Accommodations in College: What is Student Support Like at the Next Level?

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER ON A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS?
Mission

The Disability Resource Center celebrates disability identity as a valued aspect of diversity. We champion a universally-accessible campus community that supports the holistic advancement of individuals with disabilities.

Vision

The Disability Resource Center envisions a universally inclusive community where all individuals are seen as valued and contributing leaders of society.
Social Model of Disability

- Disability is a social limitation that is not a result of the state of the body, but a lack of fit between the body and the environment
- Society perpetuates disability
- Disability is a salient identity
Universal Design

Also called inclusive design or human-centered design.

- Flexible and purposeful learning environments that can accommodate individual learning differences.
Who are DRC students?

Gators with disabilities connected with the DRC:
• 3,205 UF students
• Undergrad (83%)
• Graduate (10%)
• Professional Programs (7%)

Categories of disability:
• Mental Health Impairments
• Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
• Learning Disorders
• Medical/Chronic Health Conditions
• Hearing, Vision, TBI, Autism
• Physical/Mobility Impairments
DRC growth

Year

Total Registered Students
1,214 | 1,554 | 1,774 | 2,099 | 2,639 | 3,055
Student Responsibility

**Self Advocacy**
- Student makes initial connection
- Talking with instructors and/or TAs, etc.

**Check-in with Learning Specialist**
- Before, middle, and end of semester meetings encouraged

**Asking for help**
- Use our office to help make connections around campus

**Semester responsibilities**
- Accommodation letter, taking tests, note taking, etc.
What does the DRC do?

Assist with Classroom/Testing Accommodations
• Reasonable accommodations based on barriers the student is currently experiencing related to their disability

Provide Different Testing Environments
• Low Distraction or Separate Environment

Success Appointments
• Academic Coaching Appointments
• Time Management Appointments

Connection Point to other Campus Partners
DRC Sponsored Student Organizations

**ADA Group Volunteer**
- Committee dedicated to advocating for students with disabilities on campus. *Anyone can join!*

**Delta Alpha Pi**
- Honor society founded to recognize high-achieving students with disabilities who are attending colleges and universities as undergraduate or graduate students.

**Social Gators**
- Group for students on the Autism Spectrum.

**Cypress Hall**
- ADA Residence Hall for students with severe mobility impairments.
Any Questions?
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