Support Services for Students with Disabilities

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) works closely with students, faculty, and university administrators to ensure appropriate services for students with documented disabilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students who register with ODS will complete the same coursework as their peers, and registering does not become a part of a student's transcript. The University will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations to students who have a documented disability. Freshmen students who have a disability are eligible to participate in the Transition Year Program (TYP) that begins in early September and continues throughout the student’s entire freshmen year. Please contact ODS by calling our main office at Rose Hill (Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at 718-817-0655 to obtain information about documentation guidelines, which vary by disability, and the registration process if you would like to receive academic accommodations at Fordham University and to participate in the Transition Year Program. Please note that students are not eligible to receive any academic accommodations until they have formally registered with ODS and completed their intake appointment. Accommodations are not made retroactively, so it is best to contact ODS to begin this process during the summer before entering Fordham. If a student has one of the following types of disabilities, it is essential to contact ODS by July 2 of the summer before entering as a freshmen in order to ensure that accommodations can be put in place before classes begin in September:
- physical mobility
- visual impairment
- hearing impairment
- certain health conditions

Please do not send documentation of a disability to the Admissions office. The Admissions office will not forward any information regarding a student’s 504 Plan or IEP directly to ODS.

Students seeking a substitution for the foreign language core through the Office of Disability Services must complete the process by the end of their first year at Fordham. Applying for the substitution does not guarantee you will be approved for this accommodation as this accommodation is the only one that changes degree requirements and therefore eligibility is jointly determined by ODS and the dean.

Applicants who have been accepted for admission, or current students who are seeking accommodation(s) for a disability should contact the Director of Disability Services at the following locations:

Lincoln Center Campus
Lowenstein Room 207
212-636-6282

Rose Hill Campus
O’Hare Hall, Lower Level
718-817-0655

Westchester students should contact the Rose Hill office, 718-817-0655.

For more information
Visit the Disability Services web page.