

Rights and Responsibilities of Students with Disabilities

Rights

- To be evaluated based on one's ability, not disability. If the disability affects the outcome of an evaluation method, the student is entitled to evaluation by alternative means.
- Entitled to an equal opportunity to learn. If the location, delivery system, or instructional methodology limits access, participation, or ability to benefit from, the student has a right to reasonable accommodation in those aspects for the course or program.
- Entitled to an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the academic community. This includes access to services, extracurricular activities, housing, and transportation at a comparable level as that provided to any student.
- Has the right to appeal the institution's decisions concerning accommodations, by filing a petition with the appropriate person. (See appeals process)

Responsibilities

- To identify oneself to Disability Support Services as a student with a disability prior to the beginning of each semester.
- To request accommodations supported by official disability documentation.
- To provide the Disability Support Services with all supporting disability documentation.
- To demonstrate and/or document how the disability affects a particular delivery system, instructional method, or evaluation criteria when requesting accommodations.
- Has the same obligation as any student to meet and maintain the institution's academic and technical standards, as well as abide by the Student Conduct Code.
- Has the responsibility to follow Disability Support Services policies and procedures.