



ANA G MENDEZ UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONSUMER INFORMATION Services for Students with Disabilities

Services for Students with Disabilities:

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disability is a chronic or long-term, physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more essential activities of daily living (ie, walking, sitting, breathing, learning, working, sleeping, etc.). The ADA also requires an individualized evaluation of each case in order to determine the existence or absence of a disability or special need. The ADA does not require the University to evaluate students or to cover the costs of such an evaluation. It is the responsibility of the student to present the appropriate and pertinent documentation to request services and accommodations / accommodations. The university has the right to establish professional criteria for reviewing documentation.

Reasonable Accommodation:

"Reasonable Accommodations" is a term used by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, to describe modifications of the environment for the purpose of eliminating or reducing the 21 structure and / or educational barriers, to a reasonable extent, that could be faced by a student due to a disability or special need. The law does not require that students with disabilities or needs be given a "special" advantage that places them in a better position than their peers. Reasonable accommodations are made to place the disabled student or student with special needs in the same starting position as their peers. However, a reasonable accommodation cannot fundamentally alter the nature of the academic program.

Examples of accommodations could include:

- Use of approved Assistive Technologies
- Annotator/Scribe
- Test Proctor
- Preferential seating close to the Board or Instructor
- Alteration to testing conditions
- Permission to have snacks or water available
- Written reports instead of oral
- Use of a Sign Language interpreter
- Reader
- Oral examinations instead of written examinations
- Supplementary material printed on important concepts.
- Should not sit or stand for long periods

- Use of a service animal
- Additional time to complete testing and delivery of work
- Using audio recorder, calculator or other equipment required for Assistive Technology

Requirements to register & maintain registration:

1. Request a reasonable accommodation through the Academic Counselor or Director of Retention
2. Provide medical evidence from a licensed / certified healthcare professional
3. Submit and maintain all required documentation

The commitment and support of the University:

Ana G. Mendez University is committed to providing equal opportunities to students with disabilities or special needs by providing a supportive social and academic environment. Faculty and students work as a team to determine student needs in order to make efforts to meet those needs. Ana G. Mendez University complies with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (section 504) which states that no qualifying student will be excluded from enrollment in any course due to a disability or special need. In addition, every effort will be made to provide, within reason, such special accommodations / accommodations. Some programs may require manual skills and may not be able to fit within the boundaries of reasonable accommodations.

Ana G. Mendez University expects students with disabilities to take an active part in communicating their needs, as they are the best qualified to describe their needs. It is important for students to inform the university of their situation at the time of enrollment, or as soon as possible, in order to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. Reviewing the documentation and necessary preparations for an accommodation can take a considerable amount of time, any delay in follow-up may result in a delay.

Any student who feels that they been treated unfairly due to their disability status as protected under the ADA, has the right to file a written complaint with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information:

Ana G. Mendez University is committed to ensuring that all information regarding students' disabilities or special needs is confidential, as necessary and permitted by law. In most cases, the university will not inform the faculty of the nature of a student's disability, unless necessary in order to provide appropriate accommodation and in order to protect the health and safety of the student. student and / or other people. The faculty will be informed about the adjustments or adaptations necessary to meet the needs inherent to a student's disability. In addition to the adjustments and/or accommodations, generally provided by the faculty, the University reserves the right to release supplementary information in such cases as necessary to report it. Some of the more common scenarios include, but are not limited to: A request for a course substitution and special considerations for Financial Aid.

Student seeking information about Services for Students with Disabilities:

Students should review the AGMU Academic Catalog (<https://agmu.edu/en/catalogs>) and may direct questions regarding refunds to their campus Academic Counselor or Director of Retention (<https://agmu.edu/en/content/contact-us>).