Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Mission Statement

WMU envisions an academic community that affirms the dignity, value, and uniqueness of each person. As such, we intend to pursue the recruitment, retention, and promotion of a more diverse administration, staff, faculty, and study body. We will accomplish this by addressing the causes and sources of structural inequalities and changing the decision-making processes that prevent “genuine participation” of all university constituents.

Disability Services for Students

Disability Services for Students supports and advocates for students with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring that every student has access to and equal opportunity to excel in every aspect of the university experience. DSS has over 800 students who are registered with our office and receive academic accommodations.

A student with a disability would include any student who has a physical or cognitive impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include but are not limited to: walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

Services:

- Learning Disability/ADHD - Test Accommodations-extended time, individual testing room, reader/scribe, text material in alternate format, copies of lecture outlines and overheard material
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Loan of FM amplification equipment, ASL interpreter, and CART
- Mobility Impairments - Accessible map information, provision for snow removal, test accommodations, and referral for library research and retrieval
- Blind and Visual Impairments - Text material in alternate formats, adaptive computer lab, testing accommodations-test reader/scribe, enlarged print, and extended time
- Other Disabilities and Services - Advocacy for students with chronic health condition or psychological disabilities, on-campus transportation for students with temporary issues, such as broken legs and other mobility limitations, and assistance with long-term transportation for other mobility limitations.

For more information, visit www.wmich.edu/disability services.