



Students with

Disabilities

at StFX



Support Services Available

Students with disabilities meet the same basic admission requirements as other students and are encouraged to participate in all aspects of campus life. In addition to the services provided to all students, a campus contact person has been designated to work with students with disabilities on an individual basis and also to assist faculty, staff members and other students in dealing with their concerns regarding disabilities.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to assume responsibility for identifying their learning needs to the contact person, as soon as possible. They will receive support in developing a learning plan and negotiating for accommodation or technical aids that will suit their learning situation.

Counselling

- Personal and academic
- Learning strategies, course selection, study skills

Advocacy

- Educating the student to become an effective self-advocate
- Liaison with admission office, deans, professors, funding agencies, library staff, technical services

Peer Support

- Individual or group meetings with students with disabilities

Physical Accessibility

- Arrangements will be made for parking spaces, access ramps, elevator keys, room changes
- Volunteer Aides available

Notetaking

- Assistance in finding volunteer notetakers for lectures

Technical Aids

- Arranging selection or loan of equipment (tape recorders, computers, dictaphone, fm-system, taped texts)

Tutoring

- Making contact with volunteer tutors and assistance with setting learning goals
- Exekoi Society (student run volunteer tutoring service)

Examinations

- Assistance in arranging for tests and exams to be written under alternate conditions (e.g. extended time, format change, location change)

Registration

- Assistance may involve selection of appropriate courses, reduced course load, and information on, and assistance with, registration procedures

Transition Workshop

- Success at University - High school students with learning disabilities are given the opportunity to develop skills and sample learning in a university environment

Speakers Bureau

- Students with disabilities speak to classes or community groups to promote awareness

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Committee for Students with Disabilities

The committee first met in July, 1990, to discuss the situation for students with disabilities at StFX. It is now established as a permanent committee of Senate. Students, faculty, student services, and administration are all represented on the committee with a mandate to:

1. organize and monitor service for persons with disabilities
2. promote awareness of both the abilities and concerns of students with disabilities
3. develop ways to enable persons with disabilities to achieve equality, independence and full participation in the StFX community.

Committee Members 2002

J.D. McMullin, Committee Chair and Director of the Health and Counselling Centre
Jana Kaiser, Student Representative
Colleen Wall, Student Representative
Rita Campbell, University Librarian
Mary Ellen Clancy, Contact Person for Students with Disabilities
Carson Duncan, Vice President Student Services
Heidi Stanish, Faculty of Science
Elizabeth Kell, Resource Educator
Katie Dysart, Vice President Students Union
Elizabeth MacDonald, Assistant to the Deans
Leon MacLellan, Director of Physical Plant
Rose Ann Septon, Admissions Officer
Janet Stark, Registrar
Manuel Aquino, Faculty of Science
Jeff Orr, Faculty of Arts

How can you help promote **Accessibility?**

- Expect persons with disabilities to participate.
- Relate to the person, not the disability.
- Get to know the abilities of all of the students in your community.
- Get informed about issues involving students with disabilities.
- Voice your concerns to members of the Committee for Students with Disabilities.
- Volunteer to be a notetaker, tutor, reader or aid.
- Get to know the people in your community, and celebrate diversity.

St. Francis Xavier University recognizes that some students have physical or learning disabilities. The University attempts to accommodate the needs of students with disabilities. Academically qualified students with disabilities should be admitted except for the most compelling reason.

— Senate Policy,
Adopted February, 1991

