



Special Needs information leaflet:

Acute Injury/Illness of the Upper Extremities

1 Continuing to study despite injury/illness

Injuries to the upper extremities (shoulders, arms, hands or fingers) during a degree course – and particularly just before examinations – do not only generate pain and medical measures, but soon also questions regarding possible actions in connection with studying. An unrestricted use of one's hands, for instance, is of central importance for coping with everyday life, no matter whether this is at work or in social interaction with other people and in activities relevant to studying (taking notes, browsing in books, operating a keyboard, writing examinations, etc.).

This is why the most relevant information has been compiled here. By acute injuries we understand injuries which after relevant treatment will, as a rule, heal without any lasting restrictions (fractures, inflammation, sprains, cuts, contusions; tendon injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, etc.).

2 Information for those concerned

- Contact the Special Needs Advice Center early on – particularly in the run-up to examinations.
- Discuss the expected healing progress with your treating GP early on to ensure that you will be able to propose any possibly necessary measures and support options to the Special Needs Advice Center.
- The University will do everything within the realm of the possible to enable you to continue your studies and sit examinations in spite of your injuries. Please note, however, that in the case of temporary injuries, it is not possible for students to sit oral examinations instead of written ones.
- However, compensation for disadvantages may be provided by granting an extension of a timeframe, the use of a notebook, etc., for example. If there are no possibilities of sitting a regular examination with supporting measures, the examination will have to be sat on its alternative date.
- The persons concerned will be notified in writing of any adaptations to examination situations after consultation. The procedure is described on the Special Needs website:
www.unisg.ch/de/universitaet/hsgservices/beratung/beratungsstellen/special+needs/nachteilsausgleich

3 Support options for faculty members

- If possible, please hand out written documents or notes to the students concerned.
- If you should require a written agreement (rights to use documents handed out, possibly audio recordings), you can contact the Special Needs Advice Center.
- If necessary, please grant a deadline extension for written work in consultation with the Special Needs Advice Center.

4 Contact

If you have any questions and concerns, please contact the Special Needs Advice Center:

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