

## DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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### TOPICS

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### SNL Meeting

Students for New Learning

Zoom: <https://smu.zoom.us/j/93809445031>

**Tuesday, April 6**, join us for a roundtable discussion on which instructors are most supportive to DASS students with learning differences. We'll also talk about timing your courses to sync with your natural highs and lows of the day, and balancing your Fall 2021 schedule with a mix of class difficulty levels and subjects.

### Fall 2021 Enrollment

Now is a good time to start thinking about your summer and fall classes as registration is right around the corner. Schedule to meet with your advisor ASAP and clear any holds in my.SMU so you're ready for your Enrollment Appointment-which can be found in my.SMU. If you have test-taking accommodations, keep in mind how that might impact the arrangement of your classes in a day. Building in breaks between classes is advisable, if possible. This minimizes the need to reschedule tests for those with extended time. Since the final exam schedule is already created for Fall 2021, you can even determine what your particular final exam schedule will look like, with a given sample schedule. [Final Exam Schedule](#)

### Did you know?



SMU has invested in a digital, interactive map with Concept3D, which will provide much more real-time information for getting around campus. Construction updates will be imbedded, and accessible entrances will be identified for each building. In the future, way-finding will be included for walkers and wheelchair users. Facilities, Planning and Management as well as DASS and the President's Commission for the Needs of Persons with Disabilities has worked on this initiative!

### Extra Mile Award Nominations



Every spring during the Hilltop Excellence ceremony, our "Students for New Learning" (SNL) organization presents 2 or 3 instructors with Extra Mile Awards. If you have ADHD or an LD, and an outstanding SMU instructor helped and inspired you, pay them back and nominate them for an Extra Mile Award! Last year winners were:

Maryann Cairns – Anthropology  
Sara Romersberger – Theatre  
Frederick Chang – Computer Science



If you want to nominate an instructor who inspired you and went the extra mile for you, just email David ([dtylicki@smu.edu](mailto:dtylicki@smu.edu)) the name and a few sentences about why you want them to be recognized by **Monday, March 22nd**.

### TIPS FOR GETTING AHEAD IN YOUR CLASSES

#### *In need of some academic support ?*

Take advantage of campus and A-LEC Resources to support your academic goals and habits. [Tutoring schedules](#) and [Writing Center](#) details are always posted on the A-LEC website. Other resources are available to you under *Shortcuts* in your DASS Link portal. Please reach out to your professors if you are struggling in your classes. Your challenges may be different this semester than in the past. They may have some strategies to help you in your studies and assignments.

#### *Are you planning ahead for upcoming tests?*

Contacting your professor at least one week before the exam will allow time to resolve any conflict you or maybe professor may have in administering extra time to your test if approved for this. Sharing your schedule with your professor will help you discuss your testing conflicts. It is your responsibility to communicate with professors to get those accommodations set in place! ***You've got this!***

**6 weeks to finals!**