

MISSION

Virginia State University recognizes responsibility to provide qualified individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in its quality academic programs while maintaining the standards that are integral with the pursuit of academic excellence.

The mission of the Students with Disabilities Program is to provide an integrated and cohesive set of support programs, services, and activities for students with disabilities. Assistance in identifying and arranging reasonable accommodations and other services are available based on individual need.

GOAL

To be in accordance with the federal and state legislative branches, in that all policies, procedures, and practices must ensure that no person with a disability will, on the basis of that disability, be denied full and equal access to the enjoyment of academic or co-curricular programs or activities or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under the programs or activities offered by the University.

DISABILITIES DEFINED

A disability is generally regarded as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, and working.

Some types of impairments are, but not limited to:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Blind/Visual Impairments
- Chronic Health Impairments
- Deaf/Hearing Impairments
- Psychiatric/Psychological Disabilities
- Physical Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

SERVICES VSU PROVIDE

The Students with Disabilities Program provides information and assistance in academic planning and advising VSU students with disabilities.

Services Include:

- Learning strategies workshops
- Reasonable accommodations
- Physical access to programs and services
- State-of-the-art computer lab/assistive technology and adaptive equipment
- Counseling
- Information and referrals

Academic Adjustments:

- Priority registration
- Auxiliary aids
- Exam modifications
- Recording for the Blind (membership)
- Cassette taping of texts/materials
- Note takers
- Readers and scribes
- Tutorial assistance (provided by University College)
- Extended time for testing
- Tape recorded lectures

SELF-IDENTIFICATION

While self-identification is strictly voluntary, it is to the student's advantage to participate in this process as early as possible. Students with disabilities who wish to request services may:

ADMISSIONS (Incoming Freshman Only)

- Complete the Admissions Reasonable Accommodations Form included in the Admissions Acceptance Packet and mail to the Office of Students with Disabilities Program.
- Contact the coordinator or counselor of the Students with Disabilities Program.

POST-ADMISSION

Student is referred by:

- Faculty/Staff
- Other Departments
- Self

CONFIDENTIALITY

Records and information concerning students are confidential.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for services, documentation of a disability from a qualified professional must be provided upon request.

For additional information regarding services, please contact:

Virginia State University
Student Health & Counseling Center
Students with Disabilities Program
1 Hayden Drive
P.O. Box 9030
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

Location
Memorial Hall
Lee Street
1st Floor

Telephone: (804) 524-5061
Facsimile: (804) 524-5978
TTY: (804) 524-5838
Virginia Relay 711

Visit Website

www.vsu.edu/students-life/support-and-resources/students-with-disabilities/index.php

Assistive Technology

For people without disabilities Technology makes things easier. For people with disabilities, technology makes things possible." (IBM, 1997)

Assistive Technology is equipment and software designed to address the special needs of persons with disabilities such as hearing, visual, learning, and mobility, in order to assist them in the learning processes of higher education

Assistive Technology software includes the following:

Kurzweil 3000
(reading and comprehension)
Inspiration
(outlining, comprehension and Pre-writing)
Jaws
(screen reader application)
Dragon Natural Speaking
(voice recognition)
Zoom Text
(magnifier/screen reader)

VSU Website is ACCESSIBLE
(text only version)

Assistive Technology funded by Title III

Virginia State University is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students who qualify in meeting the University's academic admissions requirements.

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SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



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and
Reasonable Accommodations**

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