

Rights and Responsibilities

Students attending UAA who experience disabilities have a right to:

- Equal access to courses, programs, services, and activities offered through the University
- Individualized accommodations
- Effective academic adjustments/aids
- Confidentiality
- All other rights available to other students at UAA

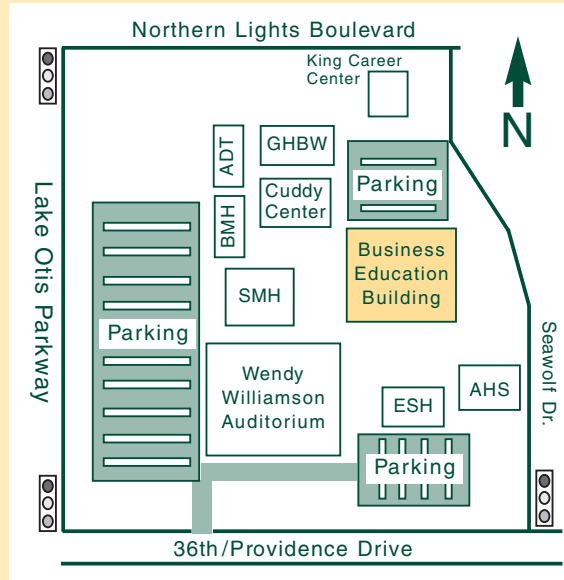
Students attending UAA who experience disabilities have a responsibility to:

- Self-identify and self-advocate
- Make reasonable requests in a timely manner
- Provide appropriate documentation
- Meet qualifications and maintain essential standards for courses, programs and activities
- Follow university procedures
- Arrange for certain services and devices which are outside the scope of Disability Support Services. Services include but are not limited to attendant care, mobility training, and financial aid. Devices include but are not limited to hearing aids, eyeglasses, wheelchairs, computing technology that exceeds what is available for all students at UAA.

UAA is an EE/AO employer and educational institution

How to find us...

DSS is located on the first floor of the Business Education Building at the University of Alaska Anchorage and is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.



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Disability Support Services

(DSS)

Division of Student Affairs



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Disability Support Services (DSS)

At the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), providing equal opportunities for students who experience disabilities is a campus-wide responsibility and commitment. Academic support services constitute an integral component of equalizing the post-secondary environment for students who experience disabilities. DSS is the office responsible for coordinating such services.

UAA's Diversity Statement

With freedom of speech being at our core, UAA strives to create an inclusive respectful campus community that promotes and embraces our individual differences. We are united in our belief that diversity includes understanding and respecting differences in ideas, religion, gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, disability, age, and socioeconomic status. We celebrate diversity in all of our educational and employment endeavors.

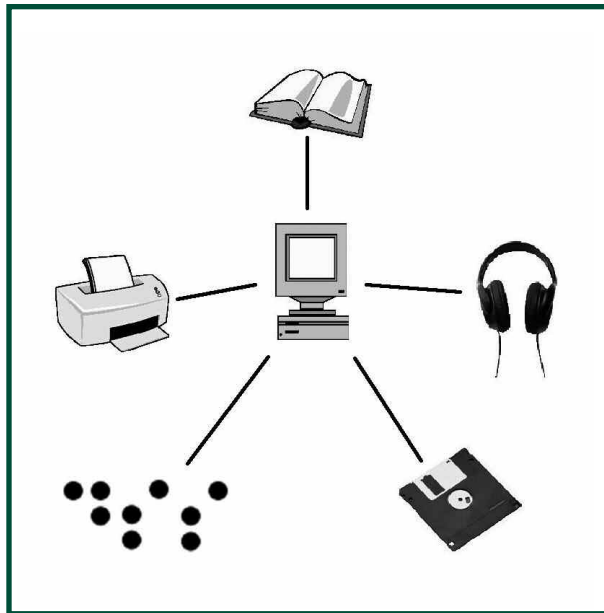
Students With Disabilities

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics 6% of all college students self-identify as experiencing disabilities.

Learning disabilities	45.7%
Mobility or orthopedic impairments	13.9%
Health impairments	11.6%
Mental illness or emotional disturbance ..	7.8%
Hearing or Vision impairments	10%
Other	10%

Services and Accommodations Include but are not limited to:

- Liaison services
- Testing accommodations
- Note taking assistance
- Ergonomic furniture
- Realtime communication access
- Alternate format course materials
- Access to Assistive Technology



This brochure, copies of DSS Policies and Procedures, and Board of Regents' Policy and Regulation on "Services for Students with Disabilities," are available in alternate formats upon request.

The Accommodation Process

- **Services are requested**
Students self-identify and supply appropriate documentation to establish the impact of disability within the academic setting.
- **Accommodations are determined**
Accommodations are determined on an individualized basis through a review of diagnostic reports, dialogue with students and faculty, and a best practices approach.
- **Accommodations are put in place**
Students, staff, and faculty work together to ensure accessibility while maintaining high standards.

Early planning is encouraged to allow DSS staff time to arrange for support services.

Additional Resources

DSS is committed to serving as a resource for community members.

- DSS maintains a lending library of books, journals, and videos.
- DSS maintains an adaptive computing lab featuring an assistive technology lending library.
- DSS maintains adaptive computing stations that are open to the community.
- DSS provides training and information for students, staff, faculty, and community members.
- DSS works collaboratively with other schools and agencies to promote the creation and use of accessible educational materials.