

States...shall, solely by reason of...handicap be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance.”

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted. The ADA (updated expansion of Section 504) reinforces the concept of reasonable accommodations in education and mandates greater access to employment transportation and public accommodations.

Thus, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore is charged with the responsibility of assuring that meaningful access and opportunity to students with disabilities be provided to maximize not only their academic potential, but social and extracurricular activities as well.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Preamble

As an academic community, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore exists for the pursuit of learning and truth, for the development of students as scholars and citizens, and ultimately, for the well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals.

The University's responsibility for creating and maintaining an atmosphere conducive to these freedoms is shared by students, faculty, administrative personnel and regents.

The University community accepts its responsibilities to develop policies and procedures, which provide and safeguard these freedoms, and to promote the corresponding responsibilities within the framework of the University Mission. As integral members to the University community, students exercise responsibility while developing their capacity for critical judgement and engaging in a sustained and independent search for truth. Students shall exercise their freedoms in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights and freedom of others.

STUDENT RIGHTS

Once enrolled for classes, a relationship based upon mutual respect is established between the student and other members of the University community. Faculty and staff see students within many contexts, and students have rights and responsibilities within those contexts.

In the Classroom

A student who enrolls in a class has the following rights:

- to know the instructor's goals and the content of the course
- to know from the beginning of the class the instructor's