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Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) provides specialized resources that help students with physical, psychological, 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 staff members take a personal interest in meeting the special needs of students with disabilities. The SSD office, located in University Center, Room 5, has disabilities management and testing accommodation specialists on staff and provides adaptive equipment and testing rooms.

Academic support services available to students with disabilities include the following:

- readers
- scribes
- sign language interpreters
- real time captionists
- notetakers
- textbooks in alternate formats (audio cassette, e-file, CD, Braille)
- assistive equipment and software
- print enlargement
- speech input and voice output programs
- Braille embosser
- testing accommodations
- disability management

Other services provided include career exploration, campus-to-career preparation, adaptive technology training, and small group experience. SSD staff members also assist students with documentation in support of academic petitions for course substitution when appropriate. Service delivery emphasizes personal growth and development as well as independence and self-advocacy.



The SSD Office is a resource for students with disabilities.

Requesting Services

Students with disabilities may visit the SSD office to document the disability and to initiate a request for services. Upon receipt of verification from a former campus or an appropriate professional, SSD will schedule a meeting with a disabilities management specialist to establish services.

Students who believe that they may have a disability, but do not have prior verification of a disability, may 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

California State University, Fresno is one of the most accessible university campuses in California. The climate is moderate and the flat terrain poses few mobility obstacles. However, for those individuals who may experience mobility difficulties, the campus provides an on-campus transportation service called SCOUT.

The campus is committed to reducing and eliminating structural obstacles as well as providing accessible elevators, restrooms, drinking fountains, telephones, videophones, and TTYs (text telephones). Blue curb parking, campus accessibility maps, on-campus wheelchair loans, and other aids are also available. Some science laboratories have wheel chair accessible stations and others will be added as labs are remodeled.

Students' 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.

University Commitment

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