

DSPS Glossary of Common Terms

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Accommodations

Services, supports, or modifications that allow students with disabilities to have equity or a “level playing field” in higher education. Examples of academic accommodations include use of a notetaker in a lecture class, extended time on tests, or reading materials in alternate formats. Students may also need accommodations for residence halls, policies, dining services, extracurricular activities, internships, or other campus events and activities.

Accessibility, accessible or access

condition and possible accommodations, as discussed by student
and

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Fundamental Alteration

A change to a college course or program that is so significant that it alters the essential nature of learning outcome, class or program. (removing/ waiving acquisition of a skill that is considered essential or is directly related to the health and safety of others. Excusing or waiving requirements directly related to licensing requirements)

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Interactive Process

A way to arrive at an appropriate academic adjustment or appropriate auxiliary aids or service through a delifdelifdelifdelifdelifdelifdelifdelifdelifdcRf*EMC

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Priority registration

A programmatic accommodation that permits students with disabilities to register for courses early in the campus registration period. This accommodation is typically available to all DSPS students unless they have below 2.0 GPA or completed more than 90 college units or have not completed all the CCSF matriculation steps.

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Readers

An academic accommodation in which a person reads text aloud to an individual with a text-based disability, most typically a learning disability or sight impairment. This can be provided with a human reader, but is most often accommodated through the use of assistive technology that provides text to speech.

Real-time captioning

Refers to captions that are created in real-time while an event is taking place. Due to the nature of some events some captions must be produced live. This type of captioning has a higher rate of errors and should be used only when offline captioning is not possible.

Reduced course load

The reduced course load accommodation allows the student to take fewer courses in a term and still be considered a full-time student for the purposes of college-based benefit programs (FTIG, EOPS, Book Loan Program). This may not apply to benefits received from other non- college-based programs (VA, FAFSA, DOR). Students approved for this accommodation are advised to register for fewer units in order to adequately manage their class deadlines and assist with better homework time management.

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Scribes

This academic accommodation provides a person to write student responses during tests or transfer student responses to scantron (bubble) answer sheets. Alternatively, this accommodation is sometimes addressed through speech-to-text assistive technology.

Sign language interpreters

provision of American Sign Language interpreters for classes, educational programs, and activities to assure students have access to the full range of educational programming.

Speech-to-text

Is an umbrella term used to describe an accommodation in which spoken communication and other auditory information are translated into text in real-time. A service provider types what is heard and the text appears on a screen for the student to read.

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Test accommodations

These accommodations are designed to circumvent barriers in classroom, programming, or placement tests. They are approved on a case-by-