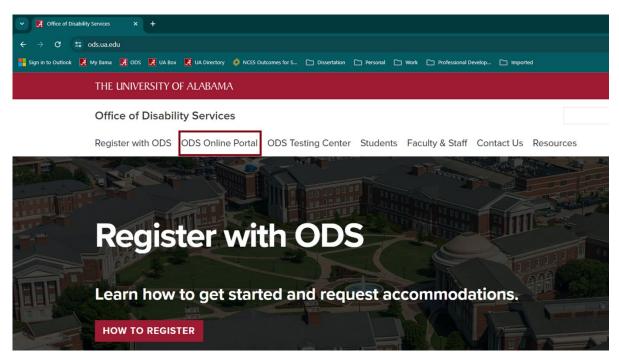


# **ODS Online Portal Demonstration**

# **Tutorial for Students**

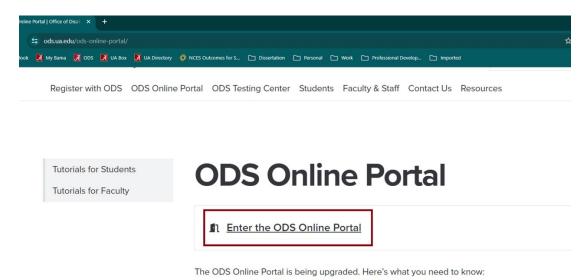
### **Access the ODS Online Portal**

1. Visit www.ods.ua.edu and select the ODS Online Portal tab.





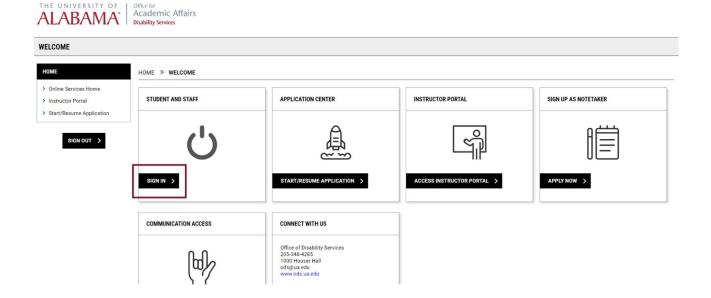
2. You'll be redirected to the portal landing page where you can view additional tutorials. Select "Enter the ODS Online Portal."



• The portal will be unavailable the evening of July 3, 2024 through early morning on July 5, 20. Users will be able to sign in to the portal as usual on July 5.

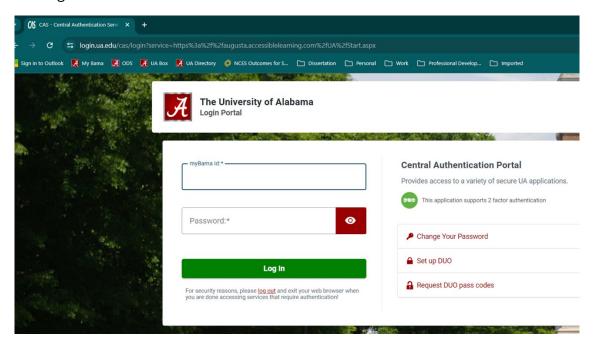
### 3. Select "Sign In."

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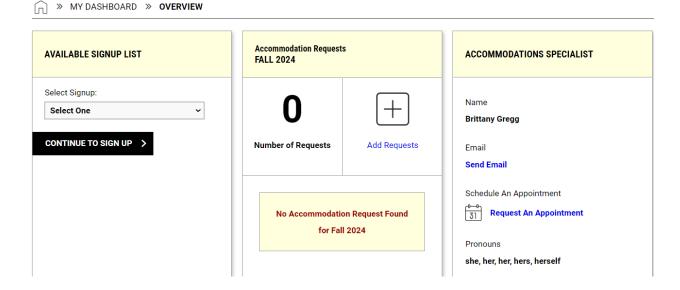




4. You will be prompted to enter your myBama username and password. Then, select "Log In."



- 5. You will be directed to your portal homepage.
  - Available Signup List: Sign up to attend a virtual presentation about using the ODS Testing Center.
  - Accommodation Requests: Select "Add Requests" if you need to send accommodation letters. The <u>How to Send Accommodation Letters tutorial</u> covers this in detail.
  - Accommodations Specialist: Displays the name of your specialist with links for emailing your specialist or requesting an appointment.





