Exploring More about Student Accessibility Services

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Parent U: 504 Accommodations

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Purpose

Student Accessibility Services supports Trinity University's mission to promote human and intellectual diversity by providing equal access and equal opportunity through fostering an inclusive environment for all students with disabilities within the Trinity community. Guided by both the office’s mission and federal law, Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is dedicated to guaranteeing that students with disabilities have equitable access to all aspects of Trinity’s campus by providing them reasonable accommodations.

Goals

Human Intellectual Diversity

Assist students with disabilities in recognizing their disability as one of many important demographic characteristics which will shape their identities and influence how they perceive the world

Equal Access and Opportunity

Create a diverse, inclusive, and pluralistic campus climate which fosters respect for and appreciation of the inherent worth of all individuals, at all times, and in all ways.

Self Advocacy and Success Skills

Promote self-advocacy skills and self-determination within students with disabilities.

Transition to Trinity

High School

- IDEA
- School evaluation at no cost to student (public schools)
- Student identified by school
- Parent has access to student records and can participate in accommodation process

Higher Education

- ADA
- Evaluation not covered by institution
- Student must self-identify to SAS
- Parent does not have access to student records without consent

Register with SAS

- Submit an application
- Provide supporting documentation
- Schedule an appointment
- Review disability, needs, and resources
- Send accommodation letters
- Meet with professors

An Interactive Process

Documentation Review

- Credentials of the evaluator
- A clear diagnostic statement
- A description of the diagnostic methodology used
- Provider Verification Form

Getting to know the student

- Interests
- Goals
- Strengths & challenges
- Personal story
- Previous experiences

Growing partnership

- Check ins
- Review
- Changes

Types of Accommodations

Exam/Testing

From extended time on exams to reduced distraction space and taking exams in the Accommodated Testing Center, students can get the assistance that they need to show their full potential on exams and reduce barriers in vital assessments in their courses.

Classroom

SAS exclusively works collaboratively with faculty and students to ensure the classroom is fully accessible. From notetaking assistance and provision of instructor materials to physical adjustments to the classroom, SAS will ensure that all students can get all the information they need during their lectures.

Assistive Technology

Our office is proud to offer some of the latest and groundbreaking technology and online resources to ensure student access. Whether it's our Glean note-taking tool, Livescribe digital recording pens, Verbit AI-powered captioning, Grammarly online grammar tool and so much more, SAS offers the best so students can do their best using supportive technology.

Types of Accommodations

Housing Assignment

Reasonable modifications to housing assignments, based on a documented disability-related need can be made. Some of these modifications include reducing the capacity of the student's room, adjusting the location of the student's assignment, and requests for specific amenities.

Dining Modifications

Dining Services will work with the student and their family to make a determination of reasonable modifications and adjustments to the availability of food in dining facilities.

Animals on Campus

Students may go through the housing accommodation process to receive approval to bring their support animal on-campus. Additionally, students bringing a service animal to campus need to submit the appropriate vaccination record to the office.

Accommodation Examples

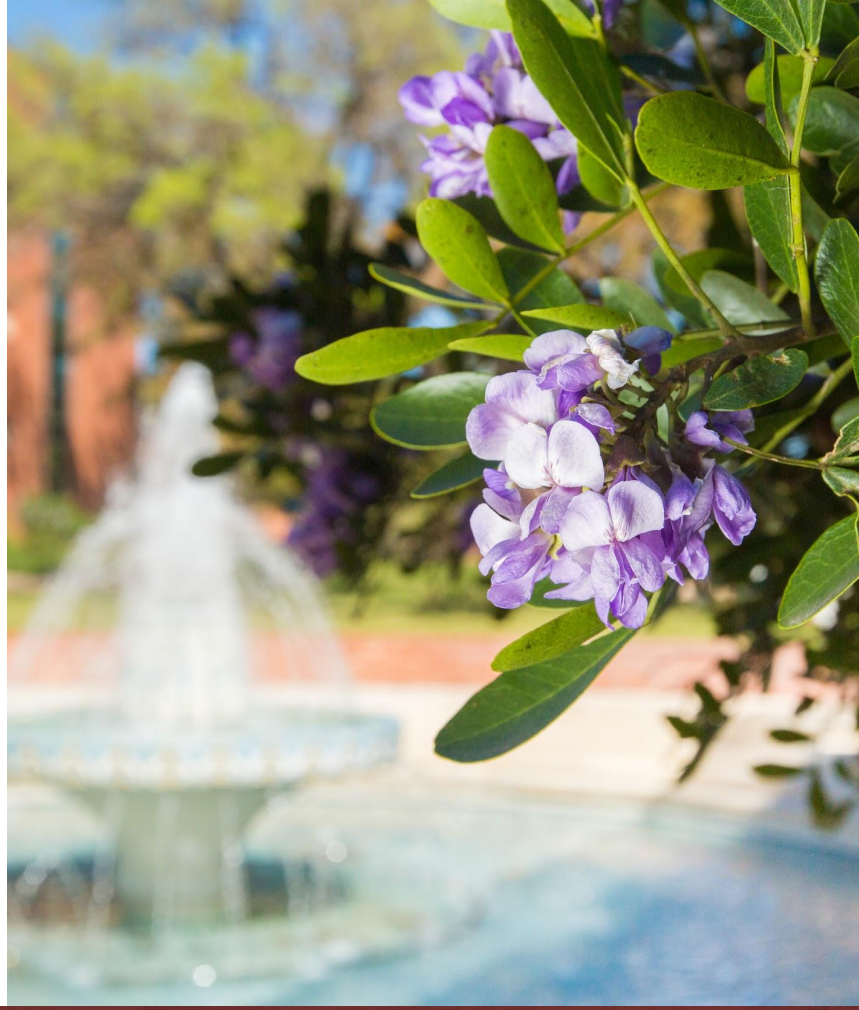
- Extended Time
- Reduced Distraction Environment
- Notes Assistance
- Laptop
- Alternative Text

