Per assignment deadline extension(s)

With the benefit of advance notifications of paper or assignment due dates, students are expected to schedule their time with consideration given to the possibility that they may experience challenges as a consequence of their disability or chronic medical condition and in the knowledge that work for other classes may be due.

?Per-assignment deadline extension? is an accommodation approved for students with a disability or chronic medical condition that is episodic in nature with periodic flare-ups which could cause interruptions that interfere with the student?s ability to meet a deadline.

This accommodation is designed to allow a modest amount of flexibility to a course deadline to address the impact of a brief flare or exacerbated impacts of a condition. It is not designed to comprehensively address and fully support a student who misses or is unable to meet multiple course deadlines. A student who is experiencing more significant challenges with meeting deadlines or who is facing multiple deadlines demand should meet with an ARS staff member to consider alternative strategies and options.

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

A student with this accommodation in their accommodation plan is strongly encouraged to discuss its use with the instructor at the beginning of each semester or as soon as it is available within an accommodation plan (and professors are encouraged to reach out to the student as well to share their expectations) and must then make the instructor aware of any need to utilize this accommodation as soon as reasonably practicable. The student may then request a paper or assignment extension by completing the 1per-assignment deadline extension request form. This request form will be submitted to the instructor and to ARS (for information) and ARS will be available to both professor and
student to discuss the implementation and appropriateness of the accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

Extension requests and approvals are generally expected to be short, that is, a matter of a day or two (24 - 48 hours) but this may be dependent upon other factors such as other course deadlines, for example, the sequence of course content and the necessity to release solutions.

The per-assignment deadline accommodation is deployed as follows:

1. Using the information/documentation available ARS makes an "in principle" determination that this accommodation is needed due to a direct link between the student's disability or chronic medical condition and the impacts and functional limitations the student experiences as a result resulting in a barrier.

2. It is then for instructors, sometimes in consultation with ARS as appropriate, on receipt of a request, to ensure that by granting the request:
   - There is no compromise to the critical, fundamental purpose or focus of the assessment task.
   - There is no compromise in any academic standards.
   - There is no interference in the completion of the assessment by other students, for example in the case of a group assignment or project.

Instructors are encouraged to use 'extended' assessment tasks that are 'universal' in their design, thus obviating the need for this accommodation to be addressed for an individual student. An example of an assessment task with 'universal design' features: a faculty member estimates that an essay paper with a maximum word limit of 2500 words should be completed within a week by the vast majority of students but, however, gives a time limit of 2 weeks to all students in the course as a universal accommodation to all.

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

Per-Assignment Deadline Requests can be made through a conversation with the instructor or by using the Deadline Extension Request Form [1].

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