

# ACCESSIBILITY

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The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) is dedicated to creating equal opportunities for students with disabilities at Bethel University. OARS coordinates services for students with disabilities by providing reasonable accommodations.

OARS serves students with various types of disabilities, including but not limited to physical, learning, and psychiatric disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act defines an individual with a disability as "a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." Students qualify for services through OARS by self-disclosing their disability and providing appropriate documentation. Instructors will provide accommodations once the student is registered with OARS and has been approved for accommodations.

Reasonable accommodations are determined through an interactive process between the student and OARS. Students registered with OARS are responsible for logging into their AIM (Accessibility Accommodation Portal) via MyBethel each term to request their Faculty Notification Letter of Accommodations. Accommodations cannot be applied until the faculty member has received the letter. Accommodations will not modify essential course requirements or fundamentally alter the nature of the course. Consultation with OARS may be necessary to clarify reasonable accommodations based on the specific course.

For further information or to schedule an appointment to discuss needs, students should contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (<https://www.bethel.edu/accessibility/>)

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