

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS & SUCCESS STRATEGIES – DASS



WHAT WE DO

[DASS](#) is the primary contact for all SMU students with disabilities. We help them to utilize campus resources and we work with faculty and staff to implement appropriate and reasonable accommodations and services. DASS has a mission to create an equal opportunity to participate in the University's curriculum, programs, and activities. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, DASS evaluates and accommodates students significantly impacted by a condition considered to be disabling, including learning disabilities, physical disabilities, psychiatric conditions, and others.



THE DASS TEAM

- Reviews disability-related documentation to determine eligibility for services;
- Creates accommodation letters for students to notify faculty of their authorized accommodations;
- Collaborates with and advises faculty on making their courses accessible;
- Offers disability awareness training for campus departments;
- Provides academic coaching and skill building for students with learning and attention disorders and Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Refers students to on and off -campus support.



DASS LINK

DASS Link is our digital data management system which houses accommodation letters and disability case files. Faculty log into the portal to view accommodation letters. [DASS Link Instructions](#) are located on our website.



TEST PROCTORING

For assistance with test proctoring, faculty should become familiar with the [University Testing Center](#) (UTC). Operating independently from the DASS office, the UTC serves as a resource for faculty to refer students in need of accommodated testing.