Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
The Office of Disability Academic Support, a component of the Center for Academic Support and Advising Services, serves to coordinate academic support for Liberty students who have documented disabilities.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“IT IS AWESOME TO HAVE A PERSON MINISTER TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND TO HAVE A PASSION TO HELP THEM IN ANY WAY OR FORM.”

“My advisor is willing to answer questions about my major and help me fill out paperwork.”

“I feel that ODAS is a great tool here at Liberty. It has been a blessing to be a part of this group and I look forward to the upcoming years.”

“I really appreciate all the work that ODAS does for students with disabilities. This office has helped me through a lot of problems that I deal with.”

“Mr. McHaney always sends out emails and notifies students when there is something important coming up so that we can plan our schedules around it.”

“Mrs. Hansen always goes above and beyond when helping me. Her recommendations and advice have been a blessing.”

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”
Galatians 6:10 (NIV)
Prior to or as early in the semester as possible, the student should contact ODAS and provide written documentation of their specific disability. A staff member will discuss the appropriate academic support services offered at Liberty. Academic accommodation requests must be made in writing at the beginning of each semester. Reasonable accommodations are a shared responsibility among the student, faculty, and the ODAS staff member.

SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER:
- Kurzweil 1000 Scanning and reading software for the visually impaired
- Kurzweil 3000 Scanning and reading software for students with reading disabilities
- JAWS for Windows Screen reading software for the visually impaired
- Dragon Naturally Speaking Screen recognition software which can turn speech into print
- Inspiration Software to help students learn visually and streamline projects
- CCTV Magnification hardware for the visually impaired

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
- With a student’s documentation and permission, each instructor is provided with a written document that states the student has a disability and suggests appropriate accommodations. Accommodations might include:
  - Extended time and/or oral exams
  - Priority class registration
  - Taping lectures (tape recorders and tapes not provided)
  - Audio textbooks (arranged through Recording for the Blind, Inc.)
  - All accommodations are subject to approval by each instructor.

REGISTRATION FOR SERVICES
- Osborne Assistive Learning Technology Center
- Hands of Liberty recognizes that each student is an individual with distinct strengths and challenges. We encourage self-advocacy and endeavor to provide the necessary accommodations to maximize their opportunities for success. This department offers the following services:
  - Sign language interpreters in classrooms and all campus-related events
  - Peer note-taking assistance
  - High-contrast screens
  - Voice-to-text recognition software
  - Preferential seating
  - Modified test-taking environment
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  - Voice to text recognition software
  - Preferential seating
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