

# Student Disability Services

Profile 2008 - 2009

## Clemson's Commitment

Clemson University is committed to providing educational opportunities for all students and assisting them in making their college experiences successful and positive. In compliance with [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#), and the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#), Clemson University recognizes a student with a disability as anyone who has a physical, psychological or educational impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. SDS coordinates the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are individualized, flexible, and confidential based on the nature of the disability and the academic environment. Students who are interested in using services present documentation for review and meet with a disability specialist to identify and implement appropriate accommodations.

## Student Disability Services (SDS)

SDS serves over 600 students per semester. Our staff is dedicated to providing an exemplary program for students with identified disabilities.

**Mission:** To provide equal access for students with identified disabilities at Clemson University.

**Goals:** To ensure that students with identified disabilities can become successful Clemson Students and Clemson graduates by helping students:

1. Know themselves
2. Advocate effectively for themselves
3. Use what they learn about themselves, and their advocacy skills in all aspects of their lives.

## Funding

SDS is a unit of the Academic Success Center in Undergraduate Studies/ Academic Affairs. SDS is funded from Clemson University general funds for approximately \$140,000 annually for operations and salaries with access to another \$100,000 for direct student services such as captioning and interpreting. SDS received outside funding from an event last year, known as Enable '08, which raised approximately \$6,000 in cash and another \$8,000 worth of computer equipment. SDS is also the beneficiary of a \$10,000 endowment fund which was established in the name of an SDS student who died of cancer in 2007. This money is designated for faculty development and student activities for students who have disabilities other than learning or attention issues.



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## What Services are Available for Students?

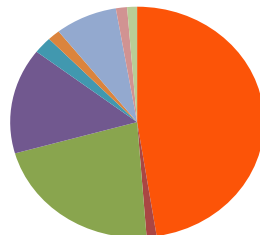
The impact of the disability on major life activities determines the level and types of accommodations. Services are determined on a case-by-case basis. Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Extended Test Time
- Reduced Distraction Environment for Testing
- Recorded Lectures
- Copies of Notes
- Computer Testing
- Course Substitutions
- E-Texts
- Priority Registration
- Academic Coaching
- Reduced Course Load
- Accommodated Housing
- Assistive Equipment
- Interpreting and Captioning

## Disabilities Served

Number of students served (Fall '08) 633

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	ADHD	301
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	Deaf/HH	8
Learning Disability	LD	138
Medical Disability	Medical	94
Mobility Impaired	Mobility	15
Other (temp dis., speech, sleep, etc.)	Other	10
Psychological Disability	Psy	50
Traumatic Brain Injury	TBI	9
Visual Impairment/Blind	VI	8
Total		633



In many cases students are identified with more than one diagnosis. This data indicates the primary category only.

## Staff

Dr. Arlene Stewart, Director  
Jamie Miller Boggs, Disability Specialist  
Barbara Bottum, Access/Mobility Specialist  
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