



Arkansas Tech University Student Disability Access Policy – Plain Language

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) is committed to making sure all students, including those with disabilities, have equal access to education, programs, and services. This commitment follows federal and state laws like the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the Arkansas RISE Act.

What This Means:

1. **No Discrimination:**
Students with disabilities cannot be left out of classes or programs only because of their disability.
2. **Fair Support:**
ATU will make reasonable changes or accommodations to classes or activities when needed, as long as it doesn't change the core purpose of the program.
3. **Equal Access:**
ATU aims to make sure students with disabilities can fully take part in their education while still meeting essential academic requirements.

Who to Contact:

- **ATU Russellville:**
The Office of Disability Services handles accommodations for classes, housing, and other services.
- **ATU Ozark:**
The Student Success and Disability Services Coordinator helps students get accommodations.

Documentation Requirements:

To get accommodations, you'll need to show documents that:

1. Prove you have a disability.
2. Explain how your disability affects daily life or learning.
3. Show why accommodations are needed now.

Examples include medical records, evaluations, IEPs, 504 plans, or letters from professionals. Online letters based on short interviews are not accepted.

How to Request Accommodations:

- You don't have to register for disability services unless you want accommodations.
- To request accommodations, fill out an application on the Disability Services [website](#). Help with the application is available by emailing disabilities@atu.edu or calling (479) 968-0302.
- Accommodations don't apply to past issues—they start only after they're approved, so apply early.

The Office of Disability Services will work with you (and possibly your instructors) to understand what you need and what can be provided. If a different accommodation would work just as well, they may suggest it instead.

Staying involved in this process is important. If you don't respond or participate, the process could be delayed or stopped.

If you have concerns about your accommodations or if they aren't working, contact the Office of Disability Services, or the ATU Ozark designee, as soon as possible.

Faculty and Staff Concerns:

If a professor or staff member thinks an accommodation might change the core of a class or place an unfair burden on the university, they can request a review through the Office of Disability Services, or the ATU Ozark designee.

Providing approved accommodations is a shared responsibility across the whole university—including academics, housing, dining, and more.

Contact Information:

ATU Russellville:

Office of Disability Services

Doc Bryan Student Services Center, Suite 141

1605 Coliseum Drive

Russellville, AR 72801

Phone: (479) 968-0302

Fax: (479) 968-0375

TTY: (479) 964-3290

Email: disabilities@atu.edu

ATU Ozark:

Ozark Student Success Center

Technology and Academic Support, Suite 140

1700 Helberg Lane

Ozark, AR 72949

Phone: (479) 968-0337

Email: ozark.accommodations@atu.edu