

REGENTS' POLICY
PART IX – STUDENT AFFAIRS
Chapter 09.06 - Services for Students with Disabilities

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The university will provide a learning environment in which no student will be subjected to unlawful discrimination based on disability. No otherwise qualified individual will be denied reasonable access to, participation in, or the benefits of, any program or activity operated by the university because of disability. Each qualified student with a disability will be eligible to receive appropriate academic adjustments and programmatic accommodations necessary for the student to access educational opportunities, programs, activities, or services in the most integrated setting possible.

- A. “ADA/Section 504 Coordinator” means the person responsible for overseeing university implementation of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
- B. “appropriate academic adjustment” means a modification to the learning environment defined by individual documented need and directly related to a student’s academic pursuits, as approved by the MAU disability support services coordinator; appropriate academic adjustments may include auxiliary aids and services such as: sign language interpreters, provision of course notes, alternative format materials, alternative testing accommodations, assistive learning technologies, modifications in length of time needed to complete degree requirements, substitutions for specific courses required for degree completion, and adaptation of the manner in which specific courses are conducted;

- F. “student with a disability” means a person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or a person with a record of such a physical or mental impairment, or a person who is regarded as having such an impairment.

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P09.06.030. Accommodation of Students with Disabilities.

- A. The university will strive to provide, within the limits of mission, resources, facilities, and personnel, appropriate academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations to qualified students with disabilities to ensure access to educational opportunities, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting possible. The university will make reasonable modifications and adjustments, provided such adjustments would not result in a fundamental alteration of the affected service, program, or activity; lower the standards of an instructional program; result in an undue financial, administrative or academic burden; or create a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Regents’ policy, university regulation, and MAU rules and procedures for accommodation of students with disabilities will be based upon principles and requirements contained in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.
- B. The university will not charge students with disabilities a fee for the provision of approved appropriate academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations. The university assumes no responsibility for providing or for the cost of non-approved academic adjustments, personal care attendants, individually prescribed devices, readers for non-programmatic material, or other devices or services of a personal rather than programmatic nature.
- C. Programs or activities not whol

P09.06.041. Provision of Appropriate Academic Adjustments and Other Programmatic Accommodations: Responsibilities of the Disability Support Services Coordinator.

The DSS coordinator will oversee all services for students with disabilities provided within the MAU, including the needs of the extended colleges, campuses, and other sites. The DSS coordinator, in consultation with the chief administrative officer of an extended college or campus, may appoint site designees to assist in the delivery of disability support services. The DSS coordinator, or the site designee in consultation with the DSS coordinator, is responsible for the provision of services which include:

- A. evaluating disability documentation provided by students seeking eligibility for university services on the basis of disability;
- B. consulting with individual faculty and/or staff when required by the nature of the disability, academic adjustment, or programmatic accommodation;
- C. authorizing appropriate academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities in accordance with regents' policy , university regulation , and MAU rules and procedures, and providing written instructions to faculty and staff for their provision and coordination;
- D. providing consultation and training for faculty and staff related to awareness and understanding of the needs of students with disabilities;
- E. resolving complaints from students, faculty, or staff regarding the provision of appropriate academic adjustments or other programmatic accommodations for students; and
- F. advising the chancellor about changes in MAU practices that would encourage students with disabilities to participate in university programs and activities.

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P09.06.042. Responsibilities of Students with Disabilities in Seeking Accommodation.

Students with disabilities who seek appropriate academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodation must identify themselves to the DSS coordinator or site designee, provide documentation of their disabling condition, and request appropriate accommodation in a timely manner. Students will be required to submit medical and/or other acceptable documentation with the request.

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P09.06.043. Responsibilities of Faculty and Staff in Providing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

- A. Faculty and staff will work with the DSS coordinator or site designee to provide the authorized academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations. Faculty and

staff are responsible for understanding the university's obligation to provide accommodations for students with disabilities.

- B. Faculty or staff who feel a more helpful accommodation than that authorized is possible or who have questions about the authorized accommodation should contact the DSS coordinator or site designee. Authorized accommodations or adjustments may not be changed without the approval of the DSS coordinator or site designee.

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P09.06.044. Reconsideration of Authorized Accommodations.

The dean or director of a program affected by the authorized accommodations may also request the DSS coordinator or site designee to reconsider if the dean or director considers the authorized academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations would result in a fundamental

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The DSS coordinator or site designee will review the documentation and determine eligibility for services.

- A. If the student is eligible for services, the DSS coordinator or site designee will authorize appropriate academic adjustments and other programmatic accommodations and provide

The reviewer(s) will determine within a reasonable period of time whether state or