

KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Higher Education Compliance ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISCLOSED DISABILITY

The Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) stipulates that postsecondary institutions are responsible for providing necessary accommodations when a student discloses a disability. Accommodations simply provide an alternative way to accomplish the course requirements by eliminating or reducing disability-related barriers. They provide a level playing field, not an unfair advantage.

The following is an overview of what the university provides as means of accessibility/accommodations, with more specific requests addressed as needed by the appropriate school official.

Academic Catalog

Disability Services policy in 2016-17 Academic Catalog, page 13

It is the policy of Kansas Wesleyan University to provide all students with access to the benefits of services in admission, registration, counseling, and instruction. In order to receive the needed assistance, an individual with a diagnosed disability must inform the university of the disability through official documentation. For information on assistance with physical accessibility to facilities contact the Director of Plant Operations (785-833-4321). For information on assistance with learning in the classroom, contact the Director of the Student Success Center (785-833-4398). In order to be provided with reasonable accommodations, students with special needs and disabilities must identify themselves privately to the Director of the Student Success Center, (785-833-4398), in the Memorial Library, during or prior to the first week of classes.

Examples of services that may be offered include the following:

- The university policy provides for retrieval of authorized library, admission, registration, counseling, and instructional materials for any student who, because of limited mobility, is unable to readily access such material.
- Student Services will move classes for students whose mobility is limited to accessible rooms. This includes, but is not limited to: wheelchair bound students, students who need ambulatory assistance, or students with heart conditions (as required by a physician).
- Advisors, faculty, and other offices of the university not on ground level or accessible by elevator, will consult in prearranged locations with disabled students or prospective students.
- The university library will offer personal retrieval assistance for books and periodicals for mobility-impaired or sight-disabled students.
- For students with auditory disabilities, the university will authorize, in conjunction with social service agencies, classroom accessibility to paid or volunteer sign language interpreters.
- For students with visual impairment, the university will, in conjunction with social service agencies, provide classroom accessibility to paid or volunteer note takers and/or readers. The university will authorize, in consultation with individual faculty members, and with respect to relevant copyright laws, permission for audio tape recordings of lectures.
- The university is able to provide limited services to learning disabled students. Available services include some tutorials, reading and writing skills assistance, taping lectures and textbooks, and modified testing.

Admissions

For any prospective student who has indicated that they have a disability (i.e., IEP, 504 Plan), the Admissions Office directs their inquiries to the Student Success Center in determining if we can provide the accommodations needed for their anticipated enrollment.

Business Office

- Telephone/contact assistance (TTY phones)
- Object voice descriptors on website (ADA compliant)

Athletics Facilities

Graves Family Sports Complex

- Ramps on north and south entrances into general seating area
- Wheel Chair accessible stall in each men's and women's restroom
- Handicap shower located in each locker room
- Handicap parking north side located next to entrance gate

Mabee Arena

- Elevator for wheel chair seating upper level
- Wheel Chair accessible stall in men's and women's restroom
- Handicap parking SAC parking lot

Athletic Training

- Two spine boards for practice and games
- Tables that are low enough to be access by people with crutches
- Provide crutches, walking boots, and braces for injured athletes
- Have 2 AED's for practices and games
- Work with a local orthopedic surgeon for injury or rehab care off site
- Use a gator at GFSC to help injured athletes off the field
- Have orthopedic surgeon present at football games
- Have doctor present during wrestling tournaments

Plant Operations

- Fire inspections/city code inspections are done annually
- Ramps are available for:
 - south entrance to Pfeiffer Hall
 - south entrance off parking lot by Pfeiffer Hall
 - east entrance to Shriwise Dining Hall
 - south parking lot to entrance with elevator in Hall of Pioneers
 - east side of Sams Hall of Fine Arts – north
 - south and north entrances to Memorial Library
 - northwest entrance to Peter's Science Hall
- Two rooms are handicap accessible in Pfeiffer Hall
- Elevators are available in Hall of Pioneers, Sams Hall of Fine Arts, Student Activities Center, Peter's Science Hall - all have Braille signs on door panel.
- Designated handicap stalls in parking lots by Hall of Pioneers (4), Peter's Science Hall (3 with 2 van accessible), Pfeiffer Hall (1), Graves Family Sports Complex (11 on north side), Plant Operations Shop (1 – van accessible), plus south side of Claflin Avenue (city controlled)

