



Academic Accommodations Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights and Obligations:

- Students desiring academic accommodations because of disabilities must submit an application and supporting documentation to the Learning Resource Center (LRC).
- Students who adequately document disabilities have a right to reasonable accommodations in course delivery or evaluation.
- Students have a legal and ethical right to privacy regarding disabilities and accommodations. The LRC will not disclose or discuss a student's disability without signed authorization from the student.
- Students approved for accommodations are responsible for making arrangements with instructors in a timely manner – not at exam time or on a due date.

Faculty Rights and Obligations:

- Faculty members are responsible for making reasonable accommodations in course delivery and student evaluation. Faculty members are not expected to compromise their standards for student achievement or accountability.
- Course accommodations should be guided by the accommodation request signed by the LRC's Learning Specialist and clearly understood prior to course deadlines or due dates.
- If students have not been approved for accommodations through the LRC, faculty members have no obligation to provide them.

LRC Goals and Responsibilities:

- The goal of these support services is to create equal access to college programs and resources – to remove barriers, not to provide an unfair advantage.
- The LRC is responsible for verifying student disabilities and for planning appropriate accommodations, in cooperation with the students themselves and their instructors.
- The LRC provides qualified students with a signed form delineating specific accommodations; students are expected to present this to their instructors as early as possible in the semester.

- The LRC is responsible for maintaining confidentiality of student disabilities, disclosing them only to individuals with a professional “need to know” and with the students’ authorization.