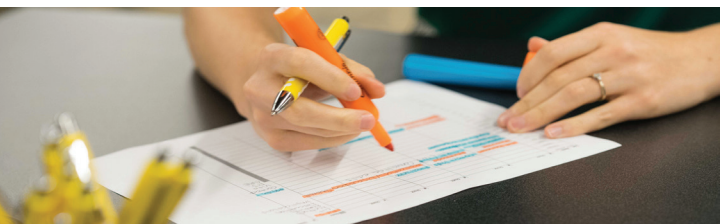


# Disability Services



## The Office of Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) collaborates with the JMU community providing programs and services that support the university in creating inclusive, equitable environments that value disability, diversity and accessibility. ODS facilitates the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and offers a variety of programs and services to the JMU community.

## Eligibility

Accommodations are available to all currently enrolled students who have a documented disability that substantially limits one or more of life's major activities. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation and follow university procedures for requesting accommodations. Individuals eligible for services may include those with:

- Learning Disabilities
- Attention deficit/hyperactive disorder
- Visual impairments
- Chronic illness (i.e. diabetes, Crohn's disease, epilepsy)
- Mobility impairments
- Orthopedic disabilities
- Acquired brain injuries
- Significant psychological conditions (i.e. Bipolar disorder, PTSD, Generalized Anxiety Disorder)

For information about the differences between high school and college, we recommend students review the brochure "Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities," published by the Office of Civil Rights and available at [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html)

## Accommodations

Accommodations are provided on a case-by-case basis and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Alternative formats of course materials (i.e. electronic texts, large print)
- Exam accommodation services
- Accessible media, technology, and technology labs
- Special housing requests
- Learning strategies and note taking instructional programs
- Services for deaf and hard-of-hearing (i.e. interpreters, CART, captioning)

## Confidentiality

Disability documentation is considered confidential information and kept on record in Disability Services. Your documentation does not become part of your official transcript at JMU. The information is not released without your consent. At times, however, information may be shared with school officials on a need-to-know basis to facilitate decisions and provision of accommodations.

## Requesting accommodations

First, submit current documentation to Disability Services that provides complete information about your disability and supports your requests. Please visit [jmu.edu/ods](http://jmu.edu/ods) for specific guidelines and documentation. Allow approximately two weeks for review of your materials. You will then be invited to schedule a meeting with a staff member in Disability Services to develop your Access Plan. You will discuss your documentation, any reasonable accommodations and complete the registration process with a staff member.

After completing the Access Plan, it is your responsibility to meet with each professor to discuss appropriate accommodations. This meeting provides you an opportunity to explain your needs, understand your professor's expectations and set up a plan for individual accommodations.

## Other services

- **Screening and Referral:** Students who are experiencing academic difficulties that may be due to an unidentified learning disability can make an appointment with Disability Services for formal screening.
- **Counseling Center:** Students who need assistance coping with their impairment or health condition can seek support through the Counseling Center. They offer active outreach efforts, individual and/or group counseling, and can help with any emergency or crisis.
- **Learning Center:** The Learning Centers offer tutoring and training to support learning of course content and curricular demands.
- **Dining Accommodations:** Students can register for assistance through Dining Services.
- **Temporary Impairment Accommodations:** Students who experience temporary medical conditions that impact academic participation or accessibility around campus can work with the Office of Disability Services to create an Access Plan so their education is not affected by their impairment or condition.

**For more information, contact:**  
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