

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Records and information concerning students are confidential.

## ELIGIBILITY

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

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For additional information regarding services, please contact:

Virginia State University  
Students with Disabilities Program  
1 Hayden Drive  
P.O. Box 9030  
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

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Memorial Hall  
Room 412

Telephone: (804) 524-5061  
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[www.vsu.edu/students/stuaff.htm](http://www.vsu.edu/students/stuaff.htm)

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM



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

# SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



**Academic Adjustments  
and  
Reasonable Accommodations**

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**University Counseling Center**

## **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, 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 and co-curricular programs or activity 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 Disorder (ADD/ADHD)
- Blind/Visual Impairment
- Chronic Health Impairment
- Deaf/Hearing Impairment
- Psychiatric/Psychological Disabilities
- Physical Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)
- Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

## **SERVICES VSU PROVIDE**

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

Services include:

- Learning strategies workshops
- Reasonable accommodations
- Physical access to programs and services
- Computer lab/Assistive Technology
- Counseling -academic advising, career counseling
- Information and referral

## **Academic Adjustments:**

- Priority Registration
- Auxiliary Aids
- Exam modifications
- Recording for the blind
- Cassette taping of texts/materials
- Note Takers
- Readers
- Tutors (Provided by the Student Support Services)
- Extended time for exams
- Cassette taped 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:

### **PRE-ADMISSION (Incoming Freshman Only)**

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

### **POST-ADMISSION**

Student is referred by:

- Faculty/Staff
- Student Support Services
- Other departments