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Studying with a Chronic or Progressive Illness

Students who live with chronic illness such as allergies, asthma, metabolic disorder like diabetes, epilepsy and other kind of seizer disorder or progressive illness such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, muscle dystrophy, rheumatism or AIDS belong to this group.

Such illness impacts students in many different ways. Required support is individual and it will be clarified at the Disability Office (see attachment).

How Lecturers can support

- When asked, please take some time for a meeting with students.

In the Lecture/ Seminar

- Having a student assistant for taking notes, doing literature research, etc. might be necessary. The cost arising from this will be covered by the Disability Office or Disability Insurance. You can support us to find a suitable assistant.
- For absence due to illness, we could ask for a recording (video or sound) of the missed session. To protect the copyright, the Disability Office will issue a license agreement between the lecturer and the student.

Others

For an obligatory internship, your personal involvement in finding a position that fits students' needs will be helpful.

Possible Adjustments for Course Assessments (Other arrangements are also possible)

- Extension of deadline for writing assignments or alternative assessment
- Exams: writing with PC/Laptop instead of writing with hands, extra time, a break for longer exams, special seat (at the edge close to the door/ lose seat), etc.

For questions and organizational matters, please contact the Disability Office.

Attachment

Process for clarification of individual adjustments

According to paragraph 17 "Studying with Disability" in the regulation of admission at University of Zurich stated below, the impact on study-related activities caused by health problems or impairments will be clarified at the Disability Office.

In complex situations, the lecturers and/or program coordinators concerned will join in the clarification process.

The Disability Office will document the individual adjustments in the form of CIRA¹. Depending on the faculty, either the Disability Office or the student will request for the implementation of adjustments to a responsible person according to each faculty's regulation.

After the proposition has been authorized, the lecturer, the Disability Office or the student him/herself will inform of the accommodations to the responsible person.

¹ CIRA stands for "Certificate of Individual Reasonable Accommodation".



The Disability Office will eagerly support in carrying out the measures.

§ 17. Studium und Behinderung

¹ Bei Vorliegen einer ärztlich bescheinigten Behinderung oder chronischen Krankheit (gemäss UNO-Behindertenrechtskonvention, UNO-BRK, Art. 1) ist während des Immatrikulationsverfahrens bei der Beratungsstelle Studium und Behinderung ein Gesuch zur Prüfung der Auswirkung auf studienrelevante Aktivitäten einzureichen.

² Allfällig den Nachteil ausgleichende Massnahmen können nur nach erfolgter Prüfung semesterweise gewährt werden.

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