

Information on Disability Accommodations ("Protection Provisions")

This information sheet is intended to inform students with long-lasting or permanent impairments (disabilities, chronic or mental illnesses), pregnant individuals, parents, caregivers, etc., that they can apply for disability accommodations if they are unable to fulfill examination requirements in the prescribed manner for the reasons mentioned below. Disability accommodations may result in altered conditions for the designated module exam(s) or the possibility of providing equivalent performance in a different format. The specific nature of the disability accommodations is determined on a case-by-case basis. Please note the following:

Disability accommodations are regulated in the "Protection Provisions" of § 21 APO (General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs and other study programs at the University of Göttingen, current version: AM I No. 5 of 10.02.2023):

„§ 21 Safeguarding Provisions“

(1) ¹If the examinee credibly demonstrates in good time before registering for an examination or commencing a coursework that they are not in a position due to the effects on account of a long-lasting illness or a permanent handicap or mental illness (disabilities within the meaning of § 3 BGG-Bund), pregnancy, raising a child up to the age of 14, caring for close relatives within the meaning of § 7 section 3 of the Caregiver Leave Act (Pflegezeitgesetz), or for other important reasons limiting the presentation of their qualifications to deliver these examinations or coursework or any portion thereof in the prescribed way, duration, processing time or deadline, at the intended location or otherwise in the intended manner, the board of examiners shall grant appropriate compensation for the disadvantage. ²Measures to compensate for disadvantages include, in particular, a change in the external conditions, including the place and time of performance, an extension of the processing time, the admission of aids or assistants and the determination of a different form of performance; the selected compensation for disadvantages should compensate for any identified disadvantages as fully as possible, but must not overcompensate for them. ³Circumstances according to sentence 1 are to be presented by the examinee, in the case of non-obvious health issues to be proven by a qualified medical, as a rule specialist medical, or psychotherapeutic statement, otherwise to be made credible by other suitable documents; the examinee should also explain which measures of disadvantage compensation he*she considers adequate due to the circumstances presented according to sentence 1. ⁴An application in accordance with sentence 1 may be made jointly for several examination components and coursework and may cover all examination components and coursework to be completed in the course of a degree programme or partial degree programme, unless a change in the circumstances in accordance with sentence 1 is to be expected. ⁵The Examination board defines in a definitive form the amended terms of the examination performance. ⁶These conditions must be communicated to the examinee at least in text form and must be justified; § 9 section 8 sentences 1 and 2 apply accordingly. ⁷If a decision according to sentence 5 concerns several pieces of coursework and examination components over the period of several semesters, the examinee is obliged to inform the Examination board immediately of any change in the circumstances presented according to sentence 1. ⁸In difficult cases involving health issues, the representative for students with disabilities and chronic illnesses should be consulted.

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(3) ¹Pregnant students shall not be permitted to take examinations or coursework if, according to a medical certificate, this would endanger the life or health of the mother or child. ²Furthermore, the safeguarding provisions set down in §§ 3, 4, 6 and 8 of the German Maternity Protection Act¹, the time limits and provisions stipulated in § 1 section 1 or section 3 no. 3 or section 5 in cases of particular hardship as well as §§ 15 and 16 of the Federal Parental Benefit and Parent Leave Act² in their currently amended forms shall apply.

(4) ¹No disadvantages for the student may arise from his observance of the provisions set down in section 3. ²The fulfilment of prerequisites set down in sections 2 to 3 must be demonstrated by adequate documents, such as medical certificates, birth certificates, certificates issued by the residents' registration office etc.

For the determination of eligibility for disability accommodations, the application process, and the necessary documentation, I am happy to advise you at any time:

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A request for disability accommodations should include the following information and documentation (all scanned and sent via email):

- Information about the impairment (e.g., the presence of a disability, chronic/mental/long-lasting illness)
- Description of how the impairment/special situation affects the examination
- Proposal for disability accommodations (→ what would help you?)
- Scanned (specialist) medical/therapeutic opinion or other suitable evidence to confirm the (health) effects

¹ Mutterschutzgesetz.

² Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz.