

Mission Statement

Southern University at New Orleans empowers and promotes the upward mobility of diverse populations of traditional and nontraditional students through quality academic programs and service to achieve excellence in higher education.

Services for Students with Disabilities Mission Statement

To improve the educational development and improve the understanding and support of a diverse environment for students with disabilities. The primary purpose is to advocate for students with disabilities to ensure that campus life is **accessible** and conducive to learning. This service has a major role in seeing that the institution as a whole is knowledgeable and is in compliance of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

What is considered a disability?

A **disability** is a physical or mental impairment that can limit major life activities of an individual.

How do you qualify for services?

- **Self-Identifying**

Students must complete an application form and submit appropriate current medical documentation obtained from a qualified professional that must be specific in academic accommodations related to the disability. When

documentations are received appropriate accommodation forms in duplicate are given to the student to present to their professor for signatures. Once signed, one form remains with the professor and the other is returned to the office.

What are Accommodations?

Accommodations are changes in the learning environment of the academic requirements so that students may learn in spite of fundamental weaknesses. Accommodations for temporary impairments due to accident, illness, or injury with medical documentation are also provided. Please be mindful that not every student with a disability will require accommodations or every student with the same disability will require the same accommodations.

Services provided by Disabilities Office include:

- Equal access to classrooms and all University functions
- Extended test-taking time (1.5 time or double time when documented)
- Extended time for in/out of classroom assignments in agreement with your instructors.
- Consideration of reasonable time for absences (long term can only be excused with the agreement of your professor). Excuses for absences must be presented to the disability office.
- Examinations in a distraction free environment
- Interpreters for hearing impaired
- Tutors

Services for Students with Disabilities have computers with assistive technology software, such as:

- Instant Text Recognition
- Jaws for Windows
- WinEyes Pro Software
- Zoom Text/Power-vision SACM

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities encourage students to contact **Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)** for assistance with tuition, auxiliary aids and/or testing and counseling.

LRS State Office - 225-219-2225
Metairie Office - 504-838-5180
West Bank Office – 504-361-6816

Louisiana Voter registration forms are available for students who need to register to vote and voter declaration forms are available for disability students needing assistance during voting.

The Title IX Coordinator's office is housed within the Services for Students with Disabilities office.

The application form, voter declaration form and brochure is accessible on the web.

Disabilities

AIDS
ALCOHOLISM
ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
BIPOLAR
BRAIN INJURY – TRAMATIC
CANCER
CEREBRAL PALSY
CROHN'S DISEASE
DEAFNESS/ HEARING IMPAIRED
DIABETES
DYSLEXIA
EPILEPSY
HAND MOBILITY
HEART DISEASE
LEARNING DISABILITY
MENTAL ILLNESS
MOBILITY
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
OBESITY
PARKINSON DISEASE
RENAL
RESPIRATORY
STROKE
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
VISION/BLINDNESS



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