

DISABILITY SERVICES

The Disability Services Center, located on the first floor of the Kolligian Library, supports students with disabilities by providing them with opportunities to participate fully in the academic community at UC Merced. Students with varying types of disabilities including those with mobility, visual, hearing, learning disabilities and other chronic medical conditions may be eligible for the provision of reasonable disability accommodations through this program.

Students who have a qualifying disability must provide appropriate documentation about their disability(ies) to the Disability Services Office. Documentation provided to the office is confidential and is used solely for purposes of determining the student's eligibility and the appropriate accommodations to be made. It is the responsibility of the applicant or student to provide this documentation and, if necessary, to pay for the cost of the documentation provided, including the cost for professional assessments for disabilities, such as learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and psychological/ psychiatric disabilities. UC Merced staff assists qualified students from the point of their admission to graduation. Specialized services may include testing accommodations, priority registration, mobility assistance, adaptive equipment, readers, note-takers, interpreters, real-time captioning, liaison with faculty and campus departments, and special parking.

The provision or use of a disability accommodation does not guarantee or ensure a certain level of academic achievement for the students. Students with disabilities must meet the same standards as all other students. Depending on the type of academic accommodation requested by the student, the approval of the appropriate School dean may be required.

Students with disabilities who need staff or time intensive accommodations

(e.g., reader services, interpreter services, text conversion, etc.) should contact the Disability Services Office as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements for these services. It is the student's responsibility to assure that such notification occurs in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may delay or in some cases preclude our ability to provide certain accommodations.

For further information on disability services, contact the Disability Services Office at disabilityservices@ucmerced.edu.