What is Academic Accessibility?

Academic Accessibility provides reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities in accordance with the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA).

Students who receive academic accommodations complete the same course requirements as all students, and accommodations will not interfere with the fundamental requirements or objectives of the course. Academic accommodations are meant to provide equal access to students.

Since every student’s journey is different, Academic Accessibility offers academic accommodations on a case-by-case basis depending on student self-report, past history of need and current need of academic accommodations. Even though Academic Accessibility reserves the right to request supporting documentation for requested services, we encourage students to meet with Academic Accessibility as soon as possible because accommodations are not retroactive.
SERVICES AVAILABLE
Serving students with a variety of disabilities, including:
- Learning disabilities
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Psychological/mental health disorders
- Physical disabilities
- Neurological disabilities
- Traumatic brain injury
- Temporary disabilities

CONFIDENTIALITY
Disability information will remain confidential unless permission is given by the student or where disclosure is required by law. Documentation is housed in the Center for Academic Excellence and the Academic Accessibility Resource office. Documentation will be kept five years past graduation and three years past transfer or withdrawal.

SERVICE ANIMALS
Asbury University recognizes the importance of Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) and Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) under the Fair Housing Act (FHA) that provide physical and/or emotional support to individuals with disabilities.

- A “Service Animal” is any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric or other mental disability. Individuals with disabilities may be accompanied by a Service Animal in all Asbury University buildings where members of the public or participants in services, programs or activities can go.
- Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are not considered Service Animals. They must be contained within the owner’s privately assigned individual living accommodations (e.g., room, suite, apartment) except to the extent the individual is taking the animal out for natural relief.
- Please indicate need for a Service Animal or ESA when applying for accommodations.

STEPS TO RECEIVING ACCOMMODATIONS
1. Submit completed Intake Form and Release of Information Form
2. Submit professional documentation to support your disability in order for AAR to assess what accommodations are reasonable and appropriate
3. Schedule an appointment with AAR by calling (859) 858-3511, x2283
4. AAR reviews and assesses the granting of reasonable and appropriate accommodations
5. Implementation of accommodations and notification to professors prior to course start date, or once approved, for mid-term requests
6. Continued communication between student, course instructors, AAR Director and other pertinent staff to ensure student’s accessibility and participation in each class

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