



POLICY ON ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

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Welcome to Lourdes University, a Catholic liberal arts institution of higher education in the Franciscan tradition. Lourdes University provides an atmosphere that nurtures a holistic approach to learning within a caring, supportive environment. This policy applies to all aspects of the University, including educational programs and recognized organizations

So that all students at Lourdes University have an equal opportunity for personally and academically rewarding experiences, the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) administers reasonable accommodations, support services, and auxiliary aids for students with disabilities and/or medical conditions. We administer these accommodations for eligible students to remove barriers to full participation in the life of the University. These adjustments are individually designed and based on the specific needs of each student by our Office of Accessibility Services in consultation with the students.

Students who wish to request accommodations on the basis of disability/medical condition may do so once they have been admitted or at any time throughout the semester. It is important to note, however, that accommodations cannot be implemented retroactively. To begin the process, please complete the Disability Disclosure and Accommodation Request Form available on our website at <http://www.lourdes.edu/campus-life/accessibility/> and return it to us as soon as possible. You will also need to schedule a time to meet with the Assistant Director of Accessibility Services so that we can get to know you and discuss your needs. In most cases, it is recommended that your healthcare provider complete the Documentation Form also available on our website at <http://www.lourdes.edu/campus-life/accessibility/> to support your request. Please bring any available documentation and/or this completed form with you to your meeting with the Assistant Director to help us evaluate your request(s).

The OAS, in collaboration with other university departments, is committed to providing appropriate auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities in an effort to afford full and equal enjoyment of its programs to individuals with disabilities. The OAS is dedicated to promoting the self-advocacy of students with disabilities and is committed to working with Lourdes administration on the development and revisions of policies and procedures relevant to students with disabilities. The OAS also serves as a source of disability-related information and resources for the university.

Students receiving accommodations are responsible for communicating with their instructors and the OAS each semester regarding their accommodations.

Lourdes University complies with all applicable nondiscrimination laws and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of its services, programs, and activities. Any related inquiries should be directed to:

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The full text of Lourdes University's Institutional Policy on Discrimination and Harassment can be found here:
<http://www.lourdes.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Policy-on-Discrimination-and-Harassment.pdf>.

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