

Information and advice on applying for compensation for disadvantages for students with disabilities or chronic illness

For some of you, the examination phase is a more stressful time than for others, because you are studying with impairment / chronic illness and encounter some barriers. This can make studying more difficult. But you have the possibility to apply for disadvantage compensation.

The compensation of disadvantages is not a privilege, but the claim is often legally anchored.

All students with impairments and/or chronic illness can apply for compensation for disadvantages. Not every impairment and/or chronic illness justifies a claim for disadvantage compensation. You can find the application form for this on the web pages of the Admissions and Examination Office (Forms/ Downloads).

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1. What does that mean? Do I belong to it?

It is impossible to list all impairments or chronic diseases. The spectrum ranges from mobility impairments, e.g. due to rheumatism, to visual, hearing or speech impairments, to mental illnesses, e.g. MS or dyslexia, or other partial performance disorders, which can be reasons for compensation for disadvantages.

2. How can I receive compensation for disadvantages?

1. **Obtain a specialist medical certificate** as proof of the impairment/illness with resulting limitations as well as possible solutions how these can be compensated.
2. **Apply to the examination chairman of the department**, in cooperation with the representative for the interests of students with disabilities, **at the beginning of the semester**.
3. **Once the application has been approved**, please **inform the examiners immediately about the type of disadvantage compensation**.
4. Please **send a copy of the approval to the Matriculation and Examination Office** of the university.

3. What kind of compensation for disadvantages is there?

They are diverse and individually different due to different impairments and their respective effects. For example, this can be:

- Advice on possible changes in the implementation and organization of the study program.
- Extension of the processing time.
- Provision of aids and assistance.
- In justified cases, a different form of examination can be granted, e.g. oral instead of written.

4. Too complicated?

If you have initial questions about compensation for disadvantages or the project "Barrier-free University (germ.: Barrierefreie Hochschule)", you can send an e-mail to barrierefreie-hs@hs-emden-leer.de. There you will receive initial information for your orientation.

If you have any further questions regarding compensation for disadvantages, please contact the chairman of the examination board of your degree program.