

# TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Information Guide 2009-2010

## DSS OVERVIEW

### Mission Statement:

Disability Services for Students empowers students with disabilities to reach their academic goals. We aim to foster greater awareness both of, and for, persons with disabilities in our multilingual, multicultural and international environment.

### Section 504, ADA and You:

TAMIU abides by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act of 1990, which mandates reasonable accommodations be provided for qualified students with disabilities.

### Types of Disabilities May Include:

- ADD/ADHD
- Learning Disabilities
- Psychiatric Disabilities
- Medical Disability
- Chronic Illness
- Mobility Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment

## Disability Services for Students

Call 956-326-2230 for more information

### Identification of a Student:

At Texas A&M International University, the office of Disability Services for Students verifies disabilities and determines if a student qualifies to receive academic accommodations. All students who have been found eligible for accommodations have provided the necessary documentation which has been verified by the DSS Coordinator. In order to receive academic accommodations, the student will present faculty with a sealed envelope containing a "Memorandum to Faculty" completed form listing the approved accommodations. Typically, this should be done at the beginning of each semester, including Maymester and both summer sessions.

### Outreach:

Throughout the academic year, Disability Services for Students provides many Information Tables and Presentations to the TAMIU community. Our staff is also available to provide guest lecture presentations for faculty and in-service training as requested by University departments and student organizations.

### Topics include:

- You and the ADA
- Disability Employment
- Annual Disability Awareness Feature Film
- Learning Disabilities
- Physical Disabilities

### Types of Accommodations that registered students receive:

- Accessible furniture in classrooms
- Assistance in recruiting note takers
- Assistance in ordering audio books
- Assistance in recording textbook (when audio books are not available)
- Equipment loan (cassette players/recorders/CD players)
- Materials enlarged (e.g., exams, handouts)
- Sign language interpreters

## NEED HELP

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### Contact & Resource Information:

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Student Center 124  
Ruby Smith-Gonzalez-  
Disability Services Coordinator x2763  
E-mail: [rgonzalez@tamiu.edu](mailto:rgonzalez@tamiu.edu)  
Web: [www.tamiu.edu/wellness/disability](http://www.tamiu.edu/wellness/disability)

### For More Resource Information:

DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology)  
[www.washington.edu/doi/](http://www.washington.edu/doi/)

