



Special Examination Accommodations for Foreign Students

- A. Overview and Purpose:** To help promote a racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse academic environment, Stetson University College of Law encourages applicants from other countries for all of its degree programs. Because virtually all courses at the College of Law are taught in English, all admitted students are expected to be proficient in the English language. However, certain examination accommodations are available to qualified foreign students to assist them in adjusting to the rigors of law study in the United States.
- B. Eligibility:** The Associate Dean of Academics may grant an examination accommodation, within his or her discretion, to a foreign law student who has difficulties with the English language. In usual cases, to receive the accommodation a foreign student cannot --
- be a native speaker of the English language;
 - have lived in an English-speaking country for five years or more, whether consecutive or not;
 - have attended an English-language high school or university for at least one academic year; or
 - have earned a degree with a major in the English language at a university.

Although the Associate Dean of Academics may grant an accommodation to a foreign law student who does not meet the eligibility requirements, exceptions will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances. In making these determinations, the Associate Dean of Academics may consult with individuals within or outside Stetson University who specialize in linguistics or other fields.

- C. Accommodation:** The typical accommodation for an eligible foreign student is as follows:
- First fall, spring, and summer: 50% additional time, plus the use of a paper, non-legal dictionary
 - Remaining semesters: no accommodation

The Associate Dean of Academics may adjust the accommodation based on individual circumstances; usually, if the accommodation is adjusted, it will be to provide less time, not more.

D. Procedure for Seeking the Accommodation: A student seeking an accommodation under this policy should complete the form “Request for a Special Examination Accommodation for a Foreign Student” and submit it to the Associate Dean of Academics no later than the examination accommodations deadline set on the academic calendar. The student must submit this form each semester so that the College of Law can accurately track and plan for students with examination accommodations.

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