

FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act , Section 504 mandates that “no otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

The Delaware College of Art and Design adheres to this law and, whenever possible and appropriate, will make reasonable physical or instructional accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

To qualify for any accommodation, the student must provide the College with written documentation from a qualified medical professional, within the last three years, clearly stating the diagnosis and recommendations for accommodation. If a student requires a physical adaptation of learning facilities, documentation from a qualified physician is required. If a student requires instructional accommodation, documentation and educational testing results from a qualified psychologist are required. High School Individual Education Plans (IEPs) do not qualify as documentation, but may be sent to the College to supplement a formal psychological evaluation.

It is the responsibility of the student to request the accommodations and properly complete all associated paperwork. Once the proper documentation has been received, the Director of Student Services coordinates a meeting between the student and the instructor of the course for which the accommodations are requested. The instructor determines with the student what accommodations can be reasonably provided. Accommodations are provided on a per course basis and must be requested every semester.

It is strongly recommended that students request accommodations as early in the semester as possible. Accommodations cannot be provided before the proper documentation has been received nor can accommodations be applied retroactively to courses, exams, or assignments that have occurred in the past.