

Student Accessibility Services

Ferrell Commons, Room 185 (Directly across from 63 South and by Garage B)



- We provide academic and on-campus housing accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure nondiscrimination and equal access.
- We also collaborate with Faculty/Staff to ensure an accessible learning environment.
- All accommodation requests are reviewed individually through SAS's interactive process.
 - The interactive process includes meeting with an SAS Accessibility Consultant and discussing the students experience and access needs.



Types of Accommodations

Academic Accommodations

Classroom accommodations:

- Testing accommodations
- notetaking technology support
- ASL interpreters
- accessible technology
- other access needs for lectures, labs, or internships.

Housing Accommodations

- On-campus housing accommodations:
 - physical accessibility
 - specific floor plan options
 - Service Animal/Emotional Support Animal



Accommodations in K-12 vs. Higher Education

- Accommodations do not automatically transfer over from K-12 or other colleges/universities, so the student must apply.
- We follow Title II of the ADA
- Reasonable accommodations are provided to ensure the student has equal access to the learning environment.
- How the disability is impacted by the educational environment determines the kind of accommodation needed, not the diagnosis itself.
- Accommodations are not guaranteed and may not always be reasonable.
- Accommodations are not retroactive, so it's best to get connected as early as possible.



How To Get Connected

- Go to SAS Website: sas.sswb.ucf.edu
- Click the Start Here tab and complete the appropriate application(s).
- Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.
 - In August and September, it may take up to 4 weeks for SAS to complete the process.
 - Students are able to apply for accommodations anytime during their UCF journey.
- Students are welcome to upload documentation, but applications can be submitted without it.
- Monitor UCF email for next steps, including scheduling a meeting



Examples of Documentation

- Documents that explain how the diagnosis is impacted by the academic environment.
 - IEP/504 plans, Psych Evaluations/Reports, medical records, letters from medical providers explaining diagnosis and functional limitations, etc.
 - SAS Medical Provider form is available if needed.
- Documentation is primarily used as supporting information regarding the student's disability.
- The student should not delay meeting with us, we can still meet even without documentation.



How To Manage Accommodations

- If approved, the student will receive an email with instructions on how to manage their accommodations.
- Student is responsible for notifying their professors of their accommodations and managing exam accommodations <u>every</u> semester using the SAS Knights Access portal.
- Accommodations will not show up on transcripts, only SAS has access to accommodation records.
- Accommodations stay with students their entire time at UCF, there is no need to reapply.
- Student should reach out to SAS if they experience any challenges with their approved accommodations or if they are experiencing additional barriers.









Questions?

