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Welcome to Heidelberg!

Our mission at the office of Student Accessibility Services is to provide students with disabilities and other accessibility needs the service and support they need to achieve equal access in pursuing higher education, while also serving the wider campus community as a resource in understanding disability, accessibility and inclusivity.

If you are a student with a disability or other accessibility need, and you wish to arrange accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to begin working with our office as soon as possible. Our process is student-driven, interactive and ongoing. You may have to provide documentation from health care providers, your previous schools or other sources. If you have an IEP or 504 plan, it would be very helpful to bring those as well.

### **Housing Accommodations**

We work closely with Residence Life & Housing to coordinate housing accommodations for students with disabilities, severe environmental allergies, chronic medical conditions or with other housing-related accessibility needs. Housing selection for incoming students will begin on July 1st, so if you believe you need housing accommodations, please let us know right away.

### **Academic Accommodations**

These accommodations are modifications to a course to remove or at least minimize barriers resulting from a disability that may prevent a student from accessing the educational objectives of a course. They do not guarantee success. They are meant to be fundamental alterations to a course. Accommodations are always tailored to an individual student and, when necessary, for each course. You will need to meet with our office at least once at the beginning of each semester that you choose to secure accommodations.

### **Dining Accommodations**

Our partnership with Parkhurst Dining provides a groundbreaking, one-of-kind service in the Clean Plate Station. This provides food free of most major allergens, including gluten, to all patrons in our dining hall. Students may still wish to register with the Office of Student Accessibility Services, if their needs happen to go beyond what is available at the Clean Plate Station. For these students, we collaborate with Parkhurst Dining to coordinate appropriate dining accommodations.

If any of the above applies to you or you simply need more information, contact us to set up an appointment at your earliest convenience. You can email us at [accessibilityservices@heidelberg.edu](mailto:accessibilityservices@heidelberg.edu) or call us at 419-448-2484.

This weekly email is archived on our website for you and parents to view at any time, by clicking on the button below.

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