Types of University Accommodations

University accommodations are those needed to assure access to the university. A classroom accommodation is that which does not necessarily involve a specific course, but affects the learning environment of any class. University accommodations are as varied as the types of disabilities. Not all accommodations are appropriate for every disability, nor are students with the same diagnosed disability eligible for the same accommodations.

University accommodations, which fall into several categories, may include, but are not limited to:

Classroom accommodations:
- Room location changes
- Furniture requirements (table and separate chair instead of desks)
- FM amplification systems
- Sign language interpreters
- Preferential Seating
- Limited number of exams per day
- Permission to move, stand or sit after prolonged periods
- Priority Registration
- Laboratory assistance

Facility accommodations
- Library research/retrieval assistance
- Snow removal
- Residence Hall issues
  - 1st floor rooms
    - Fire alert equipment for deaf students (flashind strobe alarms, etc)
    - Accessible showers/bathrooms
    - Considerations for severe asthmas and allergies

Services
- Referrals to agencies within and outside of Western Michigan University
- Advocacy for students with disabilities to professors, Residence Life, and other departments on campus
- Meetings for students with disabilities who would like regular contact to reduce isolation and/or discuss personal or academic concerns