Accommodating Disabilities

Office for Disability Accommodations
The University of Southern Mississippi

Disability Types Served:

- 75% Invisible - Skepticism deters asking help
- Visual and Hearing
- Mobility & Chronic Health
- Psychiatric Disorders
- LD and ADHD
- Temporary Injuries
- Pregnancy with complications
Students provide ODA Accommodations Letters

Protect Students’ Privacy

- Discuss in private setting
- Keep in a locked location.
Call ODA First

- If accommodation not reasonable
- Do not tell student “NO,” call ODA

Note Takers

- Ask for volunteer
- **DO NOT** identify student when asking
- Volunteers get community service
- Privately introduce volunteer to student
Wheelchairs

Need space

Personal space, don’t touch

If speak long, get on eye level

Welcoming Campus has Accessible Features Throughout

Buildings
Parking lots
Dining areas
Ballparks

Restrooms
Sidewalks
Stadiums
Offices/Rooms
Accessible Features should be Available and Working

- Handicap Parking
- Curb Cuts
- Sidewalks
- Ramps
- Railings
- Power Doors
- Elevators

Student couldn’t get to class
Ensure Access:

- Offices/Rooms
- All Course Materials
- Captions for Multimedia (videos, audio)
- Report Barriers (blocked curb cuts, walks, ramps; broken elevators & power doors)

Thank you for promoting Disability Access!

Office for Disability Accommodations
601.266.5024
Bond Hall, Room 114