



Specialized Support and Disability Services University Student Services

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Specialized Support and Disability Services At a Glance

Specialized Support and Disability Services (SSDS) is guided by the mandate of the University of Alberta's official Policy for Students with Disabilities of "attracting and retaining qualified students with disabilities". SSDS serves prospective and current students whose disabilities involve any number of conditions affecting mobility, vision, hearing, learning, and physical or mental health.

SSDS individualizes services to assist students in meeting their academic goals. This is achieved by maximizing students' participation in their programs of study, providing support, and encouraging involvement in all aspects of campus life. The services provided by SSDS include:

- individual assessments of need and development of accommodation plans
- orientation to SSDS
- counselling and advising
- communication support including interpreting and CART services
- liaison with departments and faculties
- adaptive technology needs assessment, followed by training, access, and support
- access to specialized equipment and assistive devices (e.g., scooters, FM systems)
- alternate format material preparation (e.g., e-text, Braille, large print)
- assistance in accessing disability-related funding (e.g., awards, bursaries, government support)
- note taking and exam accommodation support
- Program for Students with Learning Disabilities (PSLD)
- psycho-educational assessments of learning disabilities
- campus maps showing buildings' accessible entrances and DATS drop-off zones
- opportunities for volunteering

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