



The Center for Accessibility Resources & Disability Services

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I'm Registered With CARDS, Now What?

Barnard's CARDS helps community members with disabilities so that they have equal access and opportunities to succeed during their time at Barnard. The accommodations you have in place are based off of the barriers reported in your documentation and from any self reporting while meeting with your coordinator. This is an *interactive* plan meaning you get to decide which accommodations you're requesting in each of your classes, how often they're used and whether they're needed for each class based on your experience in each class, every semester. You will need to request your accommodations in each class at the start of every semester so your professors can acknowledge your specific accommodations. Academic accommodations are active throughout your time at Barnard whereas housing accommodations are an annual process that require updated documentation and housing application each year.

How Do Faculty Members Interact with My Accommodations?

Once you've requested your accommodations for your classes, your professors will receive a faculty notification letter they'll need to acknowledge that states they are aware of your accommodations and will facilitate them in their course. Faculty members and teaching staff do not receive any information on diagnosis (unless there is a specific educational need to know, or you opt to self disclose) nor do you need to provide documentation to them when using an accommodation. If you received accommodations in elementary or high school, you may have had an IEP or 504 plan that was specific to your elementary or high school setting. At this level of schooling, IEPs and 504 plans no longer apply and your plan of accommodation is simply referred to as "your accommodations".

If you have testing accommodations, please be aware that your professors will need to submit their Alternative Testing Contract before you are able to schedule any exams in AIM. If you are using a disability-related absence or extension, please communicate to your professors in a timely manner.

What If I Need More or Less Supports Than My Plan Offers?

Since this is an interactive process, you can choose which accommodations to use based on your current disability-related need. If more support is needed due to a disability-related barrier, you can schedule a check-in with your coordinator to discuss additional accommodations as needed. They will inform you whether additional documentation is needed to be eligible for a given accommodation.