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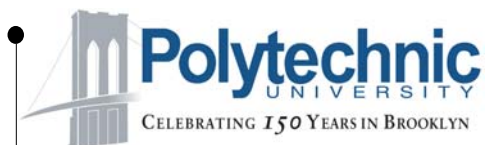
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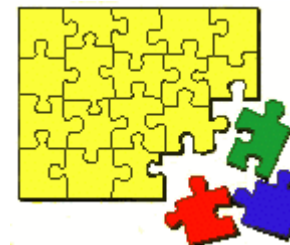
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For Students With Disabilities



*... helps put the pieces together
from Convocation to Commencement*

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About the Law...

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: Handicapped Persons' Rights Under Federal Law provides disabled students protection from discrimination and entitles them on an equal educational opportunity. According to the law, students with disabilities should "receive better and more integrated educational services which, in turn, enable them fully develop their potential."

About the Polytechnic commitment...

At Polytechnic, we do not discriminate in our admissions practices and base acceptance decisions primarily on academic records.

We are committed to assisting students with disabilities in developing the personal, as well as academic, skills necessary to fully participate in the University student programs. To that end, we provide services to students with disabilities based on their individual needs.

We are also committed to working with these students so they may become effective self-advocators.

Services for students with disabilities do not include the waiving of academic course requirements, nor the changing of courses subject matter.

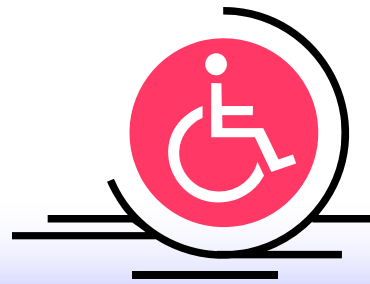
About responsibility as a student with a disability...

Although not every student with a disability requires services, registering with the Office of Student Development is advised.

Once you are accepted to the University, you should contact the Office of Student Development for an appointment to discuss your request for services. Be prepared to submit documentation verifying your disability.

Request services as soon as possible. Do not wait until after classes have begun and you are experiencing difficulty before you contact Student Development. If you fail to contact Student Development in a timely manner, your opportunity for services can be lost or delayed. Under such circumstances, your instructors are not obligated to make any adjustments to accommodate you. Therefore, we urge you to contact Student Development, even if you would like to try to get along without assistance.

If your disability requires the services of note takers or readers, you will be asked to participate in the process of identifying an appropriate fellow student for that purpose. Student Development will compensate your note taker or reader.



About confidentiality...

When appropriate, the only information about your disability that is shared with other members of the Polytechnic community (instructors, counselors) is its type, such as:

- legally blind or visually impaired
- deaf or hearing impaired
- medically impaired
- physically disabled
- learning disabled

The exact diagnosis is not shared, nor is the details of your disability. If you think it is helpful for your instructors and/or the counselors to know more about your situation, you may give us permissions to share the information.

About temporary disability...

If you are the unfortunate victim of an accident, illness or crime, and are rendered temporarily disabled, contact Student Development. We will

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