Disability Resources for Students
October 2018 Announcements

The University of Memphis Disability Resources for Students Office has implemented a new system for the management of academic accommodations. Students can start the application process, submit documentation, request accommodation changes, and schedule to take tests in DRS using our new DRS Online System by visiting https://yukon.accessiblelearning.com/Memphis You can use your UofM UID sign-on to access this new system. No new passwords to remember!!

Scheduling a Test at DRS -- All exam scheduling requests are now made through the new DRS Online system. Although the system is new, our procedures are the same. Please remember that you must schedule your exams with us at least 2 business days before the exam date. For finals, you will need to schedule at least 2 weeks before the exam date. For the Fall semester, this means getting your requests in before you leave for Thanksgiving. Late requests will be approved based on availability of space. Any requests with start times different from the class must be approved by your professor before we can schedule your exam. If you have questions or would like a one-on-one demonstration, contact the office.

IMPORTANT DATES:
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 3rd (night)/ 4th (morning)
Election Day: November 6 – GET OUT THE VOTE!!! (Check with your election commission for absentee ballot due dates and dates/locations for early voting)
Registration starts for Spring 2019 classes: November 12
Thanksgiving Holidays: November 21 -- 25 (UofM closed November 22 - 25)
Last Day of Classes: December 5
Study Day: December 6 (no classes or UofM-sanctioned student events)
Fall 2018 Final Exams: December 7 -- 13
Winter Break: December 24, 2018 -- January 1, 2019 (UofM reopens January 2)

Official UofM Academic Calendar:
https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php
Fall 2018 Registrar’s Calendar:
https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/18f-dates.php
Fall 2018 Bursar’s Calendars for Undergrads and Law Students:
https://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_fall18.php
https://www.memphis.edu/bursar/calendars_law_fall18.php
**DRS RESOURCES:**

Are you interested in improving your grades? Learning new time management strategies? Getting the most out of your specific accommodations? Then *weekly academic coaching through DRS* might be for you. Please contact our Academic Coach graduate assistant Marguerite Spiotta at mspiotta@memphis.edu or 901-678-2880 to learn more about the program and schedule appointments.

Students registered with DRS enjoy access to our **Assistive Technology Lab in the Resource Room of the McWherther Library**. Geared to aid our students in their learning experience, the AT Lab is equipped with 3 accessible tables with computers that can raise and lower for wheelchair users, computers with assistive technology software, a CCTV machine, and a separate work area. **Our AT graduate assistant, Hannah Fowler, will be in the AT Lab Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm, and Thursdays from 11:30am to 4:30pm.** To get additional information about assistive technology, contact Hannah via email at: hfowler1@memphis.edu

For students considering graduate or professional schools, talk to your Coordinator about accommodations on **entrance exams**. Requests are processed by entities like Educational Testing Services and can take 6-8 weeks to process. If you need assistance with that process, please schedule a meeting with your DRS Coordinator and bring all necessary forms and/or information to send a letter.

The **University of Memphis Marketing Department** is interested in showcasing our diverse student populations, including those with disabilities. If you are interested in being photographed for **promotional materials and marketing campaigns** for the University or DRS, contact Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu She will get your information to the University’s Marketing Department. You could be in brochures, pamphlets, the UofM website, or called upon to participate in University productions.

Searching for your first, paid employment experience? DRS may be able to assist. **First HIRES (Helping Individuals Recognize Employment Skills)** is a jobs program for students with disabilities who have never had a paying job. Developed in collaboration with Residence Life, the First HIRES program not only provides students with disabilities with strong transferable skills and enhances their resumes, it also helps them get better connected to the UofM. Students in the First HIRES Program work as desk assistants in on-campus residence halls. **If you are interested in participating in First HIRES beginning in the Spring, contact Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu**
Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society officers for 2018-19 are recruiting participants. If you are interested in joining Delta Alpha Pi, please contact Verties Sails III at vsails@memphis.edu Students who do not qualify for entry into Delta Alpha Pi may want to discuss with Mr. Sails the creation of a Registered Student Organization at the UofM. We welcome suggestions for campus and community involvement.

GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION AND GOINGS-ON:

If you are a student facing housing or food insecurities, there are on-campus resources available to you. Arielle Fair Brown in the Office of Student Accountability, Outreach, and Support Office can assist students experiencing different crises. Contact Ms Brown at: Arielle.Fair@memphis.edu For more information about how the UofM is addressing food insecurities through Tigers Fight Hunger and the Tiger Pantry, visit www.memphis.edu/tigersfighthunger Toiletries and other products are also in-stock at the Tiger Pantry in the Dean of Students Office, UC-359. Needed items for donation include: www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php

Applications to be 2019 Orientation Guides are now available! Students can apply through Tiger Zone here: https://memphis.campuslabs.com/engage/forms. Applications and all supplemental materials (staff recommendations) are due on October 31st by 4:30 p.m. Stay tuned to the UofM’s social media accounts to see if additional interest sessions are added. For more information, contact Bobby Smith and Taylor Shive, Orientation Guide Coordinators uofm.orientationguides@gmail.com

Student Success Programs continues to recruit participants for 2018-19. Any student with a disability is considered a priority participant for services which include: academic monitoring, academic counseling, financial assistance (conditions apply), cultural enrichment opportunities, themed workshops, graduate school visitations and MORE! All services are delivered at NO COST to students. Space is limited so don’t hesitate to apply: https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/ssp/application/login.asp

Celebrate our UofM Veterans on November 9 from 10:30 until 1pm in the UC Ballroom. Hosted by the Veterans and Military Student Services Department, this event helps us honor our student veterans and their service to our country.

Educational Support Programs has released their schedule for Fall 2018 tutoring and supplemental academic programming. Visit www.memphis.edu/esp for additional schedules and resources. Online tutoring is also available at:
https://memphis.upswing.io/ Check with the Lambuth campus, School of Nursing, and Collierville Center for more information about tutoring at those locations.

**Academic Enhancement Center (AEC)**
Tutoring for General Education courses, Spanish, History, Philosophy
207 Mitchell 678-5226 | academicenhacementcenter@memphis.edu
Mondays - Fridays | 9am – 5pm

**Business Learning Center (BLC)**
Tutoring for Accounting, BIT, Finance, Business Statistics and other Business courses
256 Fogelman College of Business & Economics 901-678-3912
Mondays - Thursdays | 9am – 7pm

**Math Learning Center (MLC)**
Tutoring for all Mathematics and Statistics courses any major
341 Dunn 678-2704
Mondays – Thursdays | 8am – 7pm
Fridays | 8am – 2pm

**Science Learning Center (SLC)**
Tutoring for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and other Science courses
217 Mitchell 678-2704
Mondays – Fridays | 8am – 4:30pm

**Centennial Place Learning Center (CPLC)**
Tutoring for Science, Spanish, Math, Engineering, and other courses
Saturdays, Mondays – Wednesdays | 7pm – 10pm

**Living Learning Complex Learning Center (LLCLC)**
Tutoring for Chemistry, A&P, History, Political science, Philosophy, and others
Saturdays, Mondays – Wednesdays | 8pm – 10pm

**Student Leadership and Involvement** continues to offer opportunities for students, including leadership workshops and luncheons to connect with leaders in Memphis.

On November 2, from noon to 4:45pm in the UC, a **Student Leadership and Professional Competencies Conference** will be held. Check-in begins at 11:30am. For more information, and to register, visit

[www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/pbc.php](http://www.memphis.edu/studentinvolvement/communityengagement/pbc.php)
On November 16, beginning at noon in the UC River Room, a Women in Leadership Lunch and Learn will be hosted. Register for that and other Women in Leadership events here: https://memphis.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/step/1?Guid=27bbf33d-4180-4ee5-adbf-74c6cb84bc66

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD), established December 1, 2015, is a federally-funded project under the U.S. Department of Education (P116D150005), through the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html Visit the websites http://www.nccsdonline.org and www.nccsdclearinghouse.org for more information, community building, and educational resources.

The Center for Oral History at the Science History Institute is currently seeking interviewees for a three-year project to document the lives and contributions of people with disabilities who work or are currently obtaining an advanced degree in STEM fields. visit https://www.sciencehistory.org/science-and-disability for more information or contact the Project Team at SciDis@sciencehistory.org or by phone at (215) 873-8286

The American Association for People with Disabilities (AAPD) Summer Internship Program places college students and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in summer internships with Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profits, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area. AAPD provides the interns with a living stipend, transportation to and from Washington, DC, and fully-accessible housing. Interns receive opportunities to attend events on Capitol Hill, conferences, community events, briefings, and more. Any undergraduate, law, graduate student, or recent graduate from a U.S. college or university who identifies as an individual with any type of disability is invited to apply. Visit https://www.aapd.com/ for additional information.

From Forbes.com: 4 Ways to Stop Talking about Disability Awareness and Start Hiring, “In 2017, 18.7% of people age 16 and older with a disability were employed. That compares with 65.7% of people without a disability, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. As one disability advocate on Twitter candidly wrote, “If you’re only talking about awareness, you are falling behind.” It’s time to start tackling the details of disability employment. Every single person reading this right now can help create an opportunity for someone with a disability to find work.”
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