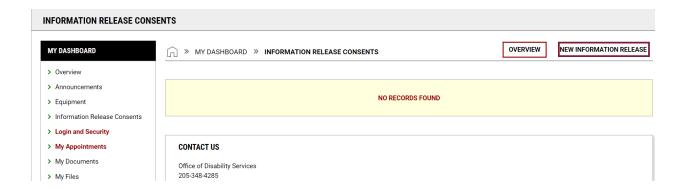
### My Dashboard

The far left column is titled My Dashboard and contains links that allow you to perform additional actions. This guide reviews Information Release Consents, My Appointments, My Eligibility, My E-form Agreements, and My Mailbox.

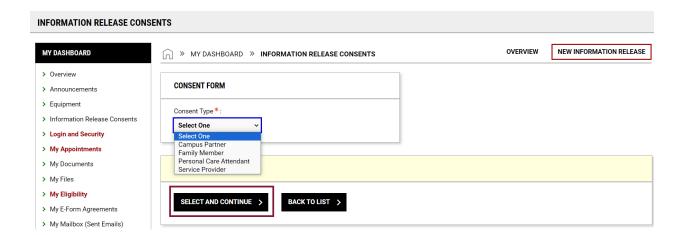
## **MY DASHBOARD**

- > Overview
- > Announcements
- > Equipment
- Information Release Consents
- > Login and Security
- My Appointments
- > My Documents
- > My Files
- > My Eligibility
- > My E-Form Agreements
- > My Mailbox (Sent Emails)
- My Signup List
- Information Release Consents: Select this option to give ODS permission to communicate with others on your behalf if needed. You can review any consents currently on file. To add a consent, select "New Information Release."





From the drop-down menu, select the type of consent. Options include campus partner, family member, personal care attendant, or service provider. After making your selection, choose "Select and Continue."



Review and agree to the consent.



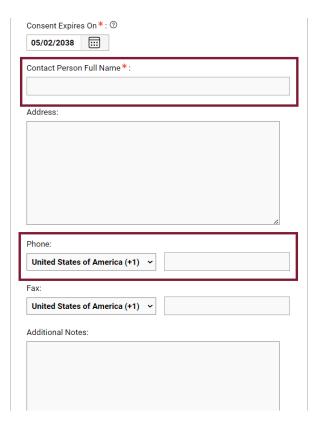
#### CONSENT FORM Consent Type: Family Member Consent Description: Information related to a student's disability and accommodations is protected, as students are entitled to confidentiality of this information under the Americans with Disabilities Act. ODS treats all student information as confidential, so a student's diagnosis or approval for accommodations is never shared with others on campus, nor will this information appear on the student's transcript or diploma. Information submitted to ODS by students is housed in ODS and only ODS staff have access to this information Students are given an opportunity to sign a FERPA release indicating to whom the university can disclose information from the student's educational record, and what types of information can be shared. However, because information regarding a student's disability and eligibility for accommodations is held separately from the educational record, the university's FERPA release does not apply to ODS. Students who wish to give permission for ODS to communicate with parents may do so by completing this Release of Information form. Completing this Release of Information form does not prompt ODS to reach out to parents, and it is still preferred that students communicate directly with ODS whenever possible. If a parent contacts ODS with questions, those questions can be answered if a completed release of information is on file.

# INFORMATION RELEASE CONSENT AGREEMENT

Please Read The Following Statement:

I consent for ODS staff to communicate with the individuals named in this Release of Information.

An expiration date will automatically populate but can be adjusted if needed. Unless you indicate otherwise, information release consents will expire at the time of graduation. Enter the name of the individual ODS may communicate with, then enter that individual's phone number.

