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Disability Policy

The GWSS department is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. We work with the Disability Resources for Students Office (<http://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/>):

“The University of Washington provides reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of qualified disabled students so long as doing so does not impose an undue hardship on the University or fundamentally alter the educational program. Reasonable accommodations may include providing appropriate core services necessary to ensure equal access, such as early registration or providing materials in alternative formats.

When academic accommodations are needed they are determined for each student on an individual basis by DRS staff and designed through the interactive process with a student. The interactive process includes; documentation of a disability, student DRS application, DRS Access Planning Meeting, and any follow up needed to ensure reasonable accommodations have been considered.”

“First, a student must complete the DRS new student application and submit documentation from a qualified healthcare professional. Then, DRS engages the student in the interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations.

The University of Washington (UW) requires students seeking services to provide documentation from a qualified healthcare professional that describes the disability/health condition as well as shares the functional impact on the student’s academic experiences. DRS has specific documentation guidelines to provide an outline of the information necessary to establish that a student has a disability and/or temporary health condition.”