Student Rights and Responsibilities

A student with a disability at Shenandoah University has the **right** to receive the following services:

- 1. Reasonable accommodations according to his or her disability, based on required documentation.
- 2. Equitable access to your education.

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3. To expect students with disabilities to meet the same academic standards as their peers.

Faculty responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. To meet with students confidentially to review and sign their Accommodation Forms and discuss their disability-related needs and accommodations.
- 2. To provide classroom materials in an alternative format when specified by the Accommodation Form.
- 3. To provide accommodations certified by the Office of Learning Resources and Services.
- 4. To refer students to the Office of Learning Resources and Services when they suspect a disability.
- 5. To contact the Office of Learning Resources and Services staff with questions as to how to best address problems.

University Rights And Responsibilities

The university has certain rights and responsibilities as well. These rights are executed primarily through the Office of Learning Resources and Services and by members of the faculty.

The Office of Learning Resources and Services has the following rights:

- 1. It can require students to meet with staff members.
- 2. It may require appropriate documentation of a disability.
- 3. Deny requested accommodations based upon the timeliness and reasonableness of the request, or the adequacy of the documentation.

The Office of Learning Resources and Services has responsibilities in order to ensure that students receive equitable and fair treatment at Shenandoah University. These responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Working with students to determine necessary accommodations on a case-by-case basis.
- 2. Responding to students' requests for services and recommending reasonable accommodations.
- 3. Ensuring that appropriate aids are available to the student in a timely manner.
- 4. Bearing the cost(s) of any accommodation that does not result in a fundamental alteration in program requirements, pose an undo financial burden on the university, and is not considered a personal service.
- 5. Teaching advocacy skills to students.

- 6. Acting as a mediator and advocate for students when appropriate.
- 7. Maintaining the confidentiality of the student.

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