

## Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Roger Williams University is mandated by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to provide equal access to facilities, educational and co-curricular programs, campus activities and employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities.

**Student Accessibility Services (SAS)** at Roger Williams University is a strategy-based service. SAS supports approximately 10% of the total undergraduate population at the University. Students registered with SAS are expected to adhere to the same academic and behavioral standards as the rest of the University. A student's initial connection and ongoing interaction with SAS is self-propelled.

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- SAS is a service-based offering and is available to all students with documented disabilities that substantially limit a major life activity, such as learning, hearing, seeing, reading, walking, and speaking.
- SAS is not a comprehensive special education program. Students' coursework and assignments are not shared with or linked to the SAS office.
- SAS does not contain content-based, special education tutors or life coach managers for social skills and acclimation.
- The most successful students are **self-advocates** who identify their own needs and take personal initiative in problem-solving and decision-making.
- The most commonly requested accommodations are: extended time for test-taking, testing in the SAS Testing Center, note-taking assistance and requests for alternate/electronic texts and student/SAS staff meetings.
- Accommodations are not intended to guarantee success; they are intended to provide equal access to the educational experience so that students can display their level of learning.
- SAS offers a strategy-based learning skills service provided by SAS professional and peer staff.
- Students make their own appointments, which are recommended, but never required.
- There is no separate application process or fee to receive SAS assistance.
- Documentation of a disability is not required when applying to the University and is submitted to SAS after the student accepts their acceptance.
- Students are eligible to receive services / accommodations only after documentation is received, reviewed and approved by the SAS office.
- Outreach to faculty and parents is generated **ONLY** by a student via written request.
- Disability-related information is confidential and is not shared outside the SAS office without a student's permission.
- SAS is a self-generated service for students to utilize as a support tool to assist in their educational process.
- SAS does not mandate alterations in course work, waivers of class absences or extensions to class assignments.

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### Student Accessibility Services

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