



University Policy

Dominican University of California is committed to providing effective, reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act. Reasonable accommodations are provided to remove barriers that unfairly deny students with disabilities the opportunity to access the University's programs, services and activities. Through advising and support, the Academic Advising and Support Center will provide guidance to assist students with disabilities in their academic pursuits.

It is the University's policy that no student is excluded from participating in any University program nor subjected to discrimination with regard to any University program. Once a student with a disability is admitted to the University, the student is responsible for notifying the Disability Services Advisor of his/her disability, requesting academic accommodations and providing any necessary evidence of a disability related need for the requested accommodation.

Some students with disabilities, despite the provision of reasonable accommodations, may be unable to satisfactorily complete certain courses of study. On a case-by-case basis, the University will review the circumstances affecting a student's condition and course of study. In limited instances, the University may permit a course substitution. However, in no event will the University waive required courses, attendance policies or test formats that are essential to the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

Definition

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 define a person with a disability as one who:

- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning or working;
- has a record of such a disability; or
- is regarded as having such a disability.

Students with temporary illnesses, injuries or conditions are not considered disabled under these laws. However, the Academic Advising and Support Center will work with such students to make appropriate adjustments to assist them within available resources of the Center.