Law Student Orientation

AccessibleNU Information and Services
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AccessibleNU

Our Mission: AccessibleNU serves, supports, and empowers Northwestern students with disabilities by ensuring equal access to fully participate in academic programming and all other facets of University life.
Who is protected under the ADA?

• Any person with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity
  – Major life activities: seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working
Registered Disabilities

• Approximately 130 students with disabilities in professional NU programs
• Represent all schools
• Various disability types: ADD/ADHD, learning disabilities, psychological, mobility, visual, hearing, chronic health conditions
• NU has over 1200 students with disabilities
How does a student get services from ANU?

1. Disclose a disability to AccessibleNU by filling out an online application
2. Provide appropriate documentation
3. Complete intake interview
4. Request accommodations
5. Program notification
Examples of Reasonable Academic Accommodations

– Adjustable desks or tables; ergonomic equipment
– Accessible classrooms and parking
– Assistive technology, such as speech to text software, screen readers, or screen enlargements
– Providing note takers or scribes
– Providing handouts or testing materials in an accessible format (large print or electronically)
– Providing sign language interpreters or speech to text services
– Captioning for in-class movies and videos
– Testing accommodations such as extended time for exams or a reduced-distraction testing environment
Things to consider:

• Prior accommodations
• Retroactive accommodations
• Recent diagnosis
• Accommodations “level the playing field”
• Bar Exam
Questions?

• Please feel free to direct questions to me at aggie.mcgrane@northwestern.edu or by calling 312-503-4042

• Visit the ANU website for more information about ANU services: northwestern.edu/accessible

• ANU is in the CAPS suite at Abbott Hall (710 N. Lake Shore Drive, Suite 500)

• Welcome to Northwestern!