

Types of College Accommodations and Services Available for Students with Special Needs

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The following is a list of accommodations and services, found at colleges in varying degrees, for students with documented disabilities:

- accommodation letters to professors
- alternate distraction-reduced location for tests
- assistive listening devices or systems
- books on tape, CD, or the Internet (such as www.bookshare.org)
- braille calculators, printers, typewriters
- calculators or keyboards with large buttons
- calculators, talking
- calculators when not usually permitted
- captioning, real time, open and closed
- change of format on exams, including oral exams
- class relocation
- closed-captioned decoders
- computer-assisted reading programs and devices (Jaws, Kurzweil, WYNN, Reading Edge, Arkenstone/Freedom Scientific, Omni)
- computer-assisted writing programs and devices (Dragon Naturally Speaking)
- counseling or advising, special
- course substitutions (usually for foreign languages, possibly for math and other subjects)
- disability specialists, assistance of
 - document conversion (audio, braille, enlarged text)
- electronic readers
- elevator access keys
- extended time for tests
- interpreters, sign language or oral
- laboratory assistance
- laptop computer use on tests or in class
- lead time for assignments
- lenient attendance policy
- mind mapping or concept mapping such as Inspiration
- modified exams
- monitoring by LD specialists or office of services for students with disabilities staff if student is in a program

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- noise blockers, earmuffs, white-noise machines
- note taker
- preferential parking
- preferential seating in the classroom
- priority registration
- proofreading by learning specialists
- raised-line drawing kits
- reaching device for library use
- readers
- reduced course load if under 12 credit hours
- screen (television and computer) enlargers
- scribes
- single dorm room if not usually available
- special foreign language course
- specialized gym, swimming pool equipment
- special orientation
- special seats, desks, tables
- spelling waived
- support group
- taped or digitally recorded texts
- tape-recorded (digitally recorded) classes/lectures
- telecommunications devices for persons who are deaf
- telephone handset amplifiers
- test questions read
- videotext displays
- voice synthesizers

The following accommodations are usually available to *all* students and should have additional value for students with disabilities:

- math center
- proofreading available in writing center
- quiet dorm
- reduced course load to 12 credit hours
- tutoring center, subject

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