average, to a course policy to address the impact of a brief flare in condition. It is not designed to comprehensively address and fully support a student who misses, or is unable to, meet multiple course deadlines.

In some cases, course policy adjustments may not be possible in which case ARS will work with the student and instructor to determine other possibilities including course drop.

ARS staff consider the following circumstances when considering whether this accommodation is appropriate:

- The accommodation is appropriate in relation to the student's disability / chronic medical condition and the particular challenges the student experiences as a consequence of the disability / chronic medical condition.
- The granting of this particular accommodation does not compromise the critical, fundamental purpose or focus of the assessment task.
- Academic standards are not compromised.
- The impact of the proposed extension on other students, for example in the case of a group assignment or project.

Instructors are encouraged to use 'extended' assessment tasks which are 'universal' in their design, thus obviating the need for this accommodation to be negotiated for an individual student.

An essay paper with a maximum word limit of say 2500 words which the faculty member
estimates should be completed within a week by the vast majority of students but with a
time limit of 2 weeks (where the end-result under a time constraint is not a critical
component of the task) is an example of an assessment task with 'universal design'
features.

Of course, if the completion of a task to a certain, prescribed level or standard within a
'critical' time-frame is a critical component of an assessment task then it goes without
saying that a time extension cannot be granted.

A student may request a deadline extension in advance of the submission date. This
can happen through conversation with the instructor or by using the Deadline Extension
Request Form [1].

Source URL: https://ars.unc.edu/accommodations/assignment-deadline-extensions

Links
[1] https://ars.unc.edu/students/request-forms/assignment-deadline-extension-request-form-not-
testsexams