



**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT  
WELFARE SERVICE**

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# SERVICES OFFERED TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS



# **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & STUDENT WELFARE SERVICE**

**The administrative service responsible for supporting students with disabilities is the “Academic Affairs & Student Welfare Service”.**

# **SOCIAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT OFFERED**

**This support is offered by the  
following two offices:**

**a) The “Social Support Office”  
and**

**b) The “Psychological Support  
office”**

# **CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Students with disabilities are  
divided into 6 main categories:**

- 1)Hearing problems (Serious &  
Moderate) and Deaf**
- 2) Visual Problems (Serious & Moderate)  
and Blind**

**3) Mobility Problems**

**4) Learning Difficulties & Dyslexia**

**5) Psychological Problems**

## **6) Other Health Problems:**

- **Cancer**
- **Leukemia**
- **Heart Problems**
- **Epilepsy**
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **Other**

# **NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**

- **The total number of Students at the University of Cyprus for the Academic Year 2010 -2011 is approximately 6.000.**



- **The number of declared Students with disabilities for each category is as follows:**

➤ **Hearing Problems: 15**

➤ **Visual Problems: 14**

➤ **Mobility Problems: 17**

➤ **Psychological Problems: 60**

➤ **Learning Problems &**

**Dyslexia: 11**

➤ **Other Health Problems: 93**

- Cancer**
- Leukemia**
- Heart Problems**
- Epilepsy**
- Multiple Sclerosis**
- Etc**

**Total: 210**

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**The percentage of Students with disabilities=3.5%**  
**Total Number of Students**

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# **CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**

**Students with disabilities are  
admitted to the University of  
Cyprus through the procedure of  
“Special Criteria”.**

# **THE SPECIAL CRITERIA PROCEDURE**

**The special criteria require that students  
with disabilities:**

**a) Must have passed the relevant University  
entrance exams.**

**b) Must have obtained at least 80% of the  
mark achieved by the last student who was  
admitted to the specific course required.**

**c) There must be available places for the specific course required (maximum 6% of Total number of students admitted by the University).**

**d) The student must be assessed and approved by the «Medical Committee».**

# **IDENTIFYING AND APPROVING STUDENTS NEEDS**

**The basic approach is as follows:**

- Arrange meetings to discuss with students their specific needs.**
- Arrange meeting to discuss the problem with their parents (if they wish)**

- **Record their personal details and obtain Medical reports**
- **Record their immediate needs**
- **Cooperate with external organizations (Voluntary social institutions, Government offices)**



- **Assess the needs of each student by the Special Committee.**
- **The Special Committee approves the kind of academic and other support to be provided to each student.**

- **Inform students about the kind of academic and other support approved to them by the Special Committee**

- **Obtain students permission to inform the Academics about their needs and the special support approved to them.**
- **Inform the Medical Staff of the University (if necessary).**

# **ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT OFFERED**

**Every individual student is given the appropriate support (Academic/Social /Psychological) according to her/his particular needs.**

**The Support that is usually provided consists of the following:**

- 1. More time is allowed during exams (extra 20% of total time allowed to all students).**
- 2. Explanation of exam papers.**
- 3. Assistance in taking notes during lectures.**

**4. Provision of handbooks in electronic form.**

**5. Offer of extra tutorials (free).**

**6. Allowing the use of tape recorder during lectures.**

**7. Offer exemptions from the listening part of a foreign language (e.g. English, French)**

**8. Provision of specific furniture and equipment.**

**9. Translation of lecture notes (e.g. Braille).**

**10. Interpretation for sign language.**

**11. Accompanying support.**



**12. Accessibility to buildings**

**13. Any other support that is  
considered necessary.**

# **PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY**

## **Aim**

**The main aim of the Office of  
Psychological Support is:**

- To support and advise students  
who encounter personal difficulties**

- **To encourage students to reach their potential and develop themselves**
- **To help students increase their self- Knowledge and confidence**

# **SERVICES OFFERED**

- **In order to achieve the above aim Office of Psychological Support provides the following services to students with disabilities:**

- **Personal and Group Counselling**
- **Family Counselling**
- **Workshops**
- **Publications**
- **Articles**



## **UNIVERSITY'S PROMISE**

**The University of Cyprus makes every possible effort and will continue to do so, in order for each individual student with disabilities to be able to achieve his/her educational objectives and have a happy student life.**

