

Article Rewrite - "UI professor leaves after email scandal refusing to accommodate student" by
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Michael Schlesinger, an Atmospheric Sciences professor, is under fire after refusing to accommodate a disabled student with electronic lecture notes.

Schlesinger BCC'd his entire Climate and Global Change (ATMS 140) class in an email with Rachel Graddy, Division of Rehabilitation and Education Services disability specialist.

Schlesinger said that he should not have to give one student an "advantage" over other students in the course.

"Frankly, I think the University needs to rethink having people such as you," Schlesinger wrote to Graddy.

Due to Graddy's "coercive emails" about the issue, Schlesinger said he was leaving his position. Schlesinger, who has been teaching in the department since 1989, told his students on Sept. 7 that he could not lose his integrity.

"I can not teach at an institution that allows, and fosters, someone who pummels me for the way I have taught for 41 years," Schlesinger wrote on Thursday.

Graddy and DRES declined to comment.