THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA) OF 1990

The ADA provides civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities. It guarantees equal opportunities for “qualified individuals” with disabilities in all public facilities and educational programs, activities, services, and benefits. The ADA upholds and maintains compliance standards to ensure institutions of higher education policies, procedures, and practices are non-discriminatory.

THE ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

Broadens the definition of disability to cover impairments that are episodic or in remission that substantially limits a major life activity when active.

THE SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

The term disability means with respect to an individual “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.” Major life activities include, but are not limited to, caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working.

SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Houston East End Field Office
5425 Polk Ave., Suite 410, Houston, TX 77023
Phone - (713) - 928 - 7700
Fax - (713) - 928 - 7740
TDD - (713) - 938 - 7745

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Division for Blind Services (DBS)
Houston Field Office
427 West 20th Street, Suite 407, Houston, TX 77008
Phone - (713) - 802 - 3105
TTY - (713) - 802 - 3191

Attention Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)
Phone - (281) - 894 - 4932
www.adda-sr.org
www.adhdteachandreach.com

THE BURGUNDY RIBBON SYMBOLIZES ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES

The Burgundy Ribbon symbolizes adults with disabilities.

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
3100 CLEBURNE • HOUSTON, TX 77004
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
PHONE (713)-313-4210 FAX (713)-313-6683
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

HTTP://WWW.TSU.EDU/STUDENT/SERVICES/COUNSELING/
SERVICES

ODS collaborates with students that have documented disabilities and instructors to provide reasonable accommodations, auxiliary aids, and supportive services.

The ODS provides the following services:

- **Reasonable Academic Accommodations**
  - Less Distracting Environments
  - Extended Examination Time
  - Permission to Record Academic Lectures

- **Auxiliary Aids**
  - Reader/Scriber Service Referrals
  - American Sign Language Services

- **Advocacy Services**
  - Interdepartmental Liaison
  - Agency Supportive Resource Referrals

- **Adaptive Technology Lab**
  - Adaptive Software Programs
    - Dragon
    - JAWS
    - Kurzweil 3000
    - Zoom Text

- **Adaptive Hardware Equipment**
  - MagniSight Closed Circuit TV
  - Adjustable height work stations

ELIGIBILITY AND DOCUMENTATION

In order to determine eligibility for services, ODS requires complete and current disability specific documentation.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All University Counseling Center (UCC) Divisions are subject to the departmental confidentiality guidelines. Student confidentiality and privacy is maintained at all times. Students must provide a written release to share information with TSU community agents, independent consultants, and/or health care providers who have a legitimate need to know.

FEES

There are no fees for ODS academic accommodation services to currently enrolled TSU students. However, the student is financially responsible for any associated cost/fees related to psychological, psycho-educational, or other diagnostic testing needs.

5-Step Process-Accessing Accommodations

**Step 1: Be a Tiger!**
All students requesting accommodation services must be an officially enrolled TSU student.

**Step 2: Submit an Application**
All students requesting services must complete and submit an official application including verifiable documentation of a professional that is disability specific.

**Step 3: Application Review & Evaluation Process**
The student’s completed application will be reviewed and evaluated. The review process may take up to six weeks.

**Step 4: Student Notification Letter**
The student requesting services will receive a Student Notification Letter with an official decision regarding the accommodation request.

**Step 5: Accommodation Plan Meeting**
If the student requesting services is approved an appointment will be scheduled to review the Accommodation Plan.

Office of Disability Services (ODS)
A division of the University Counseling Center (UCC)

TSU complies with non-discriminatory policies for students with disabilities under the federal and state guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which enables equal access to College programs and activities.