SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in the Division of Student Life

The University does not discriminate against students and applicants on the basis of disability, in the administration of its educational and other programs. The University reasonably accommodates qualified students (including applicants) with disabilities as defined by applicable law, if the individual is otherwise qualified to meet the fundamental requirements and aspects of the program of the University, without undue hardship to the University. Harassment on the basis of disability issues is prohibited by the University’s policies.

For purposes of reasonable accommodation, a student or applicant with a disability is a person who:

1. has a learning, physical or psychological impairment which limits one or more major life activities (such as walking, seeing, speaking, learning, or working); or
2. has a record with the University by which the University has officially recognized such impairment

To be eligible to continue at the University, the student or applicant must meet the qualifications and requirements expected generally of its students, and must also be able to perform the requirements of the individual major or program in which s/he is enrolled.

A qualified student or applicant is an individual with a disability as defined by this policy and applicable law who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission and participation in the educational program or activity. Accommodations are such modifications to the course, program or educational requirements as are necessary and effective for the individual, if reasonable to provide at the University and do not alter the fundamental nature of programs. Accommodations do not include exemption from academic evaluation standards or from the code of student conduct.

Pacific expects that, if you are a student with a disability, you will give sufficient notice of your need for assistance (preferably prior to the start of the semester) although the University considers the merits of each request at the time it is received. Upon receiving a request for assistance as well as appropriate documentation, the Director of the Office of Services for Disabilities considers the student’s need for assistance as it relates to the documented disability. If appropriate, the University may choose to consult with such individuals, internal or external to the University, to provide further assistance needed to evaluate the request for accommodation. The following list is an example of the types of reasonable accommodations and services that university may provide, on a case-by-case basis, to assure equal access:

- Academic adjustments and curricular modifications
- Assistive technology
- Consultation with faculty and staff
- Registration assistance and classroom rescheduling
- Readers, scribes, note-taking, and library assistance
- Test proctoring services

Please note the university does not provide or subsidize personal care devices or services such as ambulatory devices or assistance with bathing, dressing, laundry, etc. Referrals to external agencies, however, are available upon request.

For additional information, please contact:
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More detailed information as well as our Policy Manual for Students with Disabilities is available on the web at: http://www.pacific.edu/disabilities