

# Services for Students with Disabilities

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*The SSD Office is a resource for students with disabilities.*

## Services for Students with Disabilities

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.

### Services Provided

SSD takes a personal interest in meeting the special needs of students with disabilities. The office contains the administrative staff as well as a variety of assistive equipment and facilities.

Academic support services include sign language interpreters, note takers, audio-taped textbooks, adaptive equipment, testing accommodations, disability management advising, career exploration, and campus-to-career skills building.

## Requesting Services

Students can visit the SSD office to initiate a request for services and provide appropriate verification of disability. Upon receipt of appropriate verification, a meeting is scheduled with a disabilities management specialist to establish services.

## 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.

## 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.

Physical fitness activities (KAC 16) are available through the adaptive kinesiology program, including swimming and weight training.

In addition, 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.

## Barriers

SSD staff members work with all areas of the university to reduce or eliminate physical, academic, and other barriers.

California State University, Fresno is committed to meeting the spirit and letter of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other legislation calling for full inclusion of persons with disabilities.