Making Good Use of Accommodations: Extended Time on Exams

**DO:**

* Make good use of your time.
* Review exam before starting to make sure that you understand the instructions.
* Consider which questions – like an essay question at the end of the exam – will take the most time, and monitor your progress to leave sufficient time for all of the test items.
* Mark answers you are unsure about and review them if you have time.
* Use stress-reduction techniques
* Take a few moments at the start of the exam to write down any information you are
concerned you’ll forget.
* If you find that feelings of stress are interfering with your test-taking, take a short break to relax and re-focus.
* Read test items carefully. If you have questions, speak with the instructor. If the instructor is not available, write a note in the margin explaining your confusion and why you answered as you did.

**DO NOT:**

* Rush. If you consistently feel rushed or are unable to finish your exams in the allotted time, let your DS provider know.
* Leave your work unchecked. If you don’t use all of your allotted time answering the questions, make full use of the remaining minutes to check your work.