Southeastern Louisiana University
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Policy Statement
The Office of Disability Services ensures access for qualified students with disabilities, promotes self-advocacy skill development, and provides guidance to the University community to enhance the understanding and support of students with disabilities.

Purpose of Policy
In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and University policy, the Office of Disability Services ensures equal opportunity for all qualified students with disabilities, without regard to disability, in the programs and services provided by the University.

Applicability
A person with a disability is any person with a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Disabilities include but are not limited to physical disabilities, blind or visual impairment, deaf or hearing impairment, psychological disorders, learning disabilities, and ADHD.

Appropriate accommodations enable a student with a disability to compete equally with his/her non-disabled peers but are not intended to place a disabled student at an academic advantage.

Policy Procedure
It is the student’s responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services, to request accommodations each semester, and to provide their instructor(s) with an accommodation letter from the Office of Disability Services. Medical documentation to substantiate the claim of a disability must be submitted as part of the self-identification process. This is outlined in the publication “Disability Services’ Policy and Guide Book,” which is available from the Office of Disability Services.

It is the Faculty’s responsibility to maintain the student’s confidentiality, provide appropriate accommodations (approved by the Office of Disability Services) in a timely manner either independently or in collaboration with the Office of Disability Services and the Testing Center. Faculty are to maintain the same standards for students with disabilities as are applied to all other students with the exception to accommodations determined by the Office of Disability Services.

Faculty members are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services at ext. 2247 with any questions or concerns about their students’ accommodations. Further information can also be located at: http://www.southeastern.edu/admin/ds/index.html.