

# Accessibility Services



## **OUR MISSION**

In collaboration with the students, faculty, and staff at The University of Winnipeg, Accessibility Services (AS) facilitates and promotes the ongoing development of an accessible learning environment which provides students with disabilities or medical conditions the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of campus life.



# **WHO WE SUPPORT**

Students with invisible/visible disabilities or medical conditions such as:

**Physical disabilities** 

Learning disabilities

Mental health issues

Visual disabilities

**Chronic illness** 

Temporary and recurring medical conditions

Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



### **Services We Offer**

- Academic Accommodations
- Regular meetings with Accessibility Advisors
- > Letter of Accommodations to Faculty
- Assistance with Manitoba Student Aid and other funding programs
- Referrals for students to appropriate community resources to receive additional specialized assistance
- > Assistance with formal appeal process
- > Referrals to tutoring services
- Alternative formats of print/paper textbooks
- Assistance for students who do not have documentation and information on how to obtain documentation

### **Accessibility Services (AS)**

- Accessible computer lab with a variety of adaptive software
- Meeting place for AS students
- Accessible photocopier
- Information and brochures on related services
- > Ergonomic furniture

# Examples of Academic Accommodations

#### Classroom accommodations:

- › Access to a volunteer note taker
- > Priority front row seating
- Use of personal adaptive technology in class
- > Extended time for assignments
- American Sign Language and computerized transcription

#### Campus accommodations:

- Accessible parking
- Accessible lockers
- Accessible workstations in main campus library
- › Accessible, gender neutral washrooms

#### Test/exam accommodations:

- > Extended time
- › Quiet space
- › Asssistance from a reader or scribe
- › Access to word processing software
- ) Deferred exams

# Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

- American Sign Language (ASL)-English interpreters
- > Transcribing (computerized notetaking)

# Interpreting/transcribing services will be provided in the following priority:

- ) Lectures/labs
- Course related activities (tutoring, presentations, small/large course group work)
- > Student/professor meetings
- > Campus activities
- > University sponsored activities

#### **FAQ** for Students

### I am having difficulty in school and I suspect that I may have a disability. What do I do?

You can come by our office in 1M35, or contact us at 204.786.9771 for more information.

### How do I register with Accessibility Services?

Schedule an appointment to meet with one of our Accessibility Advisors and provide supporting medical documentation.

# If I register with your office will it show up on my transcript?

No. Our office offers a confidential service that is not part of your student transcript.

# Can anyone know that I am registered with your office?

No. We offer a confidential service for students with disabilities. Information about your registration with AS will not be shared with anyone unless you give us written authorization. Your instructor may be notified, if they are to be involved in the provision of accommodations.

We cannot disclose information to family, friends or people on campus without your consent.

# Once I am registered, do my accommodations expire if I do not use them?

Students with permanent disabilities do not need to re-register for services during their degree. Depending on the type of medical condition you have, you may need to bring in updated documentation if temporary accommodations have expired.

# What if I need other student services on campus?

Students registered with AS can also utilize other student services including Student Counselling Services, Aboriginal Student Services Centre, and other student services located in the Student Services Centre at 489 Portage Avenue (Rice Centre).

### **Accessibility Services Contact**

Call: 204.786.9771

Email: accessibility@uwinnipeg.ca Visit: 1M35 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am -

4:30pm)

Fax: 204.774.3475

website: uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility

#### **Student Wellness Resources**

The University of Winnipeg offers counseling and health services to all students for free at the Wellness Centre on the first floor of Duckworth Centre (Room 1D24). You can also find many mental health tools and resources at UWinnipeg Wellness Hub (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/wellnesshub).

#### **Health Services**

Klinic on Campus Wellness Centre is open for in-person and virtual appointments. To schedule an appointment go to: https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/student-wellness/contact-us.html.

## **Community Resource**

For assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, please contact these community resources:

Klinic Crisis Line | (204) 786-8686 Klinic Sexual Assault Line | (204) 786-8631 Manitoba Suicide Phone Line | 1 (877) 435-7170

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Mobile Crisis Services | (204) 940-1781 Address: 817 Bannatyne Avenue