



RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

An individual with a disability has a right to an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs offered at the **College of Southern Maryland**.

1. **Individuals with a disability** have the same obligation as any other student to meet and maintain the institution's academic and technical standards.
2. **Individuals with a disability** have the responsibility to identify themselves as needing accommodations in a timely fashion. When the disability is not obvious, the student must provide documentation from an appropriate professional.
3. **Individuals with a disability** have the right to an equal opportunity to learn. They have a right to reasonable accommodations in aspects of their educational experiences; such as location, delivery system, or instructional methodologies that limit access, participation, or their ability to benefit.
4. **Individuals with a disability** have the right to an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the academic community. This includes access to services, benefits, activities, and transportation. These services must be comparable to those provided to any student.
5. **Individuals with a disability** have the responsibility to advocate for their own needs and to seek information and assistance as is necessary for them to be effective.

6. **Individuals with a disability** must provide documentation from an appropriate professional. (If the disability is not obvious, but the individual is regarded as being disabled, it is the responsibility of the individual to demonstrate or document how his/her disability limits his/her ability to benefit from a particular instructional method or evaluation criteria when a request is made for accommodations).
7. **Individuals with a disability** have the right of confidentiality of all information and can choose to whom information pertaining to their disability should be disclosed.
8. **Individuals with a disability** have the right to information regarding the availability of auxiliary aids and other possible accommodations, as well as the procedure for requesting these services.
9. **Individuals with a disability** have the responsibility to follow published procedures for making such requests and must do so in a timely fashion. Information on the procedures can be obtained in the Disability Support Services Office on each campus.
10. **Individuals with a disability** have the right to appeal a decision by the institution regarding auxiliary aids or modifications and must be informed of procedures for initiating an appeal. Information on the appeals process can be obtained in the Disability Support Services Office on each campus.
11. **Individuals with a disability** have a responsibility to demonstrate or document how their disability affects a particular delivery system, instructional method, or evaluation criteria when requesting accommodations.

I have read and understand the above rights and responsibilities.

Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature if student is under 18:

Date: