Accessible Education Center

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The University of Oregon is dedicated to the principles of equal opportunity in education and recognizes disability as an aspect of diversity integral to the university and to society. The mission of the Accessible Education Center is to ensure the access and full inclusion of students with disabilities; the center staff works to create an educational environment that is usable, equitable, sustainable, and inclusive for all members of the university community. Inclusive design is promoted as a necessary approach to creating that environment.

The center is a resource to the university community on issues related to disability, inclusion, and access. Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to contact the office with questions, concerns, or requests regarding full participation in university classes, programs, and offerings. Members of the faculty and staff are encouraged to consult with the center on a range of accessibility, accommodation, and universal design issues.

The office provides consultation, outreach, training, and direct support and services in the form of academic accommodations under guidance from the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These include, but are not limited to, academic advising, accessible technology assistance, classroom relocation, alternative testing procedures, instructor notification, note taking, and sign-language interpreting. The Accessible Education Center meets with students to discuss individual access needs and educational history, and reviews documentation to establish eligibility for services.

The university does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs or activities. Modifications to academic requirements are made when needed to ensure that such requirements neither discriminate nor have the effect of discriminating on the basis of disability against a qualified applicant or student.