Disability Resources

Case Western Reserve University is committed to providing all students with opportunities to take full advantage of the University’s educational, academic, and residential programs. We recognize that students with documented disabilities may need assistance or accommodations in order to achieve this objective.

Disability Defined

Disability ≠ Inability

A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or having a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.

Major life activities include functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working.

Common Disability Types

ADD/ADHD
Learning Disabilities
Visual/Hearing Impairments
Mobility/Dexterity Impairments
Chronic Illness (IBS, Celiacs, Arthritis, POTS)
Psychological/Psychiatric Disorders
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Temporary conditions (surgery, broken bones)

Accommodations

Accommodations are adjustments, modifications, and/or the employment of assistive technology or auxiliary aides provided to students with disabilities in order to make a program or service more accessible.

Common Accommodations

- Extended time on quizzes/exams (1.5x/2x)
- Reduced-distraction testing environment
- Flexible attendance
- Accessible parking
- Responsive transportation
- Housing Accommodations
- Books in alternative format
- Computers for note taking or exams
- Assistive technology
- Note taker
- Scribe

How to Set Up Accommodations

In order to seek appropriate accommodations for a disability, students are required to provide written documentation of their disability. Documentation must be from a qualified professional who has knowledge of the disability and of the specific student.

Disability Resources will review the provided documentation and meet with the student to obtain complete information on the disability and the requested accommodations.

For More Information visit: case.edu/studentlife/disability/ or email us at disability@case.edu
Number of Students Registered with Disability Resources

- 847 Undergraduate Students
- 312 Graduate or Professional Students

“Disability Resources helped me to see that accommodations do not define me, they help me achieve my goals. Due to medical conditions outside of my control, I need these accommodations and the friendliness and support of Disability Resources made me feel welcome and good about advocating for myself. This overall experience has boosted my self-confidence immensely.”

—CWRU Student

### Disclosed Disabilities

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorders
- Mobility/Dexterity Impairments
- Hearing Impairments
- Visual Impairments
- Psychological Disabilities
- Learning Disabilities
- Chronic Illnesses

### Testing Accommodations

362 Students used Testing Accommodations, and the testing center proctored over 6000 exams during 2018-2019.

### Housing Accommodations

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