

Welcome to **ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES AT SMSU**

Accessibility Services at SMSU coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities and serve as a resource for faculty, staff and the university community in an effort to assure equal access to learning for all. You will find Accessibility Services in Individualized Learning 220.

Disabilities can be physical, emotional or behavioral; they can be lifelong or temporary. The goal is the same for all— to assure the student has access to the resources and supports necessary to be a successful, thriving student at SMSU.

To be eligible for academic accommodations and services, students with disabilities must provide Accessibility Services with disability-related documents from appropriate licensed professionals to certify a student as having a disability and to determine reasonable academic accommodations.

Accessibility Services also supports students who require an emotional support or service animal on campus.

If you have questions about the services we offer or believe you would benefit from accommodations, please reach out to set up an appointment to talk through your needs and create a plan.



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ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Academic accommodations are individualized and intended to minimize the impact a disability has on an individual's performance in an educational setting. Academic accommodations must be reasonable and appropriate and must provide students with disabilities meaningful access to the University's academic programs.

Commonly used academic accommodations include:

Classroom Accommodations

- note-takers
- recorded lectures
- alternative print formats
- use of computers and spell checkers for in-class writing assignments
- alternative ways of completing assignments (e.g., oral presentation versus written papers)
- advance notice of assignments
- accommodations statement on class syllabi

Testing Accommodations

- alternative testing formats
- computer use
- spell checkers
- examinations administered in multiple parts
- distraction-free environment
- scribes
- extended testing time

Programmatic Accommodations

- extended time to complete a program or parts of a program
- advance access to syllabi
- priority registration

Auxiliary Aids

- assistive computer technology
- audio textbooks
- interpreter
- talking calculators
- electronic readers
- voice synthesizers
- screen-reading software