

Student Affairs

# DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION SERVICES (DAS)

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#### Overview

California State University Channel Islands values student diversity and is committed to providing equal access and opportunity to all educational programs and events. Disability Accommodation Services (DAS) serves as a liaison to students, CSUCI academic departments and the campus community to ensure the University is accessible to all qualified students with various disabilities including, but not limited to, physical, learning and psychological.

Reasonable accommodations and services are provided to students who choose to self identify, determined on disability verification and consultation with the student.

Services and accommodations are also governed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, state requirements, CSU and CSUCI policies.

The following services and accommodations are provided in a respectful and confidential manner that promotes independence, self-advocacy and accountability: disability management counseling, computer lab with assistive software, test proctoring and extended test time, scribes for examinations, alternate format services, note-takers or taped lectures, readers/books on tape, sign language interpreters, real-time captioning, priority registration, campus and community resources.

## Enhance Learning & Personal Development

The purpose of Disability Accommodation Services (DAS) extends beyond mandated laws and University policies. The purpose of DAS is not only to provide services to ensure accessibility, but also to enhance our students learning and personal development.

We strive to deliver our services in a manner that promotes independence, self-advocacy, integrity and responsibility, not only within the learning experience at CSUCI, but also applicable for our student's personal and professional development beyond commencement. This is achieved by engaging our students in becoming an integral part of exploring and defining their educational and professional goals, and working together with DAS, faculty and other campus resources in obtaining the necessary accommodations, study skills, and community resources to successfully accomplish their goals.

### **Campus Collaboration**

Although DAS is an essential component in assuring accessibility, California State University Channel Islands embraces the concept that accessibility is a shared goal and responsibility of all campus community members. This concept is supported by DAS with the collaboration and participation in concert with the following task forces and campus committees: Accessibility Response Team (ART), Physical Master Plan Committee Meeting, and the Student Life Leadership Team.

## **Commitment to Expansion and Development**

DAS is not only committed to serving the needs of our current students, it is equally committed to strategically planning for future program direction and student needs.

DAS will be working with the following agencies to provide our students with the education, personal development, resources and opportunities necessary to achieve a purposeful vocation:

Department of Rehabilitation via Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC)-

ILRC is funded by the Department of Rehabilitation and is run by and for persons with disabilities regarding life long accessibility within employment, transportation, and housing.

Work Force Recruitment Program (WRP) – WRP is a program coordinated by the Office of Disability Employment Policy and the U.S. Department of Defense, to provide summer work experience, and in some cases full-time employment, for college students with disabilities. The program develops partnerships with other federal agencies, each making a commitment to provide summer jobs and a staff recruiter. Each year, recruiters interview more than 1,500 students with disabilities at college and university campuses across the nation and develop a data base listing the qualifications of each student.