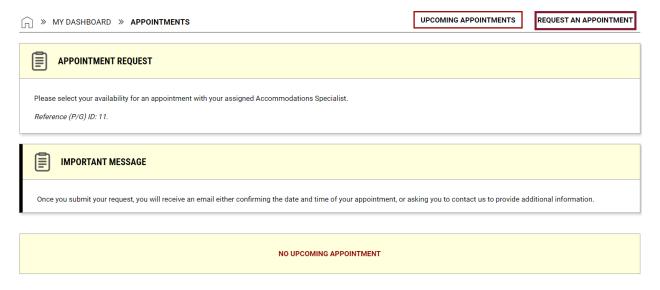




From the drop-down menu, select "Confirm to Proceed," then select "Submit Information Release Consent Form."

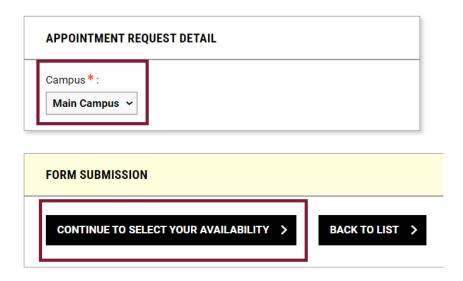


2. **My Appointments:** View any upcoming appointments. Select "Request an Appointment" to schedule a meeting with your Accommodations Specialist.

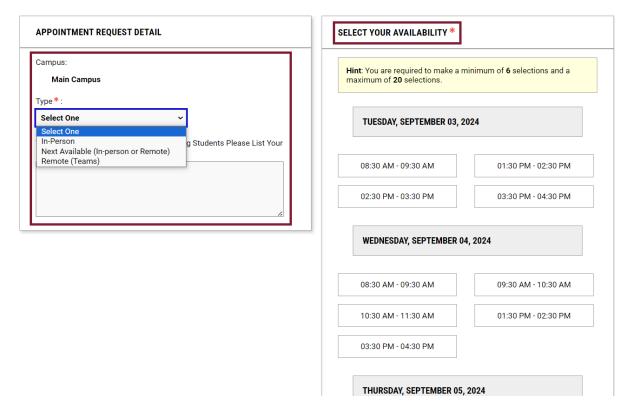


From the drop-down menu, select "Main Campus" even if you are a UA Online student. Then, select "Continue to select your availability."



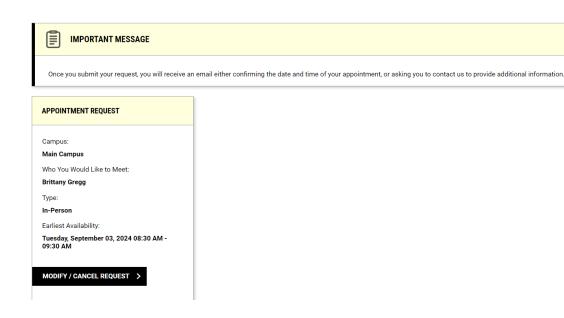


Select whether you prefer an in-person or remote appointment, or next available. Then, select the dates and times when you are available. You'll be required to enter at least 6 appointment times, and no more than 20. The more times you select, the easier it will be to find a time when your specialist is available. At the bottom of the page, select "Submit."



Your appointment request is confirmed and you'll receive an email with the appointment details once you are scheduled. You can modify or cancel your request at any time.





3. **My Eligibility:** View each of your approved accommodations as they appear on your accommodation letter. Select the down arrow next to each accommodation to review its description. **Note:** Your eligibilities will reflect your approved accommodations and may not include the same eligibilities as listed in the example below.



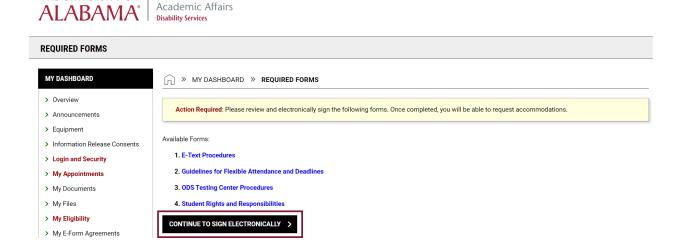
#### ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Alternative Formats
  - ∘ E-Text ∨
- 2. Alternative Testing
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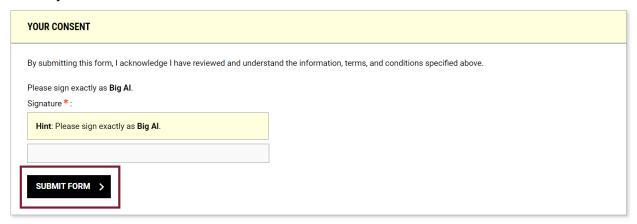


