

Disability Resources

USI Disability Resources coordinates services and academic accommodations for USI students with disabilities, ensuring equal access to facilities, programs, services and University resources. Our services include:

- reviewing documentation for eligibility
- determining appropriate accommodations
- assisting in the implementation of accommodations
- offering support and guidance
- advocating for access as needed

Don't delay contacting Disability Resources out of concern for not having sufficient documentation. Call 812-464-1961 to schedule an appointment. During our meeting we will determine what documentation may be needed and assist you in getting it.

To receive academic accommodations follow three steps.

(Note: If you plan to take online classes you may still need accommodations such as extra time on exams.)

1. Contact Disability Resources (DR)

Call 812-464-1961 or stop by our office in the Science Center-Room 2206, to let us know you will be attending USI. We can discuss the accommodation process and what documentation you may need to begin the process.

2. Submit Documentation

Disability-related documentation provides information on how the disability currently affects your daily life as well as in an academic setting so that effective accommodations can be identified. Common sources of documentation are:

- Healthcare providers
- Psychologists
- Diagnosticians
- And/or information from a previous school

Call 812-464-1961 to request the Verification of Disability form to take to your professional. The verification form also can be printed from our website. Our complete documentation guidelines also are posted on our website USI.edu/disabilities.

3. Meet with a DR Coordinator

After submitting documentation, you and a disability resources staff member will discuss the appropriate academic services and accommodations specific to your functional limitations in the academic setting. Once appropriate accommodations are decided, letters that list the approved accommodations will be prepared for you to take to each of your instructors.

Some examples of common accommodations:

- Extra time on exams
- Reduced distraction testing area for exams
- Readers/scribes
- Note takers
- Alternative format text books
- Sign language interpreters
- Use of recorder
- Enlarged materials



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Other USI Disability-Related Services:

- **Academic Skills** offers academic services including tutoring, supplemental instruction and the Writers' Room. Academic peer coaches offer individualized assistance with study skills, time management skills, strategies for test-taking, note-taking and textbook reading. Call 812-464-1743. Located in the Education Center, Room 1111.
- **ADA Coordinator** – 812-465-7101
- **Counseling and Psychological Services** has professionally trained staff to help students with challenges, concerns, distress and more that can affect college life. Call 812-464-1867. Located in the Orr Center, Room 1051.
- **Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center** has adaptive bicycles, both recumbent and hand cycles, that are available for checkout with a valid Eagle Access card. Call 812-461-5268.
- **Student Support Services** is a grant-funded program that supports students who are either first generation, income-eligible and/or have a disability. Student Support Services provides services including skill development, academic assistance and career development, personal and financial aid counseling, and experiences designed to enhance the collegiate experience on USI's campus. Call 812-228-5087. Located in the Education Center, Room 1142.
- **Veteran, Military and Family Resource Center** recognizes military members and dependents who have special needs and concerns, and seeks to ease the transition from military to civilian life. Call 812-464-1857. Located in the Education Center lower level, Room 0114.

All of the above services have additional information on their web pages. All web pages are searchable from the USI homepage.

Epi-Hab Endowment to Support Students with Disabilities

- Provides yearly scholarships based upon applicant grades, community service, recommendations and an essay describing how the student plans to use his or her education to have a positive impact on disability issues. Scholarships are limited to USI students who are registered with Disability Resources and will be contacted via email once the scholarship application for the next school year is available.
- Improves campus accessibility for everyone.
- Encourages and supports faculty and student research of disability related topics which will be shared with the campus community.
- Offers professional development opportunities to faculty and administrators related to disability issues.
- Expands the availability and accessibility of assistive technology on campus.
- Promotes the concept of universal design campus wide in everything from course development to architectural design.
- Creates opportunities for learning and employment for students with disabilities through collaboration with local businesses, agencies, schools and other community resources.



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Promoting an accessible community where students are challenged and diversity is celebrated

