

Students with Disabilities

BACC Program

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The focus of the Building Accepting Campus Communities (BACC) program is to provide services designed to assist students with disabilities to transition into the academic life of the University. The program was originally a federally-funded project that is now supported by funding from the Equity, Access, and Diversity Office and the Department of Educational Psychology. The BACC program provides students with disabilities access to assistive technology such as screen readers, specialized software for writing and organizing, digital tape recorders, and note taking systems. Along with access to the technology, students can receive training in how to use the technology to support them in their academic coursework. Students with disabilities are also provided with a quiet place to study where they can use computers equipped with assistive technology and have access to proofreading and study assistance.

The BACC program also offers a course for 3 credits entitled College Survival Skills. This course provides instruction in test taking strategies, note taking skills, how to write college research papers, and study strategies. In addition, students learn self-advocacy skills, have a place to go to seek assistance on how to approach faculty, and receive individualized instruction on study strategies specific to their needs and the courses they are taking. The BACC program is housed in 106 Mabel Lee Hall. Students with disabilities who are interested in participating in the program or visiting the facility are encouraged to call 472-2140.