

## ADA Compliance Statement for University Center Sioux Falls Based Sections

It is the policy of SDBOR universities, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to ensure that no qualified person shall, solely by reason of disability, be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of any program or activity. Each person who has met the academic and technical standards for admission to or participation in university programs shall receive the accommodations needed to ensure equal access to educational opportunities, programs and activities. Reasonable accommodations are those that do not fundamentally alter the nature of the program, that can be provided without undue financial or administrative burden, and that can be provided without lowering academic and other essential performance standards.

A student is responsible for the accommodation process and actively participating in the process by making timely and appropriate disclosures and requests. Any delay in the process on the student's part may result in limiting the ability of Disability Services to provide reasonable accommodations.

The process includes:

**Self-Disclose Disability and Register** - It is the student's responsibility to identify as a person with a disability and register with Disability Services. A student may self-disclose at any time, however students are encouraged to self-disclose and register before classes begin. A student may contact Disability Services via e-mail or phone to schedule a time to meet to self-disclose, register, and begin the interactive process of requesting accommodations.

**Provide Disability Documentation** - A student must provide Disability Services with documentation to support their request for accommodations. Each student and each disability is unique, therefore the type of documentation each student provides will be different. However, all documentation must be current and relevant, address the current impact of the disability, and illustrate a connection between the disability and the requested accommodation.

**Request Accommodations** - Accommodation requests are approved to ensure full access to the educational opportunities, programs, and activities of all SDBOR institutions. Accommodations ensure access by lessening or removing a barrier that may exist due to the student's disability. A student must request accommodations that are reasonable and appropriate in a college setting.

**Actively Communicate** - A student must actively and continuously communicate with Disability Services and their professors to assure the accommodations are effective. Active communication also allows for accommodations to be adjusted as needed throughout the course of the semester.

If you are a student with a disability, please contact Disability Services as soon as possible if you want to request accommodations. If you are a student and you suspect you may have a disability, contact Disability Services. Disability Services will refer you to the appropriate agency or organization for evaluations.

Visit [the UC ADA Site](#) for contact information.