



SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY  
LAW SCHOOL

# DISABILITY SERVICES

at Suffolk University  
Law School



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## **SUFFOLK LAW'S COMMITMENT**

Suffolk Law is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities have equal, effective, and meaningful access to all academic programs and opportunities at the law school. Our overarching goals are to ensure that our programs, activities, and curriculum are accessible and that we operate in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

## **BAR EXAM INFORMATION**

It is important to note that accommodations in college and/or law school do not guarantee approval for accommodations on any Bar exam. Clinical documentation standards are very detailed, clear, and time sensitive.

**“There’s plenty of ability, but if we’re always focusing on the thing the person can’t do, you don’t focus on what the person can contribute.”**

**-Luke Debevec**

**Partner at Reed Smith**

**Co-Founder of LEADRS**

**(Looking for Excellence and Advancement of Disabled individuals at Reed Smith)**

# HOW DO I REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS?

1

Schedule an intake appointment with the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at the beginning of the year by calling 617-573-8034.

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Submit documentation that supports your accommodation requests to [disabilityservices@suffolk.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@suffolk.edu), or bring it to your appointment.

*During the intake appointment, ODS will discuss your accommodation requests and determine the appropriate next steps.*

## WHEN SHOULD I REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

**Classroom Accommodations:** 2 weeks before the first day of classes

**Digitally Formatted Materials:** 6–8 weeks before the first day of classes

**Communication Access:** 60 days before the start of the semester

*\*Exam accommodations will last for the academic year. Students must work with ODS to set up their in-class accommodations each semester*



## **WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?**

It depends! Accommodations granted vary from student to student depending on their needs. Some of our more common accommodations include a reduced distraction testing environment, ability to use a laptop in class, and extra time on exams. Disability Services will work with you to determine the best success plan.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

Students must submit qualified clinical documentation. A diagnosis in and of itself is not a sufficient rationale for a request for accommodations. Some examples of documentation include comprehensive clinical testing and assessments from psychiatrists or psychologists. Accommodations are primarily based upon assessment of the current impact of the student's disability(ies) on their academic performance.



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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ➔ **Academic Support Program**  
Writing specialists are available to assist students of all abilities in order to master their writing and study skills.
- ➔ **Progress to Success**  
A diversity peer mentoring and community enrichment program for diverse, nontraditional, and first-generation law students.
- ➔ **Moakley Law Library**  
The staff of the library will provide assistance to students with disabilities as needed in the search and selection of materials.
- ➔ **Health Services**  
Maintain optimal physical and emotional health with comprehensive, high-quality, easily accessible, and cost-effective primary care.
- ➔ **University Counseling Center**  
Assist with effectively defining and attaining personal, academic, and career goals. They provide services such as individual and group counseling and outreach programs.
- ➔ **Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers**  
Services are free and confidential and can include assistance with dealing with stress, depression, concerns about the Bar exam, alcohol/drug abuse, or financial and/or career concerns.

# QUESTIONS?

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