Studying at TUM

with a disability or chronic illness

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TUM Center for Study and Teaching
Office for Disabled and Chronically Ill Students
Studying at TUM
with a physical, chronic or mental impairment

Who we are

Support before your studies

Support during your studies

Contacts
We are the student advisers for **Studying with Special Needs**

- we advice, inform and support before and during your studies
- concerning hardship applications, disadvantage compensation, support options at TUM etc.
- we establish contact to the faculties/departments
- …

Please do not hesitate to contact us!

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Support before your Studies
Application for a Master program

- two-step aptitude assessment procedure: **you need to meet the requirements!**
  

- Possibility of adapting the 20 minute admissions interview circumstances, contact your future department
  
Support during your studies
Results of the 22nd Social Survey

- More and more students state that physical, mental or sensory impairments make their studies more difficult.
- 16% of all students state one or more study-related impairments (2016: 11%, 2012: 7%).

Results of the best3 Study

- Survey of almost 30,000 students with impairments from 250 universities who took part in the 2021 summer semester.
- 97% of the students with disabilities, it is not immediately visible, in a good 59% it is not visible in the long term.
- 92% of all students with severe study-relevant impairments state that they have difficulties in at least one of the areas of study organization, teaching and learning or examinations and assessments:
  - 66% have problems with the workload or the specified academic regulations
  - For 50% teaching and learning, working in self-study phases is problematic
  - Around 44% of students consider the density of examinations to be a problem.
Disadvantage compensation

- Compensation for study limitations by appropriate measures depending on the effects of the impairment and the respective subject of study

- Achievement targets of the study and examination regulations remain unchanged

- Individual and situation-based

Application:
- Application form indicating appropriate measures to compensate for disadvantages
- Appropriate medical certificate (effects and measures, possible medical recommendation)
- If applicable: disabled person`s pass

Disadvantage compensations are not a relief!
Support during your studies: disadvantage compensation

Note:
- different requirements of each subject, incl. examination conditions
- very individual effects of a disability or chronic disease

Possible measures:
- Extension of completion deadlines (e.g. Extension of Study Period)
- Time extension for written or oral exams
- Breaks during the exam
- Adaptation of tasks (font size and type, etc. or as an audio file) as well as adaptation of speaking speed or pronunciation in oral exams
- Use of personal and/or technical aids to compensate for the handicap (for example typists or readers, sign language interpreters)
- Modifications of excursions and stays abroad

Contact persons at the faculties or schools!

Support during your studies

Leave of absence

- Inability to study due to health impairments

- Application per semester before the semester starts or if the reason occurs later up to 5 weeks after the beginning of the semester

- Submit form in TUMonline with a medical certificate

- You don’t have to write exams!
Financial support and material resources

- Scholarships
  - e.g. „Deutschlandstipendium“
  - Consultation at TUM
  - Munich Student Union

- Exemption from the semester ticket fee

- Material resources
  - individual needs depending on the situation and impairment
  - e.g. orientation aids, induction loops, ramps etc.

- BAföG
  - various exceptions (e.g. regarding duration of study, change of subject area)
  - Possible increased demand according to SGB II and SGB XII
Office for disabled and chronically ill students and prospective students

Representative for the disabled and chronically ill students is Prof. Dr. Diepold

Contact persons for disabled and chronically ill students at the faculties/schools

Advice and support at TUM

- General Student Advising
- Academic advisory services
- Academic Coaching
- TUM4mind, TUM4Health

https://www.tum.de/en/studies/support-and-advice
External advice and support

- Studying with a disability or chronic illness
- Psychosocial and Psychotherapeutic Counselling Center
- General and social counselling
- Accommodation for students with disabilities or chronic illness

https://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/advisory-network/
External advice and support

- Klinikum (Hospital) rechts der Isar
- Information and Advice Center
  Studying with Disabilities (IBS)
- Krisendienste Bayern (Crisis Service Bavaria)
- More contact persons and information on our homepage

Thank you for your attention!

All the best for you