University of Kentucky
Disability Resource Center

DRC 101
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DRC Website:  www.uky.edu/drc

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What are legal responsibilities of the University of Kentucky?

- Post-secondary institutions cannot exclude, deny, or discriminate against *otherwise qualified individuals* on the basis of their disability.

- Post-secondary institutions are required to make *accommodations* in academic requirements to ensure that those requirements are not discriminating.

- Post-secondary institutions may deny a requested accommodation if it would:
  - Fundamentally alter the program
  - Lower standards
  - Be unduly burdensome financially or administratively

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA Amendments Act, 2008)*
Role of the Disability Resource Center

- To support and advocate for equal access for students with documented disabilities.
- To respect the integrity and academic standards of curriculum.
- To protect the University from liability due to discrimination.
Services

- Academic Accommodations
- Housing Accommodations
- Sign Language Interpreting/Transcription
- Alternate Text
- Dining Accommodations
- Faculty Consultation
- Accommodated Test Coordination
Services We Don’t Provide

- Counseling
- Tutoring
- Wake up service
- Academic Advising
Referral to the DRC

- Before a student can receive any academic accommodation, they must have a letter from the DRC delivered to the faculty, confirming their need.

- Students must have documentation of their disability to receive an accommodation.

- Students can contact the DRC via the website to set up an appointment or can call directly at 7-2754.
Accommodation Letter Protocol

- Students must present the accommodation letter to the faculty member prior to any accommodations being provided. Faculty do not have to provide retroactive accommodations.

- Students are encouraged by DRC to meet with the faculty member during office hours to discuss their accommodations.

- Because of confidentiality laws, DRC cannot disclose the disability of the student, nor can the student be identified in class.
How Does the DRC Determine Appropriate Accommodations?

- Documentation
- Previous 504 Plans and IEPs
- Expertise
- The power of the request

If you have any questions or concerns regarding items on the accommodation letter or how to provide a specific accommodation, please contact the consultant listed on the letter.
Common Accommodation Request Issues

- Notes/Power Point/Recording Lectures
- Attendance Policy
- Flexibility in Assignments
- Multi-media Accessibility
Alternate Text Production

- Provide alternative print format for course textbooks for students who are blind, visually impaired or with print impairment related disabilities
- Provided 100+ textbooks in Fall 2015
- Critical that faculty identify textbooks as early as possible, as the time to acquire the electronic version can take several weeks
Alternate Text Production

- Can also convert articles or other materials to electronic versions with adequate notice.
- Contact Susan Fogg (susan.fogg@uky.edu or 7-2754) with questions or concerns.
- Contact Deb Castiglione for assistance in preparing course materials in accessible formats (7-9685).
Accommodated Testing Services

- 84 testing seats
- Equipped with cameras with recording ability
- Single rooms
- Read aloud/walk about rooms
- Group Rooms
- Computerized Testing
Accommodated Testing Services

- Student should provide letter with testing accommodations at least 7 days prior to examination.
- Faculty should attempt to meet the testing accommodation needs in the department.
- If the needs cannot be met within the department the faculty should submit the online Accommodated Testing Request.
- Questions? Lindsay Jansen, Exam Coordinator
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