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4. **My E-form Agreements:** If it's your first time signing into the portal for the academic term, you will be prompted to review and sign e-form agreements, which include your rights and responsibilities, and important reminders about how to use specific accommodations. Select "Continue to Sign Electronically" and all e-forms will pull into 1 page for you to read and sign.

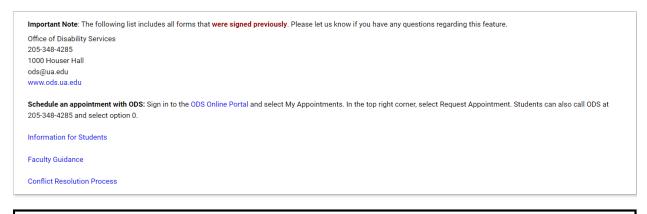


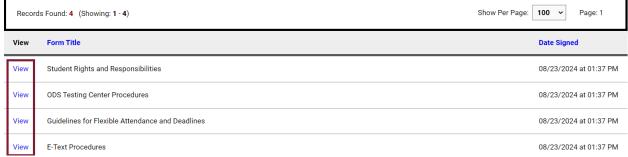
After reviewing e-forms, electronically sign by typing in your name exactly as it appears on the screen. Then, select "Submit form." You will receive an email copy of your e-forms.



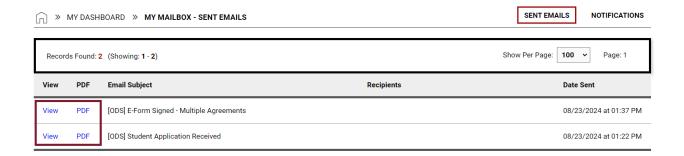


You can also view your e-form agreements in the portal at any time.





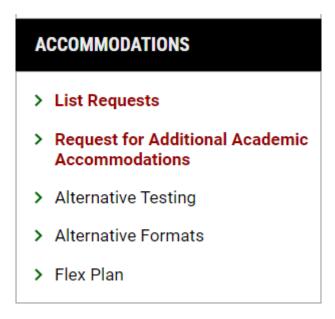
5. **My Mailbox:** Emails from ODS will be delivered to your UA email, and are also stored in My Mailbox. You can view or download a PDF copy of emails you've received.



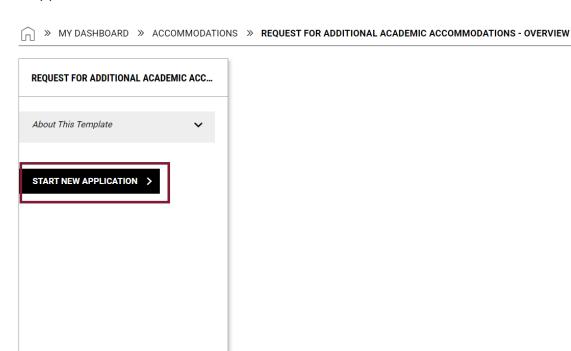


## **Accommodations**

Below My Dashboard is a box titled Accommodations. You can take additional actions related to your accommodations. **Note: Some options may not be visible to you based on your approved accommodations.** 

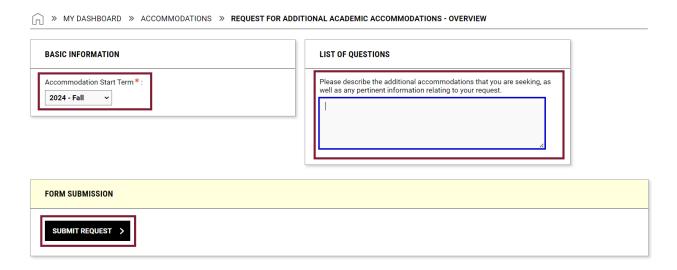


 Request for Additional Academic Accommodations: Submit a request if there are additional accommodations you need to request from ODS. Select "Start New Application."

