How to Register with ODS

Students who wish to request academic accommodations must self-identify to ODS and submit disability documentation. ODS staff are trained to evaluate disability documentation in combination with the student’s self-report in order to determine eligibility for accommodations.

Students are encouraged to begin the registration process upon being accepted and committing to attend the University of Alabama. There is no deadline by which registration with ODS must be completed, although we encourage students to be proactive and register as soon as possible.

Step 1: Submit Documentation
Review documentation requirements and submit documentation from a qualified professional related to each disability or diagnosis for which accommodations are needed. ODS can provide accommodations for:

- Cognitive disabilities (ADHD, learning disorders, traumatic brain injury)
- Psychiatric disabilities (anxiety, depression, Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- Medical disabilities (any chronic medical condition impacting the student academically)
- Sensory (hearing, vision impairments) or mobility disabilities
- Temporary impairments or injuries

Step 2: Schedule an Appointment
ODS staff will confirm receipt of documentation via email to the student’s Crimson account, instructing the student to schedule an appointment with an Accommodations Specialist. Prior to the appointment, the documentation will be reviewed and the student will be notified if additional documentation is needed.

Step 3: Meet with an Accommodation Specialist
During the appointment, students will discuss the academic impact of their disability and any previous accommodations, strategies, or services which have been helpful. Accommodations that are reasonable at the college level and based on the academic program will be discussed. Any relevant policies and procedures will be reviewed, including student rights and responsibilities. Students will receive accommodation notices to present to their instructors.