

ACADEMIC ACCOMODATIONS

for victims/survivors of sexualized violence

We recognize that experiences of sexualized violence, historical or recent, can impact a person's academic life in various ways.

TRU's Sexualized Violence Policy states, "Assistance will be provided to Victims/Survivors by working with them to determine the level of support, workplace and/or academic accommodations."

It also states that Faculty and Academic Departments have a role to "Cooperate to the extent possible with Students or their advocates seeking academic accommodation following an incident of Sexual Violence"



This resource is intended to help folks understand some of the possible academic supports that are available.

It does not capture everything - ie the person who caused harm being in your class, study spaces or program, retroactive withdrawals, making up missed course work, etc.

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Manager can work with individuals (students or faculty members) to determine possible academic supports for their specific circumstances.



Helpful Resources and Policies

- Overview of Academic Supports:
www.tru.ca/current/academic-supports
- Overview of sexualized violence specific supports:
www.tru.ca/sexual-violence
- Withdrawals Policy - information on how to withdrawal after the official withdrawal date
- Grading Systems Policy - explanation of Deferrals and Aegrotat options
- Student Academic Appeals Policy - process for appealing a final grade

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what's possible



To complete the current semester

- Extensions on quizzes, assignments, midterms, etc.
 - Alternative ways to meet course goals (e.g. written rather than oral participation)
 - Deferral of course material for up to 6 weeks after the semester ends
- ★ This is defined in TRU's Grading Systems Policy (ED 03-5)



who decides



These are normally granted at the discretion of each course instructor.

Chairs and Deans may also support them.

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Manager can:

- work with a Student Case Manager to liaise with your Faculty so that your anonymity is protected or
- directly communicate with your Faculty, meaning they will know you experienced some kind of SV



If you feel unable to complete the semester

A Withdraw in Extenuating Circumstances can remove you from courses and may come with up to 80% tuition refund.

You will need to fill out a form, provide a brief personal statement explaining the reason(s) for your request, and attach some kind of supporting documentation.

*Withdrawals (W) on your transcript do not affect your GPA



These are assessed on a case by case basis by the Enrollment Services Supervisor in the Registrar's Office

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Manager can:

- explain the process
- support you in collecting and filling out the necessary paperwork
- provide a letter of support
- communicate with the Registrar's Office with your permission.



Ongoing academic accommodations

Formal accommodations through Accessibility Services may be an option

- ★ This requires documentation filled out by a certified health professional.

More information at www.tru.ca/as



These will be assessed by an Accessibility Services Advisor

The Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Manager can:

- anonymously ask what accommodations might be possible
- attend meetings with an Accessibility Advisor
- support through the process of applying for accommodations