Are you experiencing academic disadvantage as a result of a health condition or impairment; or difficult personal circumstances?

Then the SEAD University policy may be of interest to you.

The Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy is a way to identify reasonable adjustments that minimise the impact of your circumstances upon your studies.

The University may provide reasonable adjustments to you if you are experiencing academic disadvantage.

Examples of Reasonable adjustments?

Adjustments may include:
• Alternative exam conditions such as extra time, rest breaks, alternative venue, even permission to bring in food, drink or medication.
• Extra time to complete written assessment such as essays and assignments.
• Someone to take notes for you in class.
• Captioning for audio visual material.
• Alternatively formatted reading materials e.g. electronic, large-print, Braille.
• Accessible venues.
• Assistance with LMS.
• Priority allocation of tutes.
• Ergonomic furniture.

How do I get these adjustments?

Contact the Eastern Precinct Student Centre or the Disability Liaison Unit. The DLU can assist students with ongoing health conditions and impairments. The Student Centre has delegated Student Equity Officers who can assess your needs and identify what services and adjustments may be appropriate for you.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

You will need to provide up to date documentation about your circumstances from a recognised independent professional for example: doctor, psychologist, counsellor, psychiatrist, law enforcement officer, lawyer, social worker, accountant, case worker, etc.

This documentation needs to identify your situation and specify its impact upon your studies along with the time frame in which you are likely to be affected and any recommendations they may feel need to be taken into account.

Is this confidential?

All information provided by you is treated as confidential and the University staff work within the University’s Privacy Policy and the privacy legislation. Only staff involved in implementing your adjustments need to know about your circumstances.

When should I disclose?

As early as possible. We recommend making an appointment once you receive your offer or circumstances arise.

Where can I find more information?

Contact your Student Centre or the Disability Liaison Unit
Consult the Student’s Experiencing Academic Disadvantage policy at http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html