

Metropolitan State University Eligibility for Accommodations

To be eligible for accommodations and services, students with disabilities must provide Disability Services with disability-related documents from appropriate licensed professionals. This is to assist in determining whether the student is eligible for accommodations and, if so, to determine which accommodations are reasonable. A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a course academic program or activity, service, or campus student employment that allows a qualified student with a disability the opportunity to attain the same level of performance or enjoy equal benefits and privileges as are available to a similarly-situated student without a disability.

The cost of obtaining appropriate documentation of disability is borne by the students. Disability Services will establish guidelines for documentation and will decide if the documentation is sufficient to determine the extent of the disability and the appropriate accommodations and services. Pending receipt of documentation, Disability Services reserves the right to deny accommodations and services.

The determination of appropriate accommodations is an interactive process and requires the input of the student, appropriate faculty, and Disability Services. As part of this joint effort, Disability Services may seek information from University faculty, staff, and administrators regarding essential standards for courses, academic programs, campus student employment, and academic activities. Final determination of reasonable accommodations is made by Disability Services. Disability Services makes this determination by examining the following:

1. the barriers between the student's documented functional limitations and the academic environment;
2. the possible accommodations that might remove the barriers;
3. whether or not the student has meaningful access to the course, academic program, activity, or service, without the accommodation; and
4. whether the essential elements of the course, academic program, services, or academic activity are compromised or substantially altered by the accommodation.

Students are not required to disclose the nature of their disabilities to faculty, only to discuss the accommodations they will be using. In cases where faculty may have questions as to whether a student has been certified as having a disability, faculty may contact the Coordinator of Disability Services and request written and/or verbal verification of the existence of a disability and the appropriate reasonable accommodations.