

Services for Students with Disabilities

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Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) provides specialized resources that help students with physical, perceptual, and learning disabilities to achieve maximum independence while pursuing educational goals. Students who have temporary or permanent disabilities affecting academic functioning may be eligible for a variety of support services.

California State University, Fresno is committed to meeting the spirit and letter of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other legislation that calls for full inclusion of persons with disabilities. SSD staff members work with all areas of the university to reduce or eliminate physical, academic, and other barriers.

Services Provided

SSD staff members take a personal interest in meeting the special needs of students with disabilities. The SSD office, located in the Henry Madden Library, has disabilities management and testing accommodation specialists on staff and provides adaptive equipment and testing rooms.

Academic support services (available to students with physical, perceptual, and learning disabilities) include readers, scribes, sign language interpreters, note takers, audio-taped textbooks, adaptive equipment (including print enlargers), speech input and voice output computers, braille printers, testing accommodations, and disability management (which emphasizes personal growth and development as well as independence and self-advocacy). Other services provided include career exploration and campus-to-career skills building.



The SSD Office is a resource for students with disabilities

Requesting Services

Students with disabilities need to visit the SSD office to initiate a request for services. Upon receipt of appropriate verification from a professional documenting the disability, a meeting is scheduled with a disabilities management specialist to establish services. Students who believe that they may have a disability but do not have previous verification of a disability should visit the SSD office to decide on an appropriate course of action.

Priority Registration

When services have been established and registration fees paid, students with verified disabilities may be given priority registration privileges to facilitate class scheduling.

Campus Access

The campus is committed to reducing and eliminating structural obstacles as well as providing elevators, accessible restrooms,

drinking fountains, telephones, and TDDs (Telephone Devices for the Deaf). Portable science laboratory stations and other specialized academic equipment are available for students who use wheelchairs. Blue curb parking, campus maps, wheelchair loans, and other aids are also available.

California State University, Fresno is one of the most accessible university communities in California. The climate is moderate and the flat terrain poses few mobility obstacles.

Student's Responsibilities

Students are responsible for personal accommodations such as attendant care, transportation to and from the campus, and other personal services not directly related to academic coursework. SSD staff will assist students who need to contact campus, state, and community agencies that provide such services. ❖