

Disability Support Services

What is a disability?

The ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. Major life activities include functions such as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

What are some services DSS provides?

- Provide access to UAH students with documented disabilities
- Reduce and eliminate barriers to access
- Work together with students, faculty, and administrators to provide reasonable accommodations

What accommodations are most widely used in the college environment?

Typical accommodations include extended time on exams, reduced distraction environment on exams, and the ability to record lectures for personal use

Things to remember:

- Students activate their accommodations each semester that they desire them
- Accommodations do not automatically carry over from high school
- Accommodations in higher education vary from high school in that they ensure access, not success
- Accommodations must not change the academic integrity of the university at large or of each individual course

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