

# Berkeley

## DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAM



### What services does DSP offer?

DSP provides eligible, registered students with a wide range of accommodations and auxiliary services that are individually designed to meet the specific needs of each student. These needs are identified by a DSP Disability Specialist. Some of the available services include:

- **Academic and Auxiliary Services.** These services include academic advising, academic accommodations, assistive technology, sign language interpreters, real-time captioning, and note-takers. DSP's Assistive Technology Center provides a wide array of current technology such as screen readers, voice recognition and text-to-speech applications.
- **Supplemental Support Services.** Supplemental Support Services include disability management counseling; academic assistance, including individual sessions of academic advising and workshops on essential skills such as reading, writing, and note taking; disability-specific problem solving groups; assessment and instruction in assistive technology; and peer and alumni mentors.
- **Disabled Students Residence Program.** The Disabled Students Residence Program (DSRP) is a cooperative program funded by the California Department of Rehabilitation and administered by UC Berkeley. DSRP provides services for students with significant mobility impairment and assists them with personal care during their first year in the residence halls. Staff members work with students in areas such as hiring and training personal attendants, managing paperwork, and accessing in-home support services. Students develop critical independent living skills and learn to access important community resources. Upon completion of the program, students will have the skills to manage their care and personal needs, enabling them to concentrate on their academic and vocational careers.
- **Social Services.** DSP offers complete and confidential information, referral and advocacy. It also answers questions about SSI, Social Security, in-home support services, attendant care money and the Department of Rehabilitation. DSP interviews and recruits prospective personal and home-care attendants and provides advice on attendant problems, student life, and independent living.

**The Disabled Students Program (DSP) at the University of California, Berkeley provides academic support services to eligible students with disabilities. The program serves students with physical, learning, hearing, visual, and other disabilities, such as seizure disorders, chronic pain, psychological disabilities, HIV/AIDS, and chronic fatigue disorders.**

**DSP determines academic accommodations for classes and provides auxiliary aides such as sign language interpreters, real-time captioning, note-takers, laboratory assistants, and other services. In cooperation with the Department of Rehabilitation, DSP also sponsors a residence program for students with significant mobility impairment who require daily attendant assistance.**

### How can I apply for admission to UC Berkeley?

Submit a UC application during the application filing period, November 1-30, 2007. For accuracy, the University prefers that students file online applications; however, it will continue to make a paper version available to those who need one. Students may download copies of the application and instruction booklet. The paper application will be available beginning October 1, the same day the online application will open.

Students who wish to apply online can do so at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). If you do not have easy online access, you can apply to Berkeley by:

- Downloading an application from the Internet at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/download).
- Emailing a request to [apprequest@ucop.edu](mailto:apprequest@ucop.edu) or calling 510-987-9716.

### What are the University of California eligibility requirements?

Freshman applicants must meet the University of California's subject, scholarship, and examination requirements. Junior-level transfer applicants

must complete 60 UC-transferable semester units, general breadth requirements and, in most cases, prerequisites for their intended majors. Information on eligibility requirements can be found by consulting your high school or college counselor, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions home page ([admissions.berkeley.edu](http://admissions.berkeley.edu)) and several printed sources: *General Catalog* ([berkeley.edu/catalog](http://berkeley.edu/catalog)), *Answers for Transfers* ([ucop.edu/pathways](http://ucop.edu/pathways)), and the campus's *Freshman Admission and Transfer Admission* flyers ([admissions.berkeley.edu](http://admissions.berkeley.edu)).

Testing accommodations for meeting the examination requirements are available to freshman applicants who provide proper disability documentation. Please consult your high school counselor and the application booklets for complete details on the ACT Assessment Plus Writing, SAT Reasoning Test, and the SAT Subject Tests.

*Note: Eligibility does not constitute admission to Berkeley; in order to be competitive for admission to Berkeley, you must present an academic profile far beyond the minimum requirements. Please refer to the Freshman Admission and Transfer Admission flyers or [admissions.berkeley.edu](http://admissions.berkeley.edu) for details.*

**Should I reveal my disability on my UC application, and if so, how might it help my chances for admission to UC Berkeley?**

The Admissions Office recognizes that an applicant's disability circumstances might affect the reliability of their GPA and test scores. Although you are neither required nor expected to reveal any information about your disability, medical, psychological or other personal circumstances, you may contact the Admissions Office at 510-642-3175 about opportunities for having your disability taken into account that do not require you to disclose your disability on your application. Any information concerning your disability will be held in strict confidence in accordance with University policy and federal and state laws.

**What financial resources are available to eligible students with disabilities?**

Financial aid is available for students with disabilities in a manner almost identical to financial aid for all students. Additionally, some disability-related scholarships are available, including disability-specific resources that are not part of the University-specific financial aid formula. For example, you may qualify for a monthly allotment from the county for attendant services, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance, Department of Rehabilitation Services, or comprehensive state insurance covering almost all medical, dental, and wheelchair repair costs. Additionally, DSP can provide information regarding other financial resources and assistance.

**Where can I get more information?**

For more information on the Disabled Students Program, including relevant University policies and practices, please visit the DSP website at [dsp.berkeley.edu](http://dsp.berkeley.edu), call 510-642-0518, 510-642-6376 TTY/TDD, or write to us at:

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*This flyer is available in alternative media. Contact DSP at the address above for more information.*

**Nondiscrimination Statement**

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