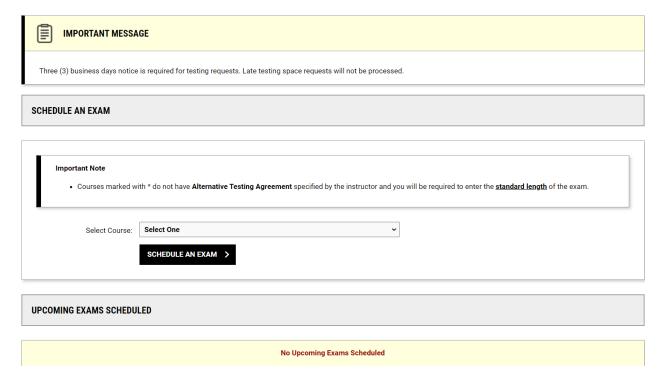




Select the start term then briefly describe the additional accommodations you'd like to request. Once your request is reviewed by your Accommodations Specialist, you will receive an email regarding next steps.

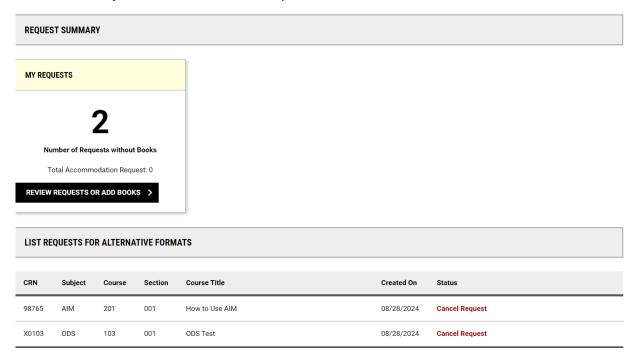


2. **Alternative Testing:** Applies to students who have testing accommodations. If your instructor advises you to test at the ODS Testing Center, you can request testing space and view scheduled exams. The <u>How to schedule an exam at ODS tutorial</u> reviews this in detail.

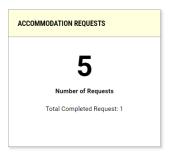


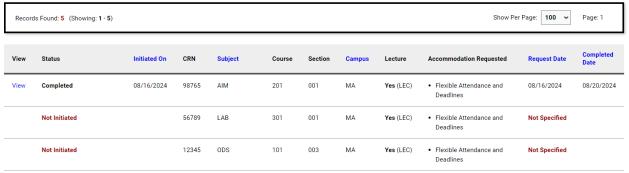


3. **Alternative Formats:** Applies to students who have an e-text accommodation. Request e-text and upload textbook receipts. If you have questions about this, contact your Accommodations Specialist.



4. **Flex Plan:** Applies to students who have a flexible attendance and deadlines accommodation. Review any Flex Plans completed by your instructors.

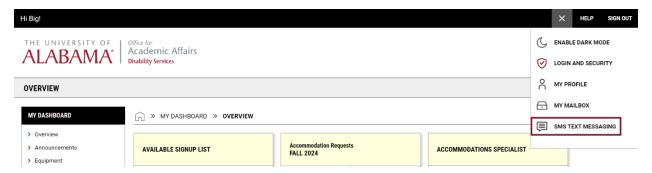






## **Text Messaging**

You can choose to receive text messages from ODS. From your homepage, select the icon in the top right corner, to the left of the Help button. A drop-down menu will appear. Select "SMS Text Messaging."



- Select "yes" to permit text messages and enter your cell phone number.
- Select the types of text messages you'd like to receive. Options include Alternative
  Formats (alerts students when e-text is ready); Alternative Testing (sends text
  reminders about upcoming exams at the ODS Testing Center); Appointments (sends
  a text reminder of upcoming ODS appointments).
- Once you've made your selections, select "Update Preference."

