

# ACADEMIC STANDARDS

For information regarding policies and procedures of the following programs see the respective websites.

MD Degree (<https://med.uth.edu/oep/policies/>)

MSCR Degree (<https://catalog.uth.edu/medical/programs/clinical-research-mscr/#programrequirements>)

MSA Degree (<https://catalog.uth.edu/medical/programs/masters-anesthesia-msa/#degreerequirements>)

## UTHealth Houston Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOOP)

Students are charged with knowledge of and compliance with all UTHealth Houston regulations concerning student conduct and discipline as set forth in the UTHealth Houston HOOP (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/>).

## HOOP Policy 101, Disability and Pregnancy Accommodation

UTHealth Houston is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to all members of the University community and to individuals who access services or programs of the University who have or had an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Reasonable accommodation may be provided to an individual with a disability to enable the individual to participate in University academic programs, services, and activities, so long as it does not create undue hardship or fundamentally alter the essential elements of a program or position.

Students seeking disability-related accommodation must contact University Relations & Equal Opportunity (UREO) (<https://go.uth.edu/equalopportunity/>) to initiate the accommodation process.

Accommodation requests are considered on a case-by-case basis considering the student's individual limitations, accommodation needs, and the operational realities of the university. If the requestor is determined to be a qualified individual, the requestor, the designated Section 504 Coordinator and applicable faculty will engage in an interactive process facilitated by UREO to determine if it is possible to grant reasonable accommodation.

Accommodations are not retroactive, and require advance notice to implement. To allow adequate time to evaluate the required documentation, engage in the interactive process, and make arrangements for any accommodation to be provided, requestors are strongly urged to contact UREO as soon as possible.

The school is not required to grant accommodations that constitute a fundamental alteration of the program or course. Specifically, the school does not have to modify a requirement, including attendance, that is essential to the educational purpose or objective of a program or class. Decisions regarding essential requirements of a course or program will be made by a group of people who are trained, knowledgeable, and experienced in the area through a careful, thoughtful, and rational review of the academic program and its requirements. Decision-makers will consider a series of alternatives for the essential requirements, as well as whether the essential requirement(s) in question can be modified for a specific student with a disability.

For additional information on the disability accommodation process, please see HOOP Policy 101, Disability and Pregnancy Accommodation (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448050>).

A list of UTHealth Houston 504 Coordinator's by school can be found here (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/section-504-coordinators.htm>).

## HOOP Policy 112, Religious Accommodation

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is committed to providing an academic and work environment that is respectful of the religious beliefs of its trainees and employees in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. Accommodations may be provided to trainees and employees whose sincerely held religious beliefs conflict with a University policy, procedure, or other academic or employment requirement.

For more information on religious accommodations, please see HOOP Policy 112, Religious Accommodation (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448072>).

## HOOP Policy 186, Student Conduct and Discipline

All students are required to obey federal, state, and local laws and to comply with the University of Texas System Board of Regents Rules and Regulations, the rules and regulations of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and directives issued by administrative officials of the University or UT System in the course of their authorized duties. Students are also required to obey standards of conduct appropriate for the academic institution. Any student who engages in conduct that violates the Regents' Rules and Regulations, University or UT System rules, or federal, state, or local laws is subject to disciplinary action.

For additional information on the student conduct and discipline process, please see HOOP Policy 186, Student Conduct and Discipline (<https://www.uth.edu/hoop/policy.htm?id=1448220>).