Student Ability Success Center

Academic accommodations and services for students with disabilities at SDSU

Explore SDSU 2020
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Presentation Objectives

- Introduction to SASC
- Understanding the differences between K-12, Community College and SDSU
- Overview of Accommodations and Services
- Applying for SASC Services
- Opportunities for Campus Engagement
Student Ability Success Center

- Division of Student Affairs (Soon to be Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity)

- Our Mission:
  
  - Committed to ensuring that students with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities at SDSU through the provision of services and accommodations.

- Our Goal:

  - Dedicated to empowering students with disabilities by ensuring they have access to appropriate support and services that minimize academic and physical barriers.
Understanding the differences between K-12, Community College and SDSU

- Students are entitled to a K-12 education. Students need to meet eligibility criteria to attend SDSU.
- Student is responsible to initiate and self-advocate.
- Parents are no longer directly involved in the process (FERPA).
- Modification of course curriculum and requirements are extremely limited.
Examples of Accommodations

- Classroom:
  - Note taker and audio recording
  - Interpreters

- Test/Exam:
  - Distraction-reduced setting
  - Extended-time

- Academic and Program Access
  - Change class location and specialized furniture
  - Alternative media

- Housing accommodation requests
  - SASC partners with Housing to review accommodation requests.
  - Students requesting Housing accommodations must first apply for SASC services.
Enhanced Services

- WorkAbility IV Program
  - Department of Rehabilitation and SDSU (SASC and Career Services)
- TRIO – Student Support Services Project
  - Tutoring, Advising and Peer Mentoring
- High Tech Center
  - Computer lab with assistive hardware and software
- Cart and Mobility Services
- SASC Accommodations Workshop
  - Program to assist with the transition into SDSU and SASC
How to Register for the SASC Accommodations Workshop

- Email an Interest to Participate to: sascinfo@sdsu.edu
- Email subject line: SASC Accommodations Workshop
- In the email please provide the following:
  - Name
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Red ID
  - Major
  - Entering SDSU as a freshman or transfer student
- Email the Interest to Participate by May 15, 2020, or as soon as possible.
Applying for SASC Services

Steps for registering with SASC:

► Visit the SASC Website at https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/
► Clink on “Getting Started.”
► Download the application form.
► Complete the SASC application and disability verification form.
► Submit the completed paperwork to SASC.

You may request an appointment to meet with a counselor before applying.
Getting Started
Getting Started with the Student Ability Success Center

Students Currently Enrolled At SDSU

Currently enrolled students at SDSU can visit Applying to the Student Ability Success Center to determine which forms and documents you should complete and submit.

Information Appointment
Prospective students interested in meeting with a Student Ability Success Center Staff Representative can call 619-594-6473.

Students Who Have Been Accepted to SDSU and Plan to Attend

Once notice of provisional admission has been received and you have decided to accept the offer of admission to SDSU, it is time to apply for services from the Student Ability Success Center (SASC). We recommend that you apply to SASC as early as possible to assure that accommodations are in place by the time you begin your academic journey with us.

Please visit Applying to the Student Ability Success Center to learn about the process to apply to SASC.

Prospective SDSU Students

Due to the overwhelming number of undergraduate applications that are received each year for the fall semester, all individuals applying to SDSU must meet the admissions criteria to be considered eligible for entrance to the University. There are no separate or individualized admissions criteria for students with disabilities.

Learn more about university requirements for admission to SDSU.
Submitting Forms and Docs

As soon as you sign and submit your *Intent to Enroll* to the University, you can submit forms and documentation to Student Ability Success Center.

During this time of social distancing and operating virtually the best ways to submit documentation is as follows:

- By email (scanned) to sascinfo@sdsu.edu
- By Mail:
  
  Student Ability Success Center  
  San Diego State University  
  5500 Campanile Drive  
  San Diego, CA 92182-4740
You may request documentation to be sent from another school to Student Ability Success Center at SDSU by completing a Release of Information form. You can do this by one of two ways:

- (1) Complete the Release of Information form at the school that has your disability documentation.

OR

- (2) Visit SASC on the web at http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/sds/ Go to “Forms” and download the “Authorization for Release of Information from Outside Agency” form. Complete the form and submit it to SASC so they can request the disability documentation.
Application Process

► Application and supporting documentation is reviewed by committee to determine eligibility.

► If additional documentation is needed, you will be contacted.

► Once determined eligible for services, you may schedule an intake appointment with a SASC counselor.
Intake Appointment

- Overview of accommodations and services offered through SASC.
- Use your disability documentation and educational history to identify appropriate accommodations and services.
- Discuss how to access accommodations and services.
- Determine if you are eligible for priority registration.
Getting Involved...

- SASC Advocates
- Delta Alpha Pi - Honor Society
- Programming and Outreach
- University committees
- Student Orgs
  - Best Buddies
  - Aztec Adaptive Sports
  - Sick Chicks
We look forward to seeing you in the fall!