

Guidelines for Examination Accommodations at the University of Stavanger

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In accordance with Section 10-5 of the Universities and University Colleges Act, students with disabilities and students with special needs are entitled to appropriate individual accommodations concerning facilities, teaching, learning materials, and examinations, in order to ensure equal educational opportunities.

The granting of accommodations is based on a specific overall assessment, which also takes into account the university's available resources. It is a prerequisite that the accommodation is considered necessary and appropriate to enable the individual student to complete their studies.

The accommodation must be of such a nature that it can be implemented without lowering academic standards.

The University of Stavanger has adopted the following guidelines for examination accommodations:

1. Extended Time

If needed, the following extensions may be granted:

- a) Up to 15 minutes for exams or compulsory submissions with a duration of up to two hours
- b) Up to 30 minutes for exams or compulsory submissions with a duration of up to four hours
- c) Up to one hour for exams or compulsory submissions lasting more than four hours
- d) Up to eight hours for home exams or compulsory submissions lasting from one to five days
- e) Up to one day for home exams or compulsory submissions with a standard duration of one week
- f) Up to two days for home exams or compulsory submissions with a standard duration of two or three weeks
- g) Up to one week for home exams or compulsory submissions with a standard duration of four to seven weeks
- h) Up to one month for bachelor's theses or other major written assignments, and up to two months for master's theses

1.2 If extended time is granted as "rest time" during on-campus exams, this must be used outside the exam venue.

1.3 In special cases, additional time may be granted beyond what is specified in points a–h above.

2. Upon application, students with reading and writing difficulties may be granted permission to use spelling dictionaries or a computer with proofreading software, unless otherwise specified in the course description. If they wish, students may also attach documentation of their reading and writing difficulties to their exam submission.

3. Upon application, students who were admitted based on passing the Bergen Test or an equivalent qualification may be granted permission to use bilingual dictionaries and/or a Norwegian dictionary. If they wish, students may also attach documentation confirming that their first language is not Norwegian to their exam submission