

LEARNING DISABILITIES FACT SHEET

Learning disabilities interfere with integrating, acquiring, and/or demonstrating verbal/nonverbal skills and abilities. Students with learning disabilities tend to learn differently; they generally have an average to above average level of intelligence; there frequently is a discrepancy between their ability and their achievement in specific areas, due to a central nervous system dysfunction. It is not unusual for a student with a learning disability to be gifted in some areas.

Learning disabilities may manifest inconsistently, affecting only one specific academic area such as math or foreign language. Most frequently displayed symptoms include difficulty following directions, poor memory, poor reading/writing ability, short attention span, poor coordination, frustration and disorganization.

Students may have difficulty in one or more of the following areas:

Auditory Processing	Abstract Reasoning
Processing Speed	Visual Processing/Visual Spatial Processing
Interpersonal Skills	Oral /Written Expression
Reading Comprehension	Mathematical Skills

Possible Accommodations assigned by the DRC; you will receive a service letter from the DRC delineating the appropriate accommodations for a particular student.

Note Taker or Tape Recorder	Preferential Seating
Extended time for tests	Assistive Technology- Text to Voice
Quiet Environment for taking tests	Reduced Course Load
Spell Checker	Alternate Testing Format
Fact Sheet/Memory Card/Word Bank	Advanced notice of major assignments
Lap Top in class for note taking	Tutoring Referral
Other specialized accommodations as	warranted

Faculty Suggestions:

If tests need to be converted into an alternative format, i.e., electronic format, please submit tests one week prior to the scheduled exam date to the DRC office.

Provide lecture materials in multiple modalities, including visual, oral and written to promote accessibility to course content.

Provide advanced copies of handouts, notes, or PowerPoint slides in class or electronically.

For more information about learning disabilities, visit the "From Where I Sit" video series:

<http://www.calstate.edu/accessibility/resources/tiago.shtml>