

## DISABILITY SERVICES

Disability Services provides a wide variety of services to students with disabilities. This office promotes the empowerment of people with disabilities and their full integration into campus life and the community.

**Accommodations and Services:** An accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a course, program, service, job, activity, or facility that enables a qualified student with a disability to participate equally in a program, service, activity, or employment at the University. A “reasonable” accommodation refers to an accommodation that is appropriate as well as effective and efficient, and is agreed upon by the University and the consumer with a disability.

Many accommodations are available at the University to ensure that students with disabilities participate fully in academic and student life. They provide a student with a disability equal access to the educational and co-curricular process, without compromising essential components of the curriculum. Accommodations are determined on an individual basis, based on the student’s documentation.

For accommodations to be timely, they must be arranged well in advance. Students are responsible for contacting Disability Services prior to or at the beginning of each semester so that reasonable accommodations can be made in a timely manner (first two weeks of classes, or first week of summer or winter session).

**Who We Serve:** The staff of Disability Services works with people who have documented disabilities under the following categories:

- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism & Aspergers Syndrome
- Blind/Visually Impaired
- Brain Injury
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Learning Disabilities
- Medical Disabilities
- Mobility Disabilities
- Temporary Disabilities
- Psychological Disabilities

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