

G. Students with Disabilities

Services are available at SWOSU to insure access for students with varying mobility, visual or hearing disabilities, or learning disabilities.

A disability is defined as a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Examples of impairments that can have a substantial impact on a life function are visual impairment and blindness, hearing impairment and deafness, mobility impairment, learning disabilities, or chemical sensitivity. The impairment must be substantial to be covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA).

All disabilities must be verified and documented through the Dean of Students Office. Documentation must:

1. Verify the presence of a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits a major life activity or function.
2. Provide enough information to support reasonable accommodations that are appropriate and effective.
3. Include a copy of a diagnostic testing report verifying the disability and specific recommendations concerning the types of academic accommodations for which the student is eligible. All information must be within a five year period.

Once sufficient documentation is on file the Dean of Students will develop reasonable accommodation for the student and notify specific faculty and/or departments with the information. Students must meet with the Dean of Students each semester for needs assessment.

A Vocational Rehabilitation Office is located at 1401 Lera Drive Suite 5, 772-5805. Any student attending SWOSU who has a physical or developmental impairment may make an application for vocational rehabilitation services. To make an application, a student can call or come to the office north of Route 66 frontage road. Please call for specific directions

Policy from SWOSU Student Handbook:

www.swosu.edu/resources/pubforms/DisplayMedia.aspx?pid=397