



DISABILITY SERVICES

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ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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

An accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a course, program, service, job, activity, or facility that enables a qualified student or employee 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 at the beginning of each semester so that reasonable accommodations can be made in a timely manner.

The accommodations most frequently provided include, but are not limited to:

- Additional time to complete assignments
- Alternate Formats for Printed Course Materials
- Alternate Types of Exams
- Assistive Technology
- Captioning Services
- Classroom Access Assistants
- Document Conversion
- Extended Time on Exams
- Extension of Statute of Limitations
- Exam Proctoring
- Learning Specialists
- Modification of Graduation Requirements
- Note-Taking Services
- Paratransit Services
- Prepared Materials Before Class
- Reduced Course Load
- Sign Language Interpreters and Oral Transliterators
- Tape Recorders

For more detailed information about these accommodations, go to: <http://www.umass.edu/disability/students.html>