Welcome to Purdue University, one of America’s 25 largest universities.

Since Purdue first opened for classes in September 1874, the University has been dedicated to “teaching higher education available to the people.” Purdue continues its daily efforts to meet both traditional and structural barriers to allow students with disabilities full advantage of their right to an education.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Purdue is working to meet the challenge of improving the accessibility of every campus building. This challenge includes the need to design new buildings as accessible facilities and to modify older spaces so that programs and services are more accessible.

This guide, which details special facilities such as wheelchair-accessible restrooms, ramps, and elevators, will help those with physical disabilities find their way around. The guide is filled with the many services available to those with disabilities.

Facts and Features

The Purdue Approach recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to the founding of Purdue University's commitment to disability services and learning. They are celebrated each month as part of the University's Disability Awareness Month. Additionally, the University observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month each October with employer-specific information and activities. The Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) can be contacted for more specific resources by contacting the Accessibility Concerns Notification Form at the Web site www.purdue.edu/equiv/ /access_issues_concerns.html.

The Assistive Technology Center (ATC) provides access to information technology for Purdue students, faculty, and staff with disabilities. Visit the website for information on assistive technologies, information on sensory, physical, learning, or psychological disabilities may benefit from the computer software, hardware, and other technologies available. For more information, visit the ATC Web site, www.purdue.edu/ ATC, or www.purdue.edu/cas.

ADAAP (Dedicating Disability Awareness to Purdue Students) is a student group whose purpose is to promote awareness of disabilities, through educational, social, and recreational activities. ADAAP also maintains a bulletin board of students with disabilities who are available to speak with students.

UIUC’s Office of Community Engagement and the Office of the Dean of Students have created a partnership to identify and assist with access challenges for people with disabilities on campus. Current projects include global positioning system device for public with visual impairments, an interactive campus map to determine an accessible path from one building to another, and adjustable desks for the residence halls.

Emergency telephones have been installed in all elevators in University buildings. Portable TTY telecommunication devices for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired are available to students for shorter trips from the Office of the Dean of Students. Portable TTYs are also available throughout campus and may be located by referring to this map.

Resource Information

ACADEMIC SERVICES

The Disability Resource Center (DRC), Office of the Dean of Students, is the disability student service unit for the Purdue West Lafayette campus and serves students who are eligible for academic adjustments, auxiliary aids, and services to students with disabilities attending Purdue University. To request academic adjustments and/or services, contact the DRC to schedule an appointment. The DRC is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive campus community that provides academic adjustments and services to students with disabilities to fully participate in all university activities and course work.

Academic adjustments are determined on a case-by-case basis. For more information:
- Access to Class Information: name taking, laboratory assistance, sign language interpreting, CART, real-time reporting, video-describes; see Also: Testing Accommodations
- Access to Print Material: audio text format, electronic text format, braille text, large print, audio adaption, accessible format
- Telephone Access: extended hold, unlimited text environments, use of reader or writers, technology
- Technology Access: extended hold, unlimited text environments, use of reader or writers, technology
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For information about these or other services, contact the Disability Resource Center at (765) 494-2207 (TTY), or at drc@purdue.edu.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL SERVICES

Purdue Student University Health Center (PURCH)

General student healthcare, laboratory and X-ray, allergy and immunization, mental and physical therapy services are provided through the Student Health Center. Fee information is available to the administration and faculty.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

A comprehensive and confidential service that provides mental health assessment, assistance; sign language interpreting; CART/real-time reporting; video-describes; see Also: Testing Accommodations

Student Health Center (PUSH), offers the following services: physical/sports exams, immunization, mental health counseling, and student spouses at the Student Health Center. Fee information is available to the administration and faculty.

Fitness Center, Purdue Recreation and Wellness Center

Fitness Center, Purdue Recreation and Wellness Center, is located in the Student Recreation Center and offers a variety of services including: personal training, group fitness classes, and access to the gym and pool.

Food Services

Purdue University offers a variety of culinary offerings for the University community and guests, located in the Purdue Memorial Union (PMU) and the Schleman Hall of Student Collections, as well as in Stone Hall (Purdue Room and HTM Café).

Parking

Various types of parking permits are available to visitors, students, and staff, depending on the level of assistance required.

Visitors: Visitors may park in a fee lot with a permit attached to their vehicle, which is available in the Visitor's Lot at University, in accordance with Section 504 and the ADA, is committed to these policies, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance.

Parking information is available to the administration and faculty.

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For further information, contact the Parking Services Office at (765) 494-9494, or by using their Web site at www.purdue.edu/parking/.