



Temporary Ability Challenges on Campus

You have a medical issue that makes full participation in class difficult

Occasionally, students may experience an injury or illness that prohibits them from fully participating in classes. The most common examples of this type of challenge are injuries that limit mobility, injuries to the dominant hand or arm, concussions and diagnoses of mononucleosis. Due to the nature of these injuries or illnesses, they do not qualify students to receive services from the [Disability Resource Center](#).

We Care recommends you reach out to your academic advisor and professors, letting them know about the situation and raise any concerns you have about participating in classes. If needed, ask for flexibility around class attendance until your injury has started to heal or when you are feeling better.

Additionally, here are some suggestions for students to consider to help keep current in classes:

- Request that a friend/classmate take and share lecture notes with you. Make sure to confer with your instructors first to assure that this does not violate any classroom or course policy they may have.
- Request permission to record the lecture so that you can take notes at your own pace later on.
- Request permission to be given or to take pictures of any visual materials presented in class.
- Inquire if your professor would consider utilizing Tegrity, the lecture capture system available in almost all classrooms on campus. We Care partners with Academic Technology Services (ATS) to help instructors and students gain access to and training on [this system](#).
- Inquire with instructors about alternate forms of exams or projects. For example, if you are unable to write out an exam, consider requesting to give your answers verbally or to be able to use a computer to type out your answers.
- Lockers are available in the Curry Student Center to limit the number of trips made to and from off-campus or to and from your residence hall during the day.
- If you have a meal plan and are having trouble getting to and from the dining halls, you can contact We Care for assistance in securing permission for a friend or roommate to pick up meals for you.

If you find that your injury or illness has become too overwhelming and you would like to discuss other options, please contact We Care at 617.373.4384, via email at wecare@northeastern.edu or by visiting northeastern.edu/wecare.

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