

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is civil rights legislation that affects 43,000,000 Americans with disabilities. The ADA applies to all institutions of higher education. Subpart E of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 contains more specific information regarding post-secondary education compliance.

A person with a disability is an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. An individual is considered a person with a disability if he/she (1) has a disability (2) has a history of a disability or (3) is perceived by others as having a disability.

Towson University is legally required to prohibit discrimination in the recruitment process, the admissions process and the educational process of students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities are entitled to receive accommodations such as approved modifications, appropriate academic adjustments or auxiliary aids that will enable them to participate in and have the opportunity to benefit from all educational programs and activities.

Students must register with the Office of Disability Support Services (x42638). Students will provide faculty with a memorandum from DSS listing appropriate accommodations (e.g., extended testing time, distraction free testing area, note takers, tape recorder, etc.). Section XIII. Policies, Procedures and Guidelines Affecting Students (Division of Student Affairs) Student rights of privacy, expression, non-discrimination, and non-harassment must not be violated, but there are limits on those rights. Contact the Student Affairs Office for additional information.