



UNIVERSITY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND
UNIVERSITY HOUSING
STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Guidelines for documentation related to Deaf or Hard of Hearing Disabilities

This guidance has been updated to adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act of 2008.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, defines a person with a disability as “a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” <https://adata.org/faq/what-definition-disability-under-ada>

What do you need to submit to Disability Resource Center?

Documentation from a current treating physician that is on letterhead, which is signed and dated, that states a diagnosis/diagnoses, and that provides support for the diagnosis and how it meets the definition of a person with a disability under the ADA.

For additional documentation guidance, please see below:

- Must include a diagnosis with specific evidence of a disability
- A detailed statement about the diagnosed condition and how your education is significantly limited as well as any other aspects (i.e. extracurricular activities, dorm life, etc.)
- Include any recommendations for accommodations in the classroom setting including use of Assistive Technology
- If possible, an audiogram