



University
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT WELFARE

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SERVICES OFFERED TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STUDENT & WELFARE SERVICE

The administrative service responsible for supporting students with disabilities is the "Academic Affairs & Student Welfare Service". This support is provided through its "Social Support Office" and its "Psychological Support office"

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities are divided into 6 main categories:

- 1) Hearing problems (Serious & Moderate) and Deaf
- 2) Visual Problems (Serious & Moderate) and Blind
- 3) Mobility Problems
- 4) Learning Difficulties & Dyslexia
- 5) Psychological Problems

6) Other Health Problems:

- Cancer
- Leukemia
- Heart Problems
- Epilepsy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Other

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- ✦ The total number of Students for the Academic Year 2010 -2011 at the University of Cyprus is approximately 6.000.
- ✦ The number of Students with disabilities are:
 - Hearing Problems: 15
 - Visual Problems: 14
 - Mobility Problems: 17
 - Psychological Problems: 40
 - Dyslexia & Learning Problems: 11

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- Other Health Problems: 93
 - + Cancer
 - + Leukemia
 - + Heart Problems
 - + Epilepsy
 - + Multiple Sclerosis
 - + Etc
- Total: 190

The percentage of Students with disabilities=3.17%
Total Number of Students

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

Students with disabilities are admitted to the University of Cyprus through a special procedure of "Special Criteria".

SPECIAL CRITERIA

The special criteria require that students with disabilities:

a) Must pass the relevant entrance exams.

b) Must obtain at least 80% of the mark achieved by the last student who is admitted to the specific course required.

c) There are available places at the specific course required (14% of Total number of students admitted by the Department).

d) Must be assessed and approved individually by a Medical Committee.

IDENTIFYING STUDENTS NEEDS

The basic approach is as follows:

- ✘ Arranging meetings and discussing with students their specific needs.
- ✘ Recording personal details and obtaining Medical Reports.
- ✘ Recording their immediate needs.

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- ✘ Evaluating the needs of each student by a Special Committee.
 - ✘ Deciding on the kind of academic and other support to be provided to each student.
 - ✘ Informing students on the kind of academic and other support approved to them.

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- ✘ Obtaining student's permission to inform the Department's Academic, responsible for his/her support.
 - ✘ Informing Academics of the Department, about the student's needs and the special support approved to him/her.
 - ✘ Informing the Medical Staff at the University (if necessary).

FACILITIES THAT ARE OFFERED

Every individual student is given the appropriate support (Academic/Financial/Psychological etc) according to his/her particular needs. For example,

- 1) More time is allowed during exams (extra 20% of total time allowed to all students).
- 2) Explanation of exam papers.
- 3) Assistance in taking notes during lectures.
- 4) Provision of handbooks in electronic form.

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- 5) Offer of extra tutorials (free).
 - 6) Allowing the use of tape recorder during lectures.
 - 7) Offer Exemptions from the listening part of a foreign language (e.g. English, French)
 - 8) Provision of specific furniture and equipment.

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- 8) Translation of lecture notes (e.g. Braille).
 - 9) Interpretation for translation using sign language.
 - 10) Accompanying support.
 - 11) Any other support that is considered necessary.

UNIVERSITY'S PROMISE

The University of Cyprus makes every possible effort and will continue to do so, in order that each individual student with disabilities, achieves his/her educational objectives.

