“Suggestions” for Talking to a Professor About Accommodations

Do

+ Make an appointment to meet privately with each professor in their office.
+ Disclose that you have a disability and are receiving DSPS services.
+ Give the professor a copy of your current accommodations letter and explain how your disability affects your learning in the classroom.
+ Explain how your accommodations help you best demonstrate your mastery of the course material.
+ If your accommodations are not obvious, involve your professor in an interactive process to be clear.
+ Be responsible for forms for note-takers and test proctoring accommodations.
+ If you do not feel that your accommodations are being met, contact the DSPS Offices as soon as possible.

Don’t

- “Play” the demanding lawyer in talking with your professor.
- Tell the professor how to run their class.
- Get angry or confrontational.
- Be a whiner or a wimp.
- Make unreasonable requests that cannot be supported with your DSPS accommodations.
- Leave your meeting without a clear response.