Nuances of Accommodations

- Students do not need to reapply for an approved accommodation. Depending on the type of accommodation, the student may need to resend their Faculty Notification Letter.
- Accommodations are handled a semester by semester basis (or yearly basis for housing accommodations).
- SAS's process balances the student's specific needs with the "reasonable" standard (e.g., can a student continue to meet all essential requirements of them with or without accommodations)

Beyond Accommodations

- **Assistive Technology** offered by SAS allows students the independence they need while still meeting all of their disability-related needs
- The **R.O.O.T.S. Program**, facilitated by our Learning Specialist, provides more in-depth one-on-one assistance promoting persistence and connection with Trinity
- **First-Year Success Skills Course** offers a way for students to connect with peers like them and learn more about themselves and the strategies they can use to succeed
- Our **Peer Mentor Program**, facilitated by our Accessibility Specialist, ensures students have the peer support needed to navigate Trinity and find success during their time here



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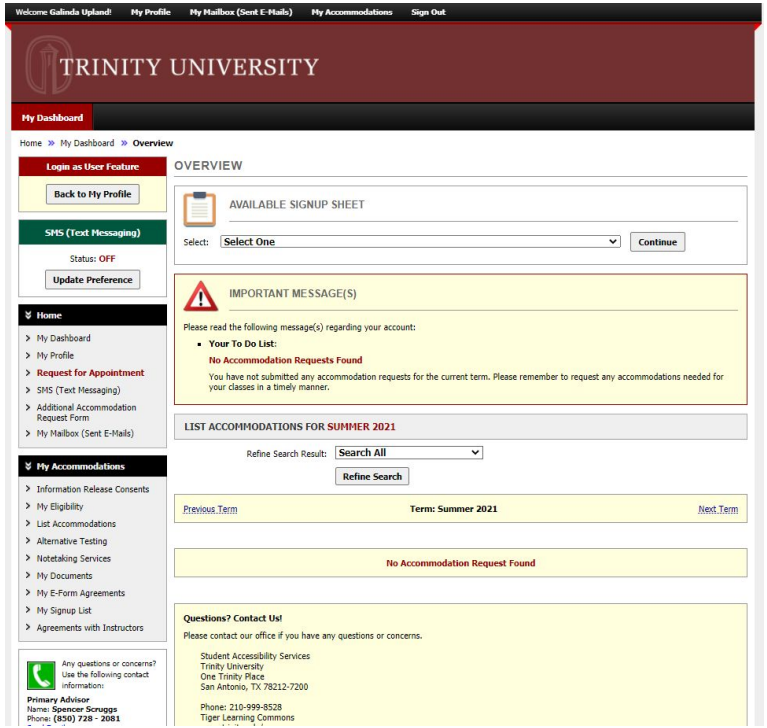

- Submit application and documentation
- Request appointments
- Request accommodation letters
- Reserve an exam at the Accommodated Testing Center

Tiger Learning Commons

Academic Coaching

Writing Center

Quantitative Reasoning Skills Center

SAS & Accommodated Testing Center

You are not alone

2,683 Trinity students

356 Students registered with SAS

Questions?

Next steps

To submit your application and documentation

Visit SAS Link or find more information about documentation requirements on the Accommodation and Services webpage.

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