

# OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

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## Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR)

The Office of Accessibility Resources exists to ensure access, provide support, and help to navigate or remove barriers for students. Our office is committed to providing a strong support system for students with disabilities, and is committed to ensuring that no otherwise qualified student with a disability will be denied participation in or the benefits of any of our programs on the basis of a disability. The Office of Accessibility Resources will provide reasonable accommodations to students who meet the criteria of an individual with a disability from the Americans with Disabilities Act (<http://www.ada.gov>) and its amendment (ADA, 1990, ADAAA, 2008).

It is the responsibility of the student with a disability to self-identify to the Director of the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR) and provide documentation. When the student and Director meet, they will discuss the appropriate and reasonable accommodations that may benefit the student in the classroom, the campus community or other areas. Given the many types, dimensions, and complexities of disabilities, reasonable accommodations will be determined on an individual basis.

### Academic Accommodations

The Director of the Office of Accessibility Resources will work with you concerning your individual academic needs. Learn more about Academic Accommodations including details about *Testing Accommodation*, *the OAR Testing Center*, *Alternative Format for Printed Materials*, and *Note-Taking Accommodation*.

### Dining and Food Allergy Accommodations

Bucknell University understands how challenging dining with dietary needs and allergy concerns can be. A student with a dietary need or allergy concern will need to work closely with Bucknell Dining Services and/or our Registered Dietician.

### Housing Accommodations

Bucknell University recognizes that some students may require exceptions to its housing assignments as a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability. The University has procedures in place to work with students making such requests.

### Service Animals/Emotional Support Animals (ESA)

Bucknell University recognizes the importance of Service Animals to individuals with disabilities and provides policy to govern the presence of Service Animals on campus.

The University also recognizes the importance of Emotional Support Animals (ESA) to individuals with mental health disabilities and has established policy to govern the presence of Emotional Support Animals on campus.

### Temporary Impairment/Injury Accommodations

The Office for Accessibility Resources (OAR) offers a wide variety of services to students with temporary, documented disabilities.

### Facilities for Students with Disabilities

#### Campus Accessibility

Bucknell University endeavors to create an environment throughout our campus that is barrier-free to the maximum extent possible. Buildings on campus vary in degrees of accessibility for people with physical disabilities. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design and the Pennsylvania Code, new buildings and major renovations are designed as accessible facilities. Residential facilities include several barrier-free accommodations in a variety of housing options.

To meet with, or for questions concerning accessibility issues/needs, please contact the Director of the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR), Heather Fowler, 570-577-1188 or [hf007@bucknell.edu](mailto:hf007@bucknell.edu).