



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services, Division of Student Services

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Disability Support Services (DSS) is the office responsible for facilitating academic accommodations for otherwise qualifying students with disabilities at Western Illinois University.

Requesting Services

If a student is interested in receiving services through DSS, he or she must go through a process to request accommodations. DSS requires that students complete a Request for Services Form and provide documentation that supports the requested accommodations. The documentation must be current and provide a diagnosis that establishes a clear link between the requested accommodations and the impact of the condition. The Request for Services Form and documentation guidelines are found on the DSS website, www.student.services.wiu.edu/dss.

Documentation Guidelines

Current documentation must be provided by the student requesting services. Students must obtain this documentation from a professional who is qualified to diagnose a condition or disability.

Accommodations

Accommodations are decided upon a case by case basis. Students' accommodations are based on the link between their condition and its impact in an academic setting. Some accommodations provided through DSS are note-taking assistance, testing in a reduced-distraction environment, required materials in an alternative format and a variety of others, based on what would be most appropriate.

Leslie F. Malpass Library

The library and its five branches house more than one million cataloged volumes, 3,300 current journal subscriptions, and 25 foreign and domestic newspapers. In addition, the library provides computer access to resources worldwide, including 800 other Illinois libraries with more than 22 million volumes. When necessary, the interlibrary loan program can have materials in students' hands within a day or two.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, room, and board.

HIGHER VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Western Illinois University complies with all state and federal nondiscrimination laws, orders, and regulations. Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution and affirms its commitment in all programs and activities to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, and status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisers/faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at www.admissions.wiu.edu by selecting "Visit Campus." You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU [742-5948] or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.



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