

**CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION
EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATION ON THE BASIS OF LANGUAGE**

Exchange, BCL/J.D. and Visiting Students

Examination accommodation on the basis that English is a second language (ESL) may be accorded to students if warranted. This accommodation may include extra time to write an examination and use of a dictionary. The general purpose of such accommodation is to ameliorate disadvantages that students who are not fluent in English might experience in writing examinations in that language. Accommodation on these grounds is exceptional and must be based on an individualized assessment to the extent feasible. *Students who are fluent in reading and writing English should not seek this kind of accommodation, even if English is a second language for them.* Examination accommodation on the basis of ESL is intended primarily to assist **exchange** students who normally study law in a language other than English.

UVic Students

UVIC students seeking this kind of accommodation should note that any student who is awarded an J.D. degree from this Faculty is expected to have very strong abilities to read, write and work with legal materials in the English language. ESL accommodation, in the exceptional cases where it is granted, will be reduced in each term of the student's attendance and eliminated altogether before the student graduates from the program.

If you wish to request exam accommodation on the basis of ESL, please complete the following questionnaire and declaration, sign and date it, and return it to the Office of the Associate Dean at least three weeks before the beginning of the Examination period. **Your request will be treated as a confidential matter. However, it may be reviewed not only by the Associate Dean but also by your instructors or other Faculty members. You may also be asked to participate in an oral interview regarding your application.**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

1. Are you an Exchange Student? No ____
Yes ____ Home Law School _____

2. When and how did you learn English? (Have you have formally studied English as a second language? If so, when and at what levels, e.g. at elementary school, secondary school, or college or University? Please explain.)

3. Have you ever undertaken a program of studies or individual courses taught entirely in English? If so, please provide details. (Do not include reference to English language instruction courses or programs in this section.)

4. Have you ever written examinations in the English language? If so, please provide details and indicate whether or not any examination accommodation was provided on the ground that English is not your first language.

5. Please provide a complete list of the courses in which you are registered. (It will normally be assumed that your request for accommodation applies to all examinations in these courses.)

DECLARATION

I declare that the above statements are true and that I am making a request for examination accommodation because I am not fluent in reading and writing English and because I believe that I will be seriously disadvantaged compared to students who are fluent in English if I do not have additional time to complete my examinations.

Signature

Date

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Accommodation Granted: Yes ____ No ____

Nature of Accommodation: Extra Time: _____

Dictionary: _____

Signed and Dated: _____