

## Welcome to Student Accessibility Services (SAS)



Merritt College is proud to provide equal educational opportunities and full participation for persons with disabilities. We offer a college experience where individuals with disabilities have equal access to all programs and activities, including accessible facilities, programs, services, and events.

*Frances Moy*  
SAS Coordinator/Counselor

### Am I eligible for the program?

Students may qualify and benefit from services if they have any of the following professionally verifiable disabilities.

- Acquired brain injuries
- Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD/ADHD)
- Chronic or intermittent health problems
- Hearing loss (deaf or hard of hearing)
- Learning disabilities
- Mobility impairments
- Psychological disabilities
- Temporary or short-term disabilities
- Visual impairments

### What services are provided for me?

SAS provides a wide variety of services to help students be successful, including:

- Academic accommodations
- Alternative formats for text
- Assessment of specific learning disabilities
- Assistive technology
- Classes in study skills & learning strategies
- Note-taking alternatives
- Partnerships with community agencies
- Sign language interpreter services
- State-of-the-art computer technology
- Testing services
- Tutorial services



### Is there any special support available?

Yes! SAS students are given priority to get through the college system with as much ease as possible, such as:

- Academic counseling
- Classroom and testing accommodations
- On-campus mobility assistance
- Priority registration
- Referral to campus services
- Special SAS orientation
- Support classes

### Special Centers and Programs

#### Alternate Media Center

In this center, a specialist works to ensure that qualifying students receive their course materials in an alternate format. These formats include auditory, large print, and braille of traditional print handouts, and quizzes, tests, and textbooks, as well as captioning of videotapes.

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#### Computer Access Center

The Lab is open to all students with classes available. The high-tech equipment includes Dragon Natural Speaking, Kurzweil, Zoomtext, Trac mouse and ergonomic keyboards, and typing software.

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#### Learning Opportunity Program (LOP)

The LOP is the place for students to explore, learn, and receive encouragement and resources. We are here to support and assist students through understanding, respect, and patience. We believe in giving students the opportunity to overcome challenges and to build self-esteem and self-advocacy to achieve personal goals.

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#### Testing Accommodations Center

Accommodation for classroom testing provides an equal opportunity for students with verified disabilities. Typical accommodations include large-print exams, extended time, use of computers for essays, and extra breaks. These are not the only accommodations available; counselors will consider all requests for students with documented disabilities. Testing Accommodations Services are provided after a student's eligibility has been verified by an SAS Counselor.

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## What Students Love About Student Accessibility Services



“Despite a hearing impairment, I was determined to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor. The excellent faculty and staff and the state-of-the-art equipment has allowed me to succeed all the way to UC Berkeley!”

—Alecia Warren-Barnes

“My counselor is always available if I need anything, and the staff at the front desk are very helpful, prompt, and willing to help.”

“They help you with anything you need, but they don’t hold your hand and you are responsible for your grades.”

“The customer service personnel and counselors are outstanding!”

“They are always there when I need something.”

## We Are Here to Support You!

If you have difficulty learning, hearing, seeing, or understanding instructions/methods, please see Student Accessibility Services for services and accommodations.

We are proud to be a part of Student Accessibility Services, providing you with support and services you need to reach your educational goals. Please contact us if you have any questions.



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