

Pop Quizzes and Accommodations

All accommodated assessments administered by SDS must be scheduled a minimum of one week in advance by the student. This deadline ensures SDS can arrange appropriate space, staffing, and resources to provide the requested accommodations.

The need for advance notice presents some difficulty if there are unscheduled or “pop” quizzes in a course. **SDS cannot accommodate unscheduled quizzes.** SDS will consult with instructors as needed regarding how to accommodate unscheduled or “pop” quizzes.

In addition, here are some suggestions for accommodating those quizzes within the classroom environment:

Avoid:

- 1) Asking a student to come to the classroom early or to leave the classroom while other students are present. Student privacy regarding accommodations is essential.
- 2) If a student is going to take a quiz with an instructor or a TA at an alternate time, choose a location where the student will not be interrupted. Some examples of interruptions are: copy machines, phones, people typing on keyboards, or people leaving and entering the room.

Consider:

- 1) Asking the student which accommodations are necessary for quizzes. Some students need accommodations for longer exams but can manage quizzes. Others need accommodations consistently. It is okay to ask in a confidential way. SDS suggests, “There may be pop quizzes in this class. Typically the quizzes are (insert: multiple choice, short answer etc.). How can we work together to ensure you have the accommodations you need?”
- 2) Rather than extending the time, allow the student to take part of the quiz. If the quiz has 5 questions, students who use double time would be required to answer 2 questions. The instructor can choose those questions or allow the student to choose.
- 3) Adjustments to grading scales so that unscheduled quizzes do not hinder a student’s overall grade are possible. Consult with SDS to determine what reasonable options might be in the context of a specific course.
- 4) Alternate assignments (i.e., online discussions, writing quiz questions, answering short answer questions at home) are possible options. Consult with SDS to determine what is reasonable.
- 5) Quizzes might be placed on Canvas for all students – thereby eliminating the need for any student to schedule a time and place to take a quiz.