



## **Policy on Disability Services**

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The Disability Support Services office collaborates with HNU's diverse community to ensure that all aspects of student campus life are universally accessible. Guided by the SNJM core values of dedication to justice, commitment to liberating action, and full development of the human person, we seek to create an inclusive and equitable learning environment.

Holy Names University is a progressive, inclusive, and rigorous academic community that welcomes qualified students with disabilities. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Holy Names University is committed to ensuring equal access to university programs and services for students with disabilities. The University prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of disability and takes action to prevent such discrimination by providing reasonable accommodations to eligible individuals with disabilities.

A person with a disability must be ensured the same access to programs, opportunities, social life, and activities at the University as all others. Existing barriers, whether physical, programmatic, or attitudinal, must be removed whenever possible. There must be an ongoing vigilance to ensure that new barriers are not erected. The University is strongly committed to promoting and achieving equitable learning opportunities and participation for students with disabilities.

The DSS office provides the institution with resources, education, and direct services in order that people with disabilities may experience inclusion and equity. It is the responsibility of all in the HNU community—staff, faculty, and students—to adhere to the practice of equal access to opportunities affiliated with the institution.