Do you have a student with a disability in your class? Are you sure?

Almost 90% of the students registered with us have disabilities that are not noticeable to the naked eye. A disability is any type of impairment that substantially limits one or more major life functions.

Students who have disabilities are not required to register with the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS) unless accommodations are needed, but we recommend that they do.

As a faculty member, you can help!
What kinds of disabilities do our students have?

Students registered with our office have disabilities including physical disabilities (paraplegia, cerebral palsy, celiac disease, etc.), blindness/visual impairments, deafness/hearing impairments, psychiatric disorders (Asperger’s Syndrome, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, etc.), learning disabilities (dyslexia, auditory/visual processing issues, etc.), ADD/ADHD, temporary injuries, traumatic brain injury, food allergies, and other health problems.

What is an “accommodation”?

Students registered with our office receive assistance directly related to their disabilities in an effort to make USC accessible. Accommodations provided will vary based on students’ individual needs. You will receive a letter from OSDS outlining the appropriate accommodations for your class.

What should you do if a student discloses they have a disability or you suspect they do?

1. Encourage students to register with the OSDS.
2. Visit our website at www.sa.sc.edu/sds to obtain information about making your classroom accessible, and assisting students to be successful in your class. We can serve as a resource to you in your work with these students. Our goal is to give all students access to success. Registering with our office may open up opportunities for them.
3. Call us with any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